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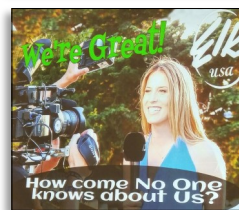
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Friday 4:00pm - 12:00am
Saturday 4:00pm - 11:00am
Sunday 12:30pm - 9:00pm



A Message from your Exalted Ruler

We don't Grow Membership by Chance We Grow it By Change

This was the theme of the 2016 Grand Lodge Convention, and isn't it a happy coincidence that it has been our goal for the 2016-17 year? Threaded throughout the Convention was the message that change can be scary and uncomfortable, but it's imperative for growth and longevity. Furthermore, this message wasn't just rhetoric on their part, as is shown in the legislative amendments and proposals on page 8. From California to Florida, Elks everywhere are realizing that if we are to survive and prosper we must embrace change....change in the way we approach membership, change in the way we get the word out and change in our daily business plans. All of which Elks Lodge 708 has been implementing for the past 2 years.



They drove home the idea that membership is, and has always been a driving force for any organization such as ours. However, we find ourselves in the unusual position of being a charitable organization that not only supports its communities but extends to the national level, without the recognition others glean. As mentioned in previous messages, getting the word out is paramount. The battle cry for membership was "Kicking The

Door Down For New Members" which was a very popular button. It was noted that it takes an average of 60 days from application to voting membership. Expediting this process was strongly recommended. They suggest a period of 30 to 45 days for the new norm, and fortunately we have met that goal for years.

As reported in past messages, we have implemented "change" on several levels over the past few months and I'm proud to announce that it's resulting in a substantial upswing in membership. 10 new applicants this month alone, many of whom are military personnel that truly embody the heart of Elksdom. Let's keep it going!

Fraternally yours, Courtney Weil, ER

Your 2016 Committee Chairs

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Elks National Foundation
Membership
Orientation

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LOE Liaison
Bingo Chairperson

Theresa Matthews, PER

PER Association President
State Major Projects
Convention

**Theresa Matthews, PER
& Shelagh Gombarcik**

Inter-lodge Visitation

Tommy Moore

Grand Lodge
Youth Programs

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Chairman

Susie Harlow

Secretary

Anthony Tasker

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Ed Mulder

Facilities

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Hall Events

John Weigold

Bar Assistant

Nelson Grahn

Lodge Events
Assistant

Non-Voting Members
John Wayne, PER

Advisory

Nancy Keesler, PER

Bar Manager

Committee Quarterly Reports

The first quarter reports have been submitted and we logged a huge number of volunteer hours, travel miles and contributions. Recording our volunteer activities is an important part of a committee chairman's job description as it keeps us functioning as a non-profit organization.

This quarter was a scramble to put the reports together, and we ultimately submitted them just under the wire. My hope is that we can get a leg up on this situation for the next quarter by keeping an ongoing tally of the generous personal contributions our members so selflessly give to our charitable endeavors and daily operations. To that end Steve Harmon will be offering training for online reporting on August 14th at 1pm.

At the National Convention our sister lodge, St. Pete #1224 won 2nd place in the nation in the All American Lodge competition by not only doing what we do, but by keeping track of their copious volunteer hours. Though this was just one arm of the competition, I'm sure we can give them a run for their money.

Let's get in the game!

A Warm Welcome To Our New Elk



Don Disler
Sponsored by
Ed Mulder



Jean M. Tocci
Sponsored by
James Harlow



Susie Guidi
Sponsored by
Sandra Lake



William Cummings
Sponsored by
Sandra Lake

August Elk Recognition

OFFICER OF THE MONTH: BOB SUHRHEINRICH

This dear, bear of a man is a wealth of support and advise for our Lodge. He has served as an officer, a trustee, and been part of many committees. He recently accepted the chair position for the House Committee and is working diligently to insure we have a more comfortable lodge at an affordable price. He and his lovely wife Candi support all our events and lend a hand wherever needed. Kind hearted, well spoken and sincere, he is a credit to our organization. If you have the opportunity, take a moment to thank him for all his hard work.



ELK OF THE MONTH: RITA SMITH

Looking for a rainmaker...look no further! Rita Smith is Tampa Lodge 708's very own rainmaker. From writing grants, organizing events, and working with veterans, to feeding the homeless, chairing the Athena committee or cooking in the kitchen, she works tirelessly for our Lodge and all things she's passionate about. Not only is she a committed member, but she recruited her daughter and her grandson's who are all deeply involved in the lodge. This lady's heart is bigger than she is and we are so very lucky to have such a hardworking, committed Elk in our Lodge.



