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"Maybe Christmas means a
little bit more"... Dr. Seuss

Tampa Elks will strengthen our community during the season with many events. We will hold a Children's Christmas party on Saturday 12.23.17 hosted by our children's activity chair-the newly married Patty Volpe (Congratulations). Please consider helping the committee put on this event.

On Friday 12.15.17 we welcome Veterans from the VA Domiciliary and on Friday the 22nd the Veterans from James A. Haley will join us for dinner. Stop by the lodge and wish them a Merry Christmas.

Open Arms will be feeding the Homeless their Christmas brunch on 12.17.2017 and Courtney and Crew will be needing help for a couple of hours to make this possible. I guarantee it will give you the spirit.

The WCD Lodges will be partnering with Walgreens Drug Stores, collecting donations of toys for less fortunate children. This is a project that will need volunteers to pick up the collection boxes from Walgreens stores on 12.15.2017. We will post a sign-up sheet at the lodge and send one out via email. Please assist in making this a successful project and brighten the holiday for deserving children in our community. We will commemorate our "Absent Members" as is the Elks tradition on the first Sunday in December 12.3.17. Come and join us as we remember the members that have passed.

The Lodge members Christmas Holiday Party is on 12.9.17. Come and join your brothers and sisters as we share some fun, fellowship and Christmas cheer with the people we love the best. We will end the year with our Annual New Year's Eve party featuring dance music with KJ Dee Cisneros, Karaoke, Singing, lots of fun games and prizes with Lisa Snyder, and some great food and fellowship.

The lodge really turned it up a notch in November with a Veterans day event hosted by the Lodge Veterans Committee. This "The Red, White and Bluegrass Festival" was a roaring success with top performers and wonderful food. Thank you to all those who volunteered and those who supported this event. Tampa really does it right for our country's Veterans. We even had Jack Johnson there straight from the "Parade of Heroes."

I attended the FSEA Midyear convention and there is an article in this publication for you to read and be proud of the efforts that Florida Elks put into the State Projects. Thanksgiving was enjoyed by many of our members as well as the Athena Vets again this year. Thanks to those who came and those who made it happen.

So, my Brothers and Sisters, here we are almost at the end of the year and we are missing some of your wonderful faces. Hope to see you this season for some food, a cocktail, or to attend one of our events. With that I wish each and every one of you and your families a wonderful Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. You are all part of my community and have made my life richer...I thank you for that!
See you at the Lodge, Shelagh Gombarcik, ER

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2017 FSEA MIDYEAR CONVENTION

Grand Lodge Public relations professional Rick Gathen gave a very informative presentation on membership, retention and the 150th Anniversary of our Order of Elks. We are starting to make membership gains for our organization but this all happens through you the members. You tell your family and friends what a great tribe of people we are and invite them in. There will be a huge celebration at next year National Convention in San Antonio for those attending. Be on the lookout for a celebration at our home lodge in Tampa.

FEYC Youth Camps Director Nick Miller reported that most of the damage done by the fire this summer and hurricane Irma had been repaired. The Camp is opening its doors for other organizations that will benefit from sending children to experience our camp along with 20,000 plus campers sent each year from our Florida Lodges.

ICE is the essence of the Florida Elks Youth Camp's mission. It's what drives us to be the best. Our continuing motivation is to reach and influence kids to become the adults that we would be proud to have as Elks and American citizens. The crux of our ability to do this falls upon how well we:

- Inspire children with amazing role models and facilities.
- Connect children with nature, their peers and the camp counselors.
- Expand children's knowledge, their compassion, their confidence and their desire and ability to impact the world around them.

Whether it's building confidence and resiliency for kids with serious burns, physical disabilities, or just kids' needing to learn social skills and reconnecting with nature, the camp is there year round to make a profound difference in their everyday and future lives. Camp expands every child's abilities. Nick is building a program for young people that age out of the camping system to be able to come back each year and start learning how to be a Councilor; our own Taylor Taylor is working with Nick on this project.

FECTS Therapy Services, Colleen Gallant, reported on the amazing things that the FECTS is doing with the Therapist/Patient Visitations that are now up to 20/22 patients each week per Therapist and traveling 400/500 miles. They have new vans rolling down the Florida highways to visit patient especially in rural areas or that have not transportation this service is invaluable. Therapist Argie Criner gave an informative presentation about her role working with the patients and parents to integrate the services for better results. This is a wonderful service that we are providing and I hope that you the members can be LOUD and PROUD about what we are doing.

