

Elks Tampa 708 Elksize



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What have the Presidential Campaigns Taught Us So Far?

Happy New Year! As we now suffer from the post-holiday blues, and strive to move on from all the merriment and cheer, we should also reflect on the accomplishments of the past year (no, I really wasn't trying to rhyme) both personally and as a Lodge. For me it is: Did I lose those 10 pounds? Did I do my best as a Mom? Did I show love and compassion to others? Did I send Rita all my articles on time? Ok, I refuse to answer all those questions here! However, for the Lodge, we are in the last quarter of the Elk year and it is now time to reflect on what we accomplished last year, and how we plan to keep that momentum going next year. This is why I ask, What the presidential campaigns have taught us so far?"

I may have mentioned this a time or two before, but Tampa Lodge is a great Lodge full of awesome members. We actively promote our charities, support our fellow members, and we have fun doing it. We are currently #1 in the West Central District, #2 in division 1, and #2 in the state for raising ENF funds. This is a great accomplishment and thanks to everyone who has donated You are why we were able to apply for and receive all the different grants we did. Not only did we receive five grants this year, and in just 9 months, but we also applied for and received our 2015 Gratitude Grant this year as well as the 2015 Beacon Grant matching funds that had failed to be applied for in the prior year. We have invested these grants in youth activities, veteran's services, helping the homeless, Robinson High School early intervention programs, and next up is The Centre 4 Girls.

So far we have initiated 19 new members, we have reinstated 11 members, and we have transferred in 2 members. We have held some really great events this year and we have tried some new ones! We have accomplished a lot this year so far and we did it all through teamwork and collaboration. Elks working together with other Elks and our wonderful Ladies' Auxiliary, who is always participating in everything of Elkdom While still holding events of their own.

So, how do we keep this momentum going? We plan now! We coach, develop, and mentor our next leadership team. What don't we do? We don't fight for control of the Lodge, we don't make phone calls to bring voters in that we don't see again for the rest of the year, and we don't stab our fellow Elks in the back! Yes, this may sound a little harsh but the reality is this has been going on for years across all Elkdom. It doesn't do the Lodge any good. Oh, it may make a few people feel good and think it helps with their upward mobility, but again, it doesn't help the Lodge! So, how do we change this and think about "The Good of the Order and our Lodge"?

We support those qualified to move up and take on the leadership roles to keep us moving in the right direction and improving year over year. That is what all good businesses do. You may be thinking we are not a



Exalted Ruler Theresa Matthews

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James Harlow

Welcome New Members



Devony Bedami



Anne LoCicero



Lisa Mixon

From Page 1 business, we are a fraternal organization but why shouldn't we strive to be better year over year as well? What is "better"? Businesses base "better" on sales and profits. We base it on membership growth, giving back to our communities, and the charity work we do. I say better is what we should strive for! Grow our membership, increase our donations to ENF and Harry-Anna, and keep giving back to our own communities.

I hope you all have a happy and prosperous New Year and you think about the goals of the organization and of Tampa Lodge #708 as you either run for a position or you vote for officers in February. And please, please, don't let the presidential campaigns and debates demonstrated so far influence how we act! I know we are much better and we also don't have near the amount of campaign funds as those candidates!

[See you at Gasparilla on January 30th.](#)

Fraternally,
Theresa Matthews, Exalted Ruler

Sunday, Jan 24th at 1:00 PM

There will be a training meeting for Officers and Committee Chairs

Anybody who aspires to take on these jobs in the future is highly encouraged to attend.

Patty Jankiewicz has sponsored 4 members so far this Lodge year. I am sure you can find at least one!





Community Corner

The Robinson HS Band has been invited to perform at the annual McCormick Marimba concert at the USF Music Hall. Considered one of the premier Marimba events in the country since 2002, admission is still free.

The Plant High School Theatre Dept., which just won best of show for 5 categories in the ONE ACT competition, is working on their winter production of, "You Can't Take It With You." Guess which high school football star is in this one?

All Tampa Elks Lodge members are members of the South Tampa Chamber of Commerce. You are entitled to some special deals as a member. Go to their website and check out the listings under "Hot Deals."