VOLUN "ELK" OF THE MONTH: ELMA KELLY

This sweet lady is a jack of all trades. You'll find her helping hands in many an event or program serving the LOE or our veterans and children's charities. Elma is the widow of a long time member, quietly working behind the scenes, seldom seen but heartily felt. She was 2015 LOE officer of the year and has participated in every grant we have received. Liked by everyone she touches, always ready to lend a hand or a kind word, Elma is the quintessential Lady Elk. Her style and grace lend much to our Lodge and we are proud call her friend. Keep up the good work Elma!



Supporting Reports

LADIES OF THE ELK

Lady President's Message

Hello August! Can't believe school is about to start already and that means summer is half over and holidays will soon be here. The July Patriotic Picnic was great. Food and music were the tops. Great job Rita and all your workers. We of the LOE were proud to provide the ice cream bar which is beginning to be a favorite trademark of ours. Thanks to all for donations and Susie and Elma for the quick service.

It was wonderful to see those that came out for Saturdays karaoke night and Cool Dude Dee deserves a big thank you for a great job with the music. Let the party begin!

Taking on another direction, I would like to remind us all that the world and people are changing. There is a need for better self control and ways to bring families together for the children of the future. As their mentors for the future we need to look deep within ourselves and find how we can honor those that came before them and leave a legacy after we're gone. Never to late too start now.

And so I leave you with this: In the end we all become a Journey.

Gods Love,
Suzanne Moore



JULY WAS A GREAT MONTH!

Some of it was the contest, but we've had a lot of members that just donated. We had a goal of \$1,500 to donate to the Children's Therapy Services and we are so close it's amazing. Here are the names of those that made this possible.

Debbie Osterbrock
Rose Durant
Debbie Palladini
Jackie Appel
Bonnie Atwood
Lisa Snyder

Richard Florance
George Hilficker
Christine Harris
Richie Palmer
Nancy Dudney
Laura Jones

Bill Edwards
Doris Edwards
Robert Summers
Robert Bordonaro
1 Anonymous

Thank you to all that helped and I hope more will join.
As always, hope everyone stays happy and healthy. With Love, *Berni Turpin*

Committee Communications



AUGUST 2016

It's back to school time and it's a little early this year. We are getting ready to host our Annual Back to School Children's party; there will be fun, games and school supplies to help these kids get set for their new school year. This event is sponsored by ENF. Over at Robinson High School the kids in the Club Chivalry program are readying for a successful year. The ENF grant they received last year has provided supplies that will help prepare them for success. Kristina Chowning, the success coach at Robinson, is encouraged by the improvement these kids are experiencing since the Club Chivalry program was introduced.

Members Laura Jones and Richard Florance are so excited about what we are doing in the South Tampa community that they have donated \$300.00 each. Jackie Appel and Debbie Osterbrock both donated \$100.00 each and Robert Bordonaro donated \$25.00. All of these members know the value of donating to Elks National Foundation and you can too. Please see me at the lodge or drop a check by to the Lodge Secretary...."because the love you give is equal to the love you get"



Shelagh Gombareik, Leading Knight, ENF Chair

Committee Communications Continued



WE BROKE RECORDS!!

Thanks to John Wayne's hard work, we ultimately sent over 60 kids to camp this year. This is truly impressive when you consider that in recent years we sent no more than 8. Additionally, this was the first year for us to send two counselors to the camp and both are doing an excellent job. Nick Miller, camp director called to thank us for our participation and support.

MCM Charity Partners will hold an event on October 8th with 1/3 of the proceeds going to Harry Anna in support of the camp, so please mark your calendars and there will be more information forthcoming. A bus trip will be scheduled this month or in September for those that would like to visit the camp and acquaint themselves with the site and its many activities.

Drug Awareness, Hoop and Soccer Shoot and Memorial Day Report

Hope everyone is having a great summer...it is a hot one for sure. Though there isn't much going on right now, I have been in contact with our District Chair Person in regard to the Soccer and Hoop Shoot events. We are currently awaiting the packets that we need to start organizing our programs. They are in the mail "as they say." Once we get them I will report back with more info for everyone. Look for flyers coming out soon. Enjoy your summer.