There were over 40 reports given at the meeting and they are too numerous for me to list but what I can tell you is the FLORIDA ELKS ROCK and that we are faring very well in the nation. As you can see we have two of the most awesome state projects in the nation.....Shelagh Gombarcik ER Tampa Elk #708

A Warm Welcome To Our New Elks



Mitchel Chowning
Sponsored by:
Kristina Chowning



Sam Uri
Sponsored by:
Dee Cisnaros



Jerry Klovos
Sponsored by:
Rick Smith



Kimber Hospkins
Sponsored by:
Logan Matthews

So
Happy
To have
You with
Us!



December Elk Recognition

OFFICER OF THE MONTH: RICHARD SCHNEIDER

Secretary Rick Schneider has been an Elk since he was of age to join. He became a member of the BPOE under his Father in the Sayre Pennsylvania Lodge. His parents were active and involved in the Order and consequently Rick has also been active. Rick transferred to Tampa, is a Past Exalted Ruler and has served the lodge for many years in many ways, as an Officer, a Ritual Coach, a Convention Chair and of course a cook; he is known for his culinary skills. For the last two years Rick has been serving our Lodge as the Secretary in a position that is vital to the running of this organization. The front office is what keeps this lodge together and insures that we are compliant with the rules and statutes of our Order, along with the finances .



ELK OF THE MONTH: PATTY JANKIEWICZ

Patty Jankewicz Is always very visible and available to help where ever she can. She is currently chairing the Veterans Committee and this is one of the most active committees in our lodge. Patty has been able to get a lot of support for our veterans programs. Between the James A Haley dinners and bingo, the Stand Down for Homeless Vets, Tampa #708 does a remarkable job serving our country's veterans. This is truly something you as members can all be proud of. Whenever there are raffle or event tickets to be sold Patty will always volunteer to help sell them for another committee. Patty assists with the Ladies of the Elks in all there endeavors to support our Lodge and the LOE in all their endeavors. Thank you Patty for all that you do to help our Veterans and our Lodge.



VOLUN "ELK" FAMILY OF THE MONTH: THE HILFICKER FAMILY

This family and its extended arms share the ideals and values that are the backbone of great American communities. Patriarch George serves as the Lodge Esquire, on the House Committee and will offer his help to anyone at anytime. The matriarch, Georgia ran the kitchen for two years and publishes the Elksize, creates our "This Week" email, designs and maintains the monitor and produces most of our flyers and brochures. Daughter Khristina Chowning was the brains behind our very successful Club Chivalry Program at Robinson High, daughter Christine has served as our Chaplain as well as many other positions throughout the years and her husband Glenn Harris volunteered his talents on the House Committee. Sister, Laura Hilficker-Jones, is a Trustee, our House Committee chair and Bar Manager without whom we would be in dire straights. This Elk Family displays all the values and beliefs that make our Lodge strong, and constantly works for its betterment. I'm sure you all join me in thanking them for their service.

Supporting Reports



The holidays are upon us and the lodge is looking very festive. The day after Thanksgiving, LOE and Elk members gathered to decorate and to polish off the leftovers from the wonderful Thanksgiving feast from the day before. Our decorating adventure was led by Betty Orcutt. Betty and Tommy Moore bravely went into the shed, pulled out all the decorations and organized them for us. That was very appreciated! Thank you to all who came out to help. For my first time decorating the lodge for Christmas, I will say it was fun but exhausting, we have a large lodge!

Executive Board

Jacquie LoCicero - President
 Suzanne Moore - Vice President
 Devoney Bedami - Secretary
 Robert Bordonaro - Treasurer
 Carolynn Breit - Chaplin
 Bonnie Atwood - Parliamentarian

The LOE Bazaar is Friday December 8 at 6pm. Come out and support your LOE and do a little Christmas shopping at the same time. On Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 2pm the LOE will be having another Craft Day. We will be making a Pirate themed necklace OR bracelet; the fee is \$15 per person. If you have a piece of jewelry that is broken or you no longer wear, bring it with you, you may be able to use it in your new creation. **Please sign up for this event, the sign up sheet is in the LOE board.** Come and join us and get ready for our annual Gasparilla Event with a new accessory to wear!

Jacquie LoCicero, Lady President



December Birthdays from Carolynn Breit

12/8 Jack Johnson, 12/13 Betty Pickenpaugh, 12/22 Carolyn Williams
 12/24 Shelagh Gombarcik, ER



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I'm happy to report that despite all the extra events of the past month we had some great donations.