These Members are Invested in the Partners for Progress Program at Tampa Lodge #708

Gold - Howard James - 3/16	Silver - Shelagh Gombarcik - 6/16
Platinum - Durant, Rose & Palladini, Debbie - 3/16	Schneider, Rick & Jan - 5/16
Deese, John & Kathy - 4/16	Appel, Jackie - 6/2016
Fennell, Pat & Marilyn- 5/16	Johnson, jack - 6/16
In Memory of Jerrye and Patrick Fennell - 5./16	Norton, Robert - 6/16
Pickenpaugh, Vernon & Betty - 5/16	Smith, Rita - 6/16
	Walbart, Mark- 6/16

AMERICA'S FUTURE CONTINUES



Richard Florance, PER

America as a nation moves on into 2016 - with some of our national institutions of governance striving to improve American's daily lives successfully - while other sectors of American life seemingly appear to falter in many citizen's views of betterment for all. As loyal Elks Lodge members we must continue to advance Elkdom in many charitable & positive ways - and work together to bring many children & American military veterans ways to improve our local families & communities through the prudent use of our Elks National Foundation Grants. Elks National Foundation Grants will continue to improve & enhance the lives, hopes, & futures of those most deserving of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks assistance!

The world at-large continues to "look to America as a beacon of hope" - now more than ever before. America's Republic must always be the "Bastion of Freedom" that gives all American citizens the ways to know, exercise & defend our "Inalienable rights to Life, Liberty & the pursuit of Happiness" - forever!

With these thoughts & ideas in mind, please continue to volunteer to help make our works, thru your time & donations, become successful projects that will improve & enhance the Lodge's stature in the Tampa Bay Area.

Your Lodge's Americanism Committee wishes you all a Happy & Prosperous New Year for 2016.

Richard Florance, PER
rhflorance@yahoo.com



OLD ELK TALES

(MYTH BUSTERS)

Old Elk Tale: The only way to donate to Harry-Anna is to sign up for a certificate.

False- You can now donate on-line! Go to www.floridaelks.org and at the top right click on the flashing **Donate** button.

Once there you choose a Lodge (Tampa 708 highly recommended) to make your gift through. You can choose a onetime donation or you can enter a monthly amount by clicking the yes, automatically repeat this gift every month box at the bottom. You can then put in your credit card information and make a monthly gift donation, for example \$19 a month, and not have to worry about filling anything else out again. This is completely safe and can be stopped at any time. Don't forget the Harry-Anna Trust fund supports the Florida Children's Therapy Services and the Florida Elks Youth Camp, gives out matching ENF funds, and is a 501c3 and tax deductible! You will be pleased to know that you will receive a receipt with their tax number for your files.

THE GOURMET CLUB RESUMES:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST
5:00 PM

APPETIZERS WITH AN
INTERNATIONAL FLAIR

CANDY VENABLE, CHAIRMAN

SAVE THE DATE



SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 20TH

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Celebrate St Patrick's Day At Tampa #708

Saturday March 19, 2016

Traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
Irish Dancers
Only \$15.00

Great Music & More
Robert Norton, Chairman



Saturday, 30th January 2016



It's time to be a Pirate Again Mateys

....**JOIN** in the Fun as we Celebrate

The Legendary **GASPRILLA BOAT PARADE** with Tampa 708 Elks and Party like a Pirate

We have Beads, Booze, Pirates, Wenches, & more

The Fun Begins with about 7:30am

- Big Buffet Breakfast at Tampa Lodge (Beverages Available)

Bus Ride to the Best waterfront location on Davis Island to watch the Famous Dose

Gaspar Boat Invasion and Eat Lunch (Cuban Sandwiches - we're famous for them.)

-Bus Ride back to Tampa Lodge for Cuban Dinner--Music--Dancing--

All this for \$60.00 per person

CONTACT: Steve Harmon @lodge708secretary@outlook.com (813) 831-4280 for Tickets



Member Appreciation Night - February 27, 2016

All Lodge and/or LOE Members with Reservations eat free!