Tommy Moore
Chairman



Fellow Elks,

Grand Lodge, in conjunction with ENF has announced the subject for this year's Middle School Essay Contest. The subject is: **"Why is it important to vote?"**

Eligibility:

- Eligible participants must be Students enrolled in the 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grade at the time of the contest.
- Essay length is not to exceed 300 words.
- Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, Essay must be submitted as written (or typed) *by the entrant*.
- Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge nearest to the address of the entrant.
- Participant must be identified by name, grade, school attending and sponsoring Elks Lodge on the essay.

All entries must be received in the Lodge Office by **December 18th** for judging. Please include a cover sheet with the name, grade, school, address & phone number of the entrant. All entries will be acknowledged, and the top three in both divisions, 5th & 6th graders and 7th and 8th graders will be sent forward to be judged at the District Level. Top entries may advance to compete at State and Grand Lodge Levels.

Graham Ramos, Americanism Chairman

Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events

PATRIOTIC PICNIC

A sincere Thank You to all 131 adults and 6 children who bought a ticket and came out to the July 2nd Patriotic Picnic to support our Veterans' programs here at the Lodge. No matter how hard we worked, if you didn't buy in, it would not have been a success. It was a big success, and we owe that fact to quite a few of our fellow Elks. First, let me thank the Veterans committee who came up with the game plan back in May and worked hard to make it happen. Participating Veteran Committee members were Ben Venable, Brian Brantley, PER, Joe LoCicero, Patty Jankiewicz, Carolyn Miller, Elma Kelly, Carolyn Breit, Bonnie Atwood, Lynn Brown and Shelagh Gombarcik, our Leading Knight.

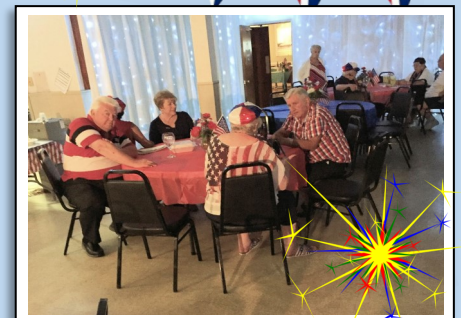
We had extremely generous cash donations from Linda & Jerry Reid, Betty Faulkner, and Lisa Snyder. Ben and Candy Venable bought 8 tickets, then when they couldn't attend donated them back for day of event sales and yes, I resold them! Sheryl Jorgenson, Bill Dean, Debbie Cassels, John Brennen, Rick Sassone, Laura Jones, Theresa Matthews, PER, Linda Summers, Pat Fennel, Robert Summers, Dee Wilson, Mark Wilson, and Bob Surheinrich bought tickets to donate so that the Vets from the James A. Haley V.A. Domiciliary could attend. Thank You – the veterans professed to have had a great time, though they could not stay as long as they would have liked.

Besides cash donations, we had a lot of donations for door prizes and our firecracker auction table. These items were collected by Patty J and Carolyn B, and Carolyn M helped work the auction table the day of the event. Donna Cuesta, Tina Higgins, Brian Brantley, PER, Elma Kelly, Ben Venable, Bob & Candi Surheinrich, Becky Sullins, Shelagh Gombarcik, Candy Venable, and Joe and Jacqui LoCicero all brought in items for us to use. We ended up with over 30 door prizes! Thank you one and all!

The cake walk was also a successful fundraiser, and I have to thank Candy Venable, Sue Moore, Carolyn Miller, Jacqui LoCicero, Shelagh Gombarcik, Elma Kelly, Carolyn Miller and Patty Jankiewicz for donating the cakes. And thanks to Bonnie Atwood for baking the one that got away.

Thanks to Nan Quire who agreed to sell the red, white and blue jello shots for us. They were as much fun to make as they were to eat. Thanks to Bonnie Atwood, Carolyn Breit and Patty Jankiewicz for taking on that endeavor, and Melissa Bertoch for being the official taster. Special thanks to Candi and Bob Suhrhienrich for taking on the 50/50 at the last minute when our designee became ill. You did a great job and I appreciate it.

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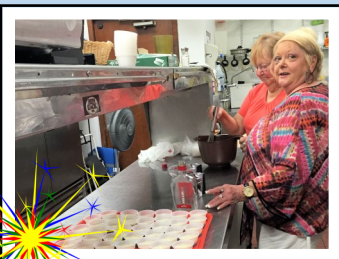


Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Ever

PATRIOTIC PICNIC CONTINUED



How about that food! I am sure you felt like you got your money's worth right there! I can't thank our cooks enough. There is something about having your name on a dish to bring out the best efforts of even the best cooks, right? The highlight of the night was the melt in your mouth baby back ribs. Lonnie Koonce was in that kitchen five days that week marinating, turning, slow cooking, cutting, reheating and saucing those bad boys. Then he agreed to hang out during the event and help keep the hot food coming out. Sorry Lonnie, but the word is out now that we have another professional amongst our membership. You were the bomb! Each of the side dishes stood up to tough scrutiny too. Steve Harmon's baked beans, in large part a donation, have a unique flavor that I just love. Even without having to peel the reds, Lynn Brown's potato salad kept her in the kitchen for hours chopping and dicing to get just the right mixture.