Guests with reservations pay only \$10.00

RSVP in person only - during regular Lodge hours - by February 12th!

Bring your membership card.

Choice of a steak filet with potato or chicken filet with rice

Full meal, plus Ice Cream Sundae Bar

Followed by:

Excellent New Band for your Dancing/Listening Pleasure

We're gonna Rock This House!

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!

\$2.00 Trivia Thursday, Jan 15th 7:00 PM



Hosted by
Sandra Lake
And Lisa Snyder
Third Thursday!

All questions are multiple choice.

Every Monday Night



Short Order Grill 5-7PM

Burgers, Patty Melts, Reubens,
Grilled Cheese. & more

French Fries, Tater Tots, or Onion
Rings included with all sandwiches
or available as an appetizer.

CHEAP EATS!



Tuesday Night Movies

Movie Nights are being hosted
by Jack Johnson

- Jan 5 - The Tuxedo
- Jan. 12- The Time Traveler's Wife
- Jan.19- The Mask
- Jan. 26- The Bullitt



Free Popcorn

Lady President's Message

Happy New Year!

Its hard to believe that a year has gone by and we are at the start of a new one. I hope everyone had a nice Christmas and spent time with family and friends.



Thank you to all who took time during the busy month of December to support our LOE Christmas Bazaar. It was successful. Susie Harlow, VP, will be making a full report at the January LOE meeting. I hope you can attend.



As we make our New Year's resolutions, let's not forget up coming events at the Lodge. January 3rd (Sunday) the LOE will be putting on a soup tailgate. That will be the Buccaneer's final regular season game. Check the sign up sheet on the bulletin board to see what you can donate or help with.

Plan to attend the Gasparilla Invasion with the Lodge on Saturday, Jan 30h. Always fun, food, & drinks! Party on, Mateys!

So as we look back on 2015 and all the things we've accomplished , goals we have met, donations we have made, and fellowship we have shared, we should pat ourselves on the back. My closing to you this month:

“Keep Christ in your hearts and spread love wherever you go.”

God's Blessing,
Suzanne Moore



Suzanne Moore

LADIES OF THE ELKS

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Suzanne Moore, PLP

Vice President

Susie Harlow, PLP

Secretary

Elma Kelly

Treasurer

Robert Bordonaro

Chaplain

Janette Bennett

Parliamentarian

Lisa Snyder

365 Club *A penny a day...*

I am happy to report that we have had a great response to our 365 Club. Hopefully this will continue. I had the pleasure of seeing our Florida Elks Children's Therapy Service Van. It was a mini van, white with the logo on each side.

This month I have these wonderful people who donated.: Debbie Osterbrock, Laura Jones, Aida Diaz, Bill Edwards, PLP, PER, Rosie LaChance, Berni Turpin, PLP , the Elkins Thanksgiving table, Robert Summers and several anonymous donors and the lounge patrons who drop their change in the houses.

Last month I forgot to give thanks to Betty Gnad for her large donation- I apologize for the oversight.