Patty Elkins is new to our kitchen, but she makes some of the best green bean casserole around. It was a nice change from the usual coleslaw, too. Tammy Manley couldn't make it, but she sent her mac and cheese recipe and let me put it together. It has always been a crowd pleaser and I think it came out fine. Jeremy Elkins manned the garlic bread station – at least for a while. Even that was stand out – just ask our bartenders! And by the way – Thanks to the bartenders for all their hard work that night – I don't think there was ever a line, but the bar made a nice profit.



The Ladies of the Elks, led by Sue Moore and Susie Harlow, outdid themselves with a very generous ice cream sundae bar. Three big scoops – and more topping choices than I have ever seen. That certainly was the "cherry on top" of our very fine picnic dinner. Thank you to each member of the LOE for all you do for our lodge.

The Band was also in large part a donation – MoBetta played for far less than their usual charge. The stand out bass player and all around nice guy is Bryan Sullins, the spouse of our Lecturing Knight Becky Sullins. They kept the place rocking until the very end, with the finale being a rendition of Led Zeppelin's Star Spangled Banner. Wow!

I would be remiss not to mention all the help we had behind the scenes. From the bar managers - Nancy Keesler, James Harlow and Bob Suhrheinrich - to the office staff of Richard Schneider and Melissa Bertoch - they were all ready to lend a hand, an ear, or hand out advice. Shelagh decorated the bar as a donation, and took the lead on the set up in the back room Friday night. Her big helpers were Joe, Jacqui and Dante LoCicero, Christien, Jeremy and Patty Elkins, Patty Jankiewicz, Carolyn Breit and Carolyn Miller. Even Elma Kelly and Leena Farris helped set up some chairs. Georgia Hilficker kept the kitchen organized as we had all these cooks coming and going while she was serving Thursday and Friday night dinners. Many "customers" stepped up to help a little during the event, including Richard Florance who helped bus tables and take out trash. Elizabeth Parrett did a fine job keeping up with all those dishes, we couldn't have done it without her. We can always count on Susie Harlow and Sue Moore to jump in to help, or help locate items, too. I don't think anyone can have an event without them. Thank you each, and most especially the people that donated or helped but I neglected to mention, for your part, large or small. Together, we showed that Veterans have our heart – and that's the Great Heart of Elksdom.

Rita Smith
Chairman, Lodge Veterans Committee

2016 GRAND LODGE CONVENTION

This year's Grand Lodge Convention held in Houston, Texas was exciting, motivating, and educational! I cannot overstate how well organized it was or how very moving the ceremonies. If you weren't already proud to be an Elk, this convention couldn't help but make your heart swell with pride and gratitude. Wonderful people, overwhelming accomplishments and a willingness to share ideas combined to give a feeling of comradery and goodwill, making it an event I won't soon forget.

One of the themes that worked its way throughout the programs was "Bridging the Gap Between Lodges," and that was clearly being realized everywhere you went. No matter how strong the competition, everyone was anxious to help other lodges grow and prosper. The diverse outlooks and varied ways of overcoming mutual problems was enlightening and very helpful. Change was the hardest hitting subject of the convention and everyone was anxious to share ideas to that end. It is universally agreed that without change this wonderful organization will not survive.



Chief Operations Officer Carl Seibert, and Tampa PER Theresa Matthews, put on one of the best hospitality suites at the convention. It was the talk of the event with a bar, DJ, food and lots of welcoming people to greet visiting Elks from all over the nation. The suite was never idle and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves immensely, I know I did.

Please take a moment to read the voting results below as there are several items that affect how we will do business in the coming years.