Thanks to everyone!
Love,
Berni Turpin



365 CLUB

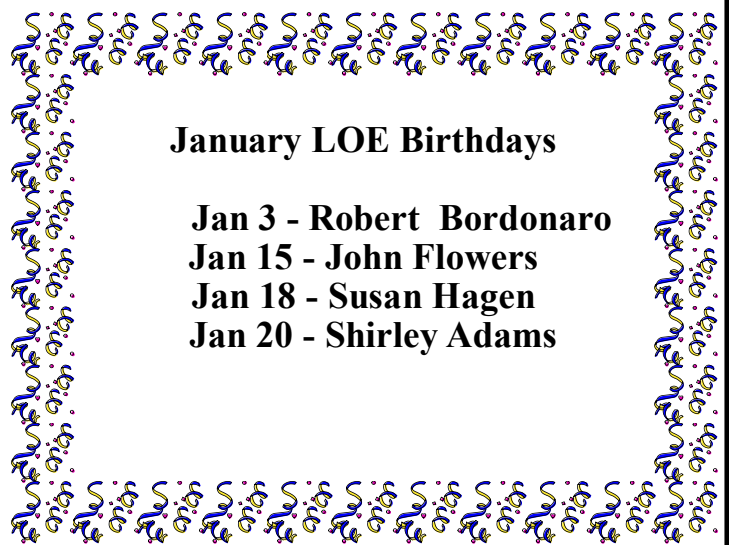
January LOE Birthdays

Jan 3 - Robert Bordonaro

Jan 15 - John Flowers

Jan 18 - Susan Hagen

Jan 20 - Shirley Adams



Youth Activities

The month of December was a very busy month for our Youth Activities

On December 12th we had our annual Hoop Shoot Contest. There was a good turn out and we had several youth move on to the next round which is the Elk's District Shoot on December the 19th. Good luck to them all. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped out with the Shoot. A special thanks goes out to the Principal of Robinson High School for letting us use their gym. A special thanks also goes out to Kristina Chowning .the Student Success Coach, and her students that helped out also. Many thanks to our Elk members and Elk helpers who showed up to work.



Our Children's Christmas Party was held on December 13th. We had a very good turnout. This was the second part of our Promise grant. After starting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, The children headed to the craft table for them to make candy cane reindeer and ornaments, or to run a Reindeer race, Everybody was offered plenty to eat and then we had a very good magic act.



The highlight of the afternoon was a special visit from Santa and one of his Elf's. Every child got to tell Santa what he/she wanted for Christmas. Every child then chose a gift toy, a beanie baby, and a book. Our anti-drug use coloring books and bags were also available to each child.

Thank you goes out to all Elk members and LOE members whom volunteered and helped out in some way. It couldn't have happened without the LOE president, my wife Sue Moore. Thanks also for all of the Elk helper volunteers. We appreciate the energy you bring to the job. At first it looked like we would have more staff than children, but then the kids poured in. I was so glad you all showed up. And to those that donated items – Thank you for investing in



making sure this was a great event and helping us stay within our Promise Grant budget.

Tommy Moore
Youth Activities Chairman





Ron Hicks, GER

Resolve to be more active in your Lodge this year

Happy New Year! January and the New Year bring hope for the renewal of all that is good in our lives. It is the time to make a resolution to set and pursue new goals, be stronger, do better and achieve more, and to inspire others.

This New Year, why not resolve to become more active in your Lodge and increase your efforts on behalf of the Lodge and Elksdom? Why not resolve to bring in at least one new Member before the end of this Lodge year? Elks make a tremendous difference in the lives of our Members and the people we serve, and you can be a part of that difference by sharing the pride that comes with active membership and volunteer service.

Lodge Officers, consider a resolution to strengthen your programs for youth, patriotism, Drug Awareness, Veterans and those with special needs, and strive during the coming year to put a “face” on your Lodge and prove yourself a reliable partner in the community. We offer great appeal to those who know who we are and what we do; we just need to let the public know. Make a resolution to be loud and proud, and let your bright light shine throughout the community.

This is also the time to plan for a strong finish for your Lodge year and to identify the capable Lodge leaders for the coming year. You have worked diligently throughout this year to increase membership and to serve your Members and the community, so finish strong and complete the year on a high note. You know where you rank in your support of the Elks National Foundation, so finish strong by achieving the Grand Exalted Ruler’s per capita goal in further support of our Great Heart of Elksdom.

We have all enjoyed the rewards of giving to our communities over the past year, especially our recent efforts during the holiday season. While these programs and activities are still fresh in our minds, take a moment to document what improvements can be made in each of them, how you can more accurately document your service to the community through your Charity Reports, and what you can do to publicize your service and accomplishments to let everyone know the value of your service to your Members and the community.

I wish all Elks success with your resolutions for the coming year. And, yes, if we can finish strong, it will be a Happy New Year!

Ron Hicks, Grand Exalted Ruler

SATURDAY JANUARY 2ND

**GAME NIGHT 7:00
BY SUSIE HARLOW**



Bingo,
Bunko
& More!