Fraternally, *Courtney Weil*, ER

LEGISLATIVE VOTING RESULTS AND AMENDMENTS

- 2016-01 - To rename the Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee the Public Relations and Marketing Committee to better reflect the practices, duties and responsibilities of the Committee. Yes, 2346; no, 62 **Passed**
- 2016-02—To eliminate any responsibility for the Elks National Home given its recent sale. Yes, 2378; No, 26. 98.92 percent. Constitutional amendment. **Passage subject to Lodge ratification.**
- 2016-03 - To allow a Lodge, by By-Law, to set the reinstatement fee at any amount it wants, or to eliminate it altogether. Yes, 2069; No, 316. **Passed**
- 2016-04 - To allow a Lodge, by By-Law, to set the initiation fee at any amount it wants, or to eliminate it altogether. Yes, 2053; No, 339. **Passed**
- 2016-05 - To amend the Grand Lodge Constitution to clarify that Lodge trusts and other related legal entities are subject to the applicable provisions of Section 16.030, Yes, 2204; No, 182. 92.37 percent. Constitutional amendment. Dependent on passage of No. 6. **Passage subject to Lodge ratification.**
- 2016-6 - To amend the Grand Lodge Statutes to clarify that Lodge trusts and other related legal entities are subject to the applicable provisions of Sections 16.030 and 16.050. Yes, 2203; No, 194. Dependent on passage of No. 5. **Passed subject to Lodge ratification.**
- 2016-07 - To provide that seven Members shall constitute a quorum in Local Lodges with membership of 99 or less. Yes, 2195; No, 195. 91.84 percent. Constitutional amendment. **Passage subject to Lodge ratification.**
- 2016-8 - To return to an incorporated Lodge the choice of having a Board of Trustees or a Board of Directors as the Managing Body of the Lodge. Yes, 1783; No, 611. **Passed**
- 2016-9 - To clarify that the number of elected Trustees of a Lodge shall be not less than three nor more than five. Yes, 2314; No, 89. 96.30 percent. Constitutional amendment. **Passage subject to Lodge ratification.**
- 2016-10 - To clarify that a widow or widower of a deceased Member, who subsequently remarries, is not eligible for an identification card. Yes, 2041; No, 329. **Passed**
- 2016-11 - To increase the filing fee in Local Forum proceedings to more accurately reflect the cost to the Lodge. Yes, 2030; No 360. **Passed**
- 2016-12 - To confirm the obligation of a Lodge to disclose the existence of all related legal entities. Yes, 2236; No, 147. **Passed**

Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events Cont.



Club Chivalry for Successful Students

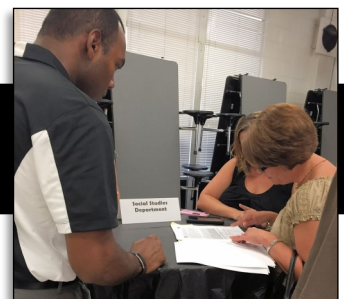
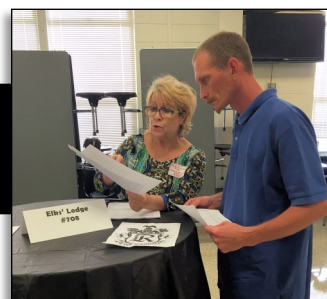
Midsummer Knight Event Report

On July 14th at 6:00 we held our Midsummer Knight event at Robinson. For this event we invited the incoming Freshmen that had been recommended to the Program by their guidance counselors at Monroe and Madison Middle Schools. Kristina Chowning mailed out invitations to 35 students. We prepared for 100 people, but only about 55 were in the room typical of our targeted group. Robinson has a new principal this year. Principal Robert Coleman remained throughout the event and actually seemed to enjoy it. Last year's principal, Johnny Bush has been promoted to a district position. Both Ms. Chowning and Principal Coleman gave brief speeches imploring the families to get involved with the school and support their students. As we believe and have set out to prove, the key to success is involvement!

The Elks, with the help of a generous donation from Bayshore Presbyterian Church, purchased enough school supplies for the entire club. Some were distributed at this event; the rest will be distributed at the first club meeting in September, and throughout the year. Tampa Elks provided a dinner of Baked Ziti, Caesar Salad, fresh bread, and iced tea, punch or water for the students and their families. Dessert was a full size sheet cake, half chocolate and half white. The highlight was the new club t-shirts! The new logo makes a nice and crisp print – some adults asked if they could purchase them for themselves. (Not at this time) However, each Elk who works as a mentor or a frequent volunteer will receive one of their own to wear to Club Chivalry events. After dinner, the students did a round-robin and visited different stations around the room. Besides the T-Shirts and school supplies, Tampa Elks had a station explaining the volunteer hours and other requirements for Bright Future Scholarships and we distributed a list of qualifying local agencies that accepts student volunteers. Other stations included the Boys and Girls Club for teens, the PTSA, Student government and the Math, Social Studies, and Science Departments The finale was the drawing for the \$50.00 Walmart gift card. The young lady that won it was very excited! We had so much food left that we did a second drawing for a full tray of baked Ziti. That was also won by a young lady but it was her mother that was very excited!

Thank you to the Elks that helped this year: Rick Schneider, PER, Candy Venable, Tommy Moore, Georgia Hilficker, Theresa Matthews, PER, Donna Halsey, Leading Knight Shelagh Gombarcik, Elma Kelly, Bonnie Atwood, Kristina Chowning and me. It was a great team!

Rita Smith,
Club Chivalry Liaison



Upcoming Events and Projects

BINGO

Night at Elks Lodge #708

JOIN US

MONDAY, AUGUST 1ST AT 6:30PM

3616 GANDY BLVD., TAMPA, FL 33611

LODGE OFFICE 813-831-4180

SUSIE 813-205-1762

Buy-in Packs \$20

**Specials \$1 each
Or \$5 for 6**

**Bonanza \$1 Each
Or \$5 for 6 Exchanges Allowed**

GRILL KITCHEN OPEN FROM 5:30 TO 7:30PM
HAMBURGERS, CHEESE BURGERS, REUBENS,
FRENCH FRIES, ONION RINGS & MORE

PROCEEDS BENEFIT CHARITIES

**The LOE
Announces
Hot Lotto
Sizzler**

\$5.00 Buys

8 Raffle Tickets

**If your ticket is
drawn you win**

**60 \$5 SCRATCH OFF
LOTTO TICKETS**

**Win up to
\$500,000**

Only 100 chances sold

Need not be present to win

See Susie Harlow for tickets Now!



Join us for a second evening
of fun and laughter with

THE IMPROV AHOLICS

AUGUST 11TH - 7PM

IN THE BACK HALL

6pm Cocktails and Appetizers
at the bar (cash only)

\$10.00 donation suggested
for admission

Proceeds benefit the Ladies of the Elks

(This performance is not for children)



Calling All

Epicurean Elks...

2016 Gourmet Club

Finale

Sunday, August 21 at 5:00 pm

CHEF'S CHOICE

*Bring us the dish you
love to cook, love to eat,
or just deserves to be in
our cookbook.*

*Bring us your impressive dishes
(with recipe) or just come with an
appetite and a donation.*



trivia...trivia...trivia...trivia...trivia...trivia...

Upcoming Events and Projects



2016 PER ANNIVERSARY & AWARDS DINNER

August 20th at 6pm

Tickets \$15 until Aug 10th - \$20 thereafter

Cocktails at 6pm with dinner served at 7pm

Menu: Salad, Grilled Pork Loin,

Smashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, and Yeast Rolls
(Chicken al a Orange for those that do not eat pork)

Dessert: Lemon Custard in Puffed Pastry

There will be a skit and an awards ceremony after dinner with dancing to follow.



On the 23rd of August at 5:30pm
we will be hosting the
South Tampa Chamber
for introductions and cocktails

Please mark your calendar
and come welcome the Chamber
members. This will be a wonderful
opportunity to explain Elkdom to a
large section of our community and
possibly recruit members.



PIGRACING

READY - SET - GO!

Derby Lane has nothing on
Tampa Elks Lodge #708

Saturday, September 3rd
Nelson Grahn & His Crew will
sponsor a hilarious night of
chance, competition & fun for all!

No further details were available at press time, but
we knew everyone that participated in this event in
the past would want to mark their calendars.

Watch for full details to come.



ELKS DAY AT THE RAYS



On Sunday, September 25th
John C. Harris, our State President
will throw out the 1st ball at the

The Rays vs. Boston Red Sox Game
Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg, FL

First Pitch 1:10pm – Gates Open at 11:25
(subject to change)

Lower Level Tickets \$28.00 (up to \$50.00 value)

A portion of each ticket sold will benefit Elks Harry-Anna Trust Fund.

Tickets are subject to availability.

Discounted ticket price not available after deadline.

Free parking for cars with 4 or more people.

Rays Velcro Toss & Catch for kids 14 & under while supplies last.
Kids run the bases post game.

Deadline to purchase is Monday, September 12, 2016

THE 2016 FOOTBALL SEASON



BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER

and thanks to Chris Miles
we have a brand new 144" screen
to watch it on!

Watch for the Game dates
and Tail Gate Events.