B	I	N	G	O
557	135	113	283	476
384	446	779	101	123
485	654	Free Space	981	234
246	345	680	567	387
456	872	357	579	763

Please bring snacks to share!

Theresa Matthews | Exalted Ruler

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Robert Bordonaro

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SATURDAY JANUARY 23RD

KARAOKE

**SHORT ORDER GRILL OPENS
AT 6:00
(CASH ONLY)**

**KARAOKE
7:00**

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.

Shelagh's
New Year's Day
GOOD LUCK
MENU!
JANUARY 1ST
6:30 TO 8:30



DINNER MENU
Ham
Collard Greens
Black Eyed Peas
Cornbread
Donations only
benefiting the
Elks National Foundation



FRIED
FRIDAY
January 8th
6:30 to 8:30
Courtney, Georgia
and Laura

APPETIZER
CRAB CAKES
 w/Aioli Sauce \$3.95
DINNER CHOICES
 SERVED WITH ROLLS & BUTTER
FISH & FRENCH FRIES
 w/coleslaw \$8.95
CHICKEN FRIED STEAK
 w/smashed potatoes, gravy,
 carrots & house salad \$8.95

.....KIDS UNDER 12.....
CHICKEN TENDERS
 W/FRENCH FRIES..... \$4.50
HOT DOG W/CHIPS \$1.50
LAURA'S DELECTIBLE DESSERTS
PEACH COBBLER
WITH VANILLA ICE CREAM
 \$3.95

Spectacular
Steak & Salmon

January 15th
6:30 to 8:30
RICK IS COOKING

DINNER CHOICES
 served with Choice of Garlic Mashed
 or Baked Potatoes or Fries, Elks
 Beans, Soup or Salad & Roll
16oz NY Strip Steak\$13.95
Pan Seared Salmon.....\$13.95
1/2 Roasted Chicken.. \$ 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 or
Chocolate Fudge Cup Cakes w/
Vanilla Ice Cream \$ 5.50
Kids under 12
Chicken Nuggets with veggie
And French Fries \$ 5.95
Tea, Coffee, Soda \$ 1.25

BLUE PLATE
SPECIAL
January 22nd, 6:30 to 8:30
Georgia Cooking
Elk's Team Serving

APPETIZER
Parmesan Garlic Shrimp.....\$3.50
DINNER MENUS
 Served with Soup & Rolls
Beef Tips over
Smashed Potatoes & Peas.....\$9.50
2 Stuffed Peppers with
Potatoes Au Gratin \$8.95

SOUP
Broccoli Cheese
Cup of soup.....\$1.50
Bowl of soup w/rolls.....\$3.00
KIDS MENU
Hot Dog w/Chips.....\$1.50
DESSERT
Cherry Crisp
w/vanilla ice cream\$3.50

RICK'S
5TH FRIDAY
DINNER SURPRISE

JANUARY 29TH
6:30 TO 8:30

DINNER CHOICES
SHRIMP PASTA
 SERVED WITH VEGGIE, SALAD OR SOUP.
 ROLL AND BUTTER \$12.95
HAM AND
SCALLOPED POTATOES
 SERVED WITH VEGGIE, SALAD OR SOUP.
 ROLL AND BUTTER \$ 8.95
8oz CHOPPED STEAK
 W/ONIONS, MUSHROOMS, MASHED POTATOES,
 VEGGIE, SOUP OR SALAD, & ROLLS..... \$ 7.95

SOUP
CHICKEN NOODLE
CUP.....\$1.50
BOWL..... \$3.00
BOWL OF SOUP & SALAD\$5.50
DESSERT
POUND CAKE, STRAWBERRIES AND
VANILLA ICE CREAM \$5.50
KIDS UNDER 12
CHICKEN NUGGETS WITH VEGGIE
AND FRENCH FRIES \$5.95



Tacky Party!

The LOE is having this “FUN” raiser for one reason: to have FUN!

When: Saturday, January 16th starting at 6:30

Where: Elks Lodge 708

Who: You and all your tackiest friends. **Warning!** This party IS geared for open-minded, tacky adults only!

What: Tacky food, Fun, and Games

Aunt Fanny’s Flea Market will be back as well!

There will be a costume contest for the tackiest dressed (1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.) and also for the Tackiest, “In Poor Taste” Dish as well. We also will be playing some crazy games for “marvelous” prizes.



Aunt Fanny’s Flea Market will be open so please consider dropping off a donation or two (unwanted, tacky Christmas gift or white elephant, for example). Uncle Otis might stop by to auction off a few “priceless items” as well.

Cost: It’s free to all, but please bring your most creative and tackiest dish to pass. If you come dish-less, we would welcome a small donation to the LOE. Let’s have some fun after the holidays as we gear up for Gasparilla!

Lisa Snyder, Chairman



Chairman Paul Deland reports that the scholarship committee is reviewing 24 applications the Most Valuable Student ENF Scholarships this year. The Lodge winners go to District for further judging. Pictured are committee members Robert Norton and Richard Florance, PER.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION



Happy New Year to all my brothers and sisters at Tampa #708. How proud the members that have donated to ENF must be when there is so much evidence of the impact that your donations are doing to help our community...I am amazed with all that we have been able to fund. Feeding the homeless at the Open Arms Ministry, (2) Children's Parties, Robinson High School's Club Chivalry has received (2) grants, we have a new group of Veterans coming for Steak Night each month and even our work with the Vets at Athena has roots in the Elks National Foundation. Every time I see something on Facebook, or in our bulletin, my heart swells with pride at this organization that we help to fund.

I will be cooking up some Southern New Year's Day good luck food...nothing formal just stop by for a drink or two and have some dinner for a donation to ENF. Start the New Year's off with some food, make a donation and let's continue the great projects that ENF has funded. See you at the lodge!

Shelagh Gombarcik, Loyal Knight
ENF Chairperson



Shelagh Gombarcik

House Committee Article:



The Bucs season is coming to a close, but Tampa Lodge is blowing out the 2015 Football Season with **Tampa Lodge's Annual Super Bowl Party** celebrating Super Bowl 50! Game time is scheduled for 3:30pm (Pacific Time) on **February 7, 2016**. Members and guests will have their choice of watching the Big Game on the 135" projection screen, 65" screen in the Antler room or the other 50" screens surrounding the bar.

The Lodge will also be hosting its **Annual Chili Cookoff** and we look forward to having a great turnout for the Super Bowl. After the Chili has been judged members will have an opportunity to get a cup of their favorite for a small donation. **Door Prizes will be given at the end of each quarter** and we will also have games and contests for those interested. And of course no game would be complete without Tailgate Food. This year we anticipate having beef ribs, chips, dips and other football favorites. Of course members and guests are always encouraged to share by bringing some of their own tailgate favorites for others to try.

GASPARILLA PIRATE INVASION! This year's invasion is Saturday, January 30, 2016. We again will be hosting Pirate Kings and Princesses from Lodges surrounding the Tampa Bay Area as we have done for so many years. So make sure to check out the flyers around the Lodge and in the Elksize.



Finally, Tampa Lodge will be hosting a **Member Appreciation Night in February**. Make sure to check out the flyer in the Elksize for more information.

As always, House Committee Meetings are open to our members and are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7:30pm.



Miles



Officer of the Month: Melissa Bertoch

Our Officer of the month is our Chaplain, Melissa Bertoch. Melissa has been working hard before and after her short hiatus. When Melissa knew she needed to take a little time off she contacted someone to replace her, worked with her on what her duties would be, and made sure she had everything she needed. Wendy Weisler did a great job as the acting Chaplain while Melissa was out and is now more prepared to take on an officer role next year. Melissa is very dependable and always willing to assist with any events. She doesn't mind working hard or doing the dirty work, and she finds a way to make it fun. Melissa organized the Elks Memorial Day service. She had her daughter, who is serving in the United States Air Force, present during the service. Charlotte did a wonderful job and made us all proud to be Americans and Elks. Thank you for all you do Melissa!