This year we will be showing
College Games as well!

Upcoming Events and Projects cont.



Dr. Gene DeLucia's Health & Wellness Seminar - Sept 16th at 6pm
 Dr. DeLucia will be addressing health issues & a unique opportunity to change your world.
 Everyone Welcome...in the Antler Room.

On Going Monthly Activities



SUNDAY - FUNDAY!
 Wii Bowling
 4pm Most Sundays
 Bragging rights and
 your name on the
 winners bowling pin!



**Third Sunday
 GOURMET
 CLUB
 Finale**

August 21st, 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**
 2nd & 4th
 Wednesdays
 Meeting Nights

\$1.00
 \$.50 CHIPS
 Hot Dogs Served from
 6:15pm - 7:15pm and
 1Hr after the meeting

**Third Thursday
 \$2.00 TRIVIA
 NIGHT**

August 18th
 Hosted by:
 Sandra and/or Shelagh
 All questions, multiple choice



**Thursday Night
 ONE DISH MEALS**
 are **suspended** for the
 summer. They will
 resume in September.



Every Friday Night
 Dinner & Dancing
 See Menus in this
 Publication

Lodge Business and Programs



Partners in Progress or PIP

Platinum Investors 100+

Johnson, Jack 6/16

Norton, Robert 6/16

Smith, Rita 6/16

In Memory of Vern Pickenpaugh
 from the Reids 3/17

Also from the Pickenpaugh Family 4/17

Osterbrock, Debbie 5/17

Walbart, Mark 6/17

Suhrheinrich, Robert & Candice 6/17

Fennell, Patrick & Marilyn 6/17

In Memory of Jerrye & Patrick Fennell 6/17

Speech, Michael 6/17

In sincere thanks for the transportation

Schneider, Rick & Jan 6/17

Appel, Jackie 6/17

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 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

Bordonaro, Robert 7/2017

Silver Investors \$21-\$50

Shelagh Gombarcik 6/2016

Bronze Investors \$10 - \$20

Your Name Here?

Lodge Business and Programs Cont.

**Recruiter
of the
Month
Parking
Space**



**Recruit, Recruit,
Recruit and win your
very own parking
space for a month!**

On July 15th we began a contest to increase membership. The contest will end and begin again on the 15th of August.

The Elk recruiting the most new members the previous month will get a parking space in recognition of their hard work.

Additionally, and as is customary, anyone recruiting 12 new members in the fiscal year will receive a new watch at the end of the year awards ceremony.

LET'S GO GET EM!

BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE LODGE

In case you haven't noticed, there's been some remodeling going on in the Antler Room. Two of our new members, Anthony Tasker and Anthony Mellon, both Airforce personnel, volunteered to put together a crew to paint and in general freshen the look of the room. *Just another example of the change we are committed to embrace.*

This new look couldn't have come at a better time as we hosted our WCD Vice President's visitation on the 30th of last month, and will be welcoming the South Tampa Chamber of Commerce Networking group on the 23rd of this month.

Over the 30 days these two young men have helped in the kitchen on a number of occasions and introduced several of their peers to our Lodge, culminating in new applications. We cannot thank them enough for their endeavors and hope they will continue to enjoy membership and to lend their capable, helping hands whenever possible.

Georgia Hilfiker, Elksize Editor

Taped off and ready to paint. Great job guys!



Please Mark Your Calendar

UPCOMING

WCDVP VISIT SCHEDULE

August 6th

HOLIDAY ISLES LODGE #1912

August 13th

ST. PETERSBURG LODGE #1224

AUGUST LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

3rd - LOE Meeting 7:30pm

9th - House Committee Meeting 7:30pm

10th - General Elks Lodge Meeting 7:30pm

17th - Board Meeting 6:30pm

17th - Orientation & Initiation 6:30pm

23rd - House Committee Meeting 7:30pm

24th - General Elks Lodge Meeting 7:30

Friday Night Menus at a Glance

Delicious Recipes from

August Germany and Sunny Tuscany

Georgia Cooking
Melissa and Nelson Serving
August 5th 6:30 to 8:30

Dinner Choices

Served with Carrots, Salad and Yeast Rolls

- Brats in sautéed onions with
homemade au gratin potatoes\$ 9.50
- Tuscan Pasta with Tomato Basil Cream\$ 9.50
- KID'S MENU**.....
- Hot dog & Chips.....\$ 1.50
- DESSERT**.....
- Chocolate, Chocolate Cake\$ 3.50