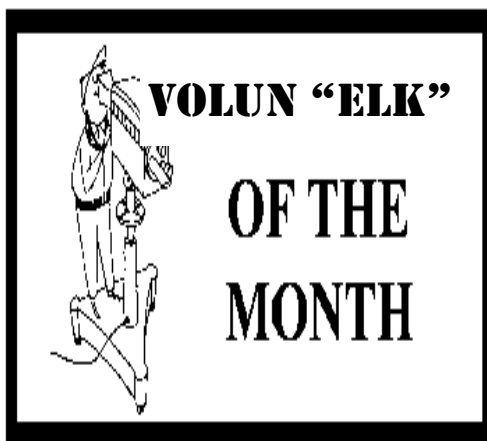
Elk of the Month: Patty Jankiewicz



Also known as the "Wienie Lady", Patty Jankiewicz is our Elk of the month. Before and after every Lodge meeting Patty serves hot dogs so the members can grab a bite to eat before and/or after the meeting. She spends her own time purchasing the items and selling them to make a little money for the kitchen. Patty has been an active member since she joined Tampa 708 as well as an active recruiter. She brought three new members in to join the Lodge in the month of October alone. Patty is always willing to help where help is needed. She helps with hall usages, youth activities, drug awareness, bulletin committee, Veteran's services, and pretty much any committee that needs help. She attends every event she can and donates time, money, and whatever else is needed. Patty is a lot of fun and a hard worker. Thank you Patty!

Volun"Elk" of the Month: Christien Elkins

The Volun"Elk" of the month is a young man who learned about Elkdom at a very young age through his mother, Elk Patty Elkins and his grandmother, Elk Rita Smith. Christien attended The Florida Elks Youth Camp all five years he was eligible. Christien was doing various volunteer activities down here since he was young: raising money for drug awareness, helping youth activities, bussing then waiting tables, cashier, training others, and dishwasher. He did all this while he was active in his school band and keeping his grades up. Christien continues to help at 708 with youth activities, dishes, serving Sunday breakfast to the homeless with the Open Arms Ministry, and any other volunteer activities he can find time to help with. He is a very nice young man who is always willing to help. He assists the LOE whenever he is around to make sure none of them are doing heavy lifting. I am very proud of Christien as I know both his mother and grandmother are. I don't think we could ask for a nicer young man to help support us. Thank you Christien and keep up the hard work!



Tampa Elks Lodge #708 Calendar of Activities

January 2016



Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 Happy New Year's Dinner 5:00	2 Game Night 7:00 Bring Snacks
3 8:30-12:00 Breakfast LOE Soup Tailgate	4 LOE Board Meets Grill Night 5-7pm	5 8:00 Movie	6 LOE Meeting 7:30 LOE Dinner 6:45	7 6:30 Line Dancing Gasparilla Meeting 6:30	8 Fried Friday 6:30- 8:30 Music by Dazzler	9
10 8:30-12 Breakfast	11 House Committee Meeting 7:30 Grill Night 5-7PM	12 Officer & BOD 7PM 8:00 Movie	13 Lodge Meeting 7:30 Weinie Wednesday	14 6:30 Line Dancing	15 Rick's Steak Night Music by Keith & Ruby	16 LOE Tacky Party
17 8:30-12: Breakfast	18 Grill Night 5-7pm	19 8:00 Movie	20	21 6:30 Line Dancing Gasparilla Meeting 6:30	22 Blue Plate Special Music by Double Play	23 6:00 Short Grill 7:00 Karaoke
24 8:30-12 Breakfast Initiation @ Noon	25 House Committee Meeting 7:30 Grill Night 5-7PM	26 BOD 7PM 8:00 Movie	27 Lodge Meeting 7:30 Weinie Wednesday	28 6:30 Line Dancing	29 Ricks 5th Friday Music by: Anthony Barcelo	30 Gasparilla
31 8:30-12 Breakfast				<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Leading Night Courtney Weil is holding a meeting on Sunday, Jan. 24 at 1:00 (after orientation) for all current officers and for any member who would like to chair a committee for next year, including experienced chairman. Please try to attend this meeting.</p> </div>		



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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



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