**Your ER's
Specialties Night**
August 12th - 6:30 to 8:30

Appetizer

- Deviled Crab..... \$3.50

Dinner Choices

Served with 1905 Salad and Cuban Bread

- Breaded Palomilla Steak with Yellow Rice & Black Beans..... \$9.95
- Chicken with Yellow Rice & Black Beans \$8.95
- KID'S MENU** - Chicken Nuggets & French Fries \$4.95
- DESSERT** - Flan..... \$3.25

Spectacular Steak and Salmon



July 19th
6:30 to 8:30

Dinner Choices

Served with mashed potatoes, baked potato, sweet potato or
French fries, Elk green beans, rolls, butter, sour cream

- 10oz Bacon Wrapped Filet \$10.95
- Seared Salmon w/dill sauce \$13.95
- Roasted Chicken..... \$ 9.95
- Kids Menu** - Chicken Nuggets, French fries and veggie.....\$5.50
- Dessert** - Rum Cake with Vanilla Ice Cream.....\$4.00

- Soup** - Bean
Cup...\$1.50 Bowl...\$3.50
- Soup, Salad & Roll.....\$5.50

Appetizer

- Fried Green Tomatoes.....\$3.95

Soup: Split Pea

- Cup.....\$1.50 Bowl.....\$3.50 Soup, Salad & Roll.....\$5.50

Dinner Choices

Served with salad and garlic bread

- Chicken Carbonara \$ 10.50
- Chicken Fried Steak with Mashed Potatoes & Veggie..... \$ 9.50

- Kid's Menu:** Buttered Pasta & garlic bread \$ 3.95
- Dessert:** Warm Cookie Ala Mode \$ 2.95



**Surprise! Our ER & her
Crew Cook Again!**
August 26th
6:30 to 8:30



TAMPA ELKS LODGE #708

AUGUST 2016

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 Bingo 6:30 Short Order Grill 5:30 to 7:30pm	2 Chamber of Commerce Meeting 3pm Improv Class 6:30pm Movie Night 7:30	3 LOE Meeting 7:30pm	4	5 Dinner 6:30 to 8:30 Music by Kris & Bob	6 VP VISIT Holiday Isles 1912 Hall Rental (Graduation)
7 Breakfast 8:30 to 12 pm	8 Short Order Grill 5:30 to 7:30pm	9 Improv Class 6:30 Movie Night 7:30pm House Committee Meeting 7:30pm	10 Elk Lodge General Meeting 7:30	11 Improv Show Appetizers Cash Bar \$10 donation suggested. 6pm to 10pm	12 Dinner 6:30 to 8:30 Music by Kathy & Paul	13 VP VISIT St. Pete 1224
14 Breakfast 8:30 to 12 pm	15 Short Order Grill 5:30 to 7:30pm	16 Dr. DeLucia Health Clinic In Antler Rm 6pm Improv Class 6:30	17 Board Meeting Orientation & Initiation 6:30pm	18	19 Dinner 6:30 to 8:30 Music by Ms T Karaoke	20 PER ANNIVERSARY DINNER 6PM
21 Open Arms, Feeding the Homeless Breakfast 8:30 to 12 pm Gourmet Club Finally 5pm	22 Short Order Grill 5:30 to 7:30pm	23 Improv Class 6:30 Movie Night 7:30pm Chamber Networking Event 5:30pm House Com. Meeting - 7:30	24 Elk Lodge General Meeting 7:30	25	26 Dinner 6:30 to 8:30 Music by Keith & Ruby	27
28 Breakfast 8:30 to 12 pm	29 Short Order Grill 5:30 to 7:30pm	30 Primary Election in back hall- 6am Improv Class 6:30pm Movie Night	31			

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OUR CURRENT SUPPORTERS

John & Kathy Deese 4/16
Pat & Marilyn Fennell 5/16
Vernon & PSP Betty Pickenpaugh 5/16
Robert Norton 6/16
Donna Morris Halsey 7/16
Bob & Candi Suhrheinrich 9/16
Shelagh Gombarcik 3/2017
Roger LaChance - 4/2017
Leopold Wiesler - 4/2017
Robert Bordonaro - 5/2017
In Memory of
Harold Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018

Vera Wright 3/2018
Bud Cash - 4/2018
In Memory of
William (Bill) Atwood - 5/2018
Robert B. Connor Berni - 5/2018
Bill Dean - 6/18
Deborah Cassels 6/18
Debbie Osterbrock - 04/19
John F. Morris - 3/2021



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