Jackie Appel, Donna Halsey, Bonnie Atwood, Robert Bordonaro, Sharon Ford, Marsha Smith, Ben and Candy Venable and Pat Becker, a frequent visitor to the Lodge. I know that the holidays are upon us and things get hectic, but I hope you remember our little green houses. If I forgot anyone please let me know and I'll be sure you are mentioned in the next edition. Also, please thank Robert Bordonaro for being my other half. Thanks, Berni Terpin, 813-244-9867 or 813-831-4270

Committee Communications



This is the time of the year for giving. We give to our loved ones, our friends and our favorite charities. I hope you will include the Elks National Foundation in you holiday gifting. Not only does this organization do wonderful things across the country, but our Lodge gets so much back for your donations. Thanks to you all and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.
 Tommy Moore, ENF Chairman

2018 LEGACY AWARDS SUBMISSION

Legacy Awards are \$4,000 scholarships (\$1,000 year for four years). The Foundation will offer a total of 300 awards starting with the 2018 Contest. Eligible students (children & grandchildren of Elks) should apply in the following manner: The student must complete and submit the ONLINE application. The 2018 Legacy Awards application deadline is due online by 11:59 a.m. (noon) Central Time on Friday, February 2, 2018.

Go to elks.org/scholarships for more information and to apply.

Drug Awareness:

Hello Everyone. Hope you all had a good Thanksgiving. Coming up this month in our Drug Awareness program is our annual Drug Awareness Poster Contest. Any one who would like to participate this year, please contact me for the information. I will be putting the info on the bulletin board at the Lodge. The contest is open for grades 3 through 5. The theme is "Just Say No." The drug awareness program would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally yours, Tommy Moore, Drug Awareness Chairman





Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
From, Your Youth Camp Committee, John Wayne, Chairman



Merry Christmas from the Chaplain's Corner where you can celebrate your faith and fill your spirit with hope. As always, it is my privilege to pray for you or with you. Please send prayer requests, favorite scripture passages, beloved prayers, or reasons &/or needs for lifting up our brothers and sisters to: Chaplain, Rebecca Sullins at rsullins1@yahoo.com or 813.546.1562.

Please pray with me.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, we thank You for the gift of Jesus this holiday season. We pray that His love and peace spread aboard the hearts and minds of all Elks. Show us creative ways to love and care for others. Teach us to do acts of kindness to those in need this time of year. Allow us to share the "good news of great joy" with everyone we can and let our Elk family be a refreshment to one and all. Help us to share Your truth and Your light as we celebrate you, Lord. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Chaplain's Chuckles!

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.

Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, so she asked, "Johnny, what is the matter?" Little Johnny responded, "I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife." Rebecca Sullins, Chaplain

Grant Reports



Open Arms Ministry Our Beacon of Hope to the Homeless!



Mark your calendars for December 17th 7:30 AM!

This has been our fifth year as a partner with Hyde Park United Methodist Church and the Open Arms Ministry for the homeless. The motto is, "Making God's Love Real." Every Sunday morning up to 180 men, women and sometimes children who come through the door looking for safe harbor and a hot meal find it here. While the Elks "take charge" on the third Sunday of each month, Elk volunteers are called in, or just show up, for duty most Sundays. In addition to a hot meal, each week has a special offer- a clothing closet, haircuts, VA screenings, health screening, dental care, a bicycle repair shop, etc. The needy are also given any leftovers, plus fresh fruit, bread, and peanut butter sandwiches to take out the door with them for another meal. There are surge protectors on every wall outlet to provide enough outlets for cell phone charging. The homeless may use the Church address to receive mail and packages- but can only check for mail on Sunday mornings.

Tampa Elks apply for the Beacon Grant each year to help fund the program. The grant specifically funds the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday meals, plus some new and used items for the clothing closet. We shopped on Monday, prepped many of the side dishes and cooked the turkeys on Tuesday, and then Courtney Weil, PER, and her crew showed up very early on Sunday to get everything ready by 8 AM. Thanks you to all the Elks that were able to step in and help serve, even though many of you had a late-night Saturday.

Next up – Christmas dinner will be served to the Homeless at 8:00AM on Dec 17th; volunteers should aim for 7:30 or earlier. We will need many volunteers to come help Make God's Love Real. The church is in Hyde Park. You should park in one of the two lots at the corner of Magnolia and Azeel and enter through the door marked kitchen. It is very convenient to South Tampa by either the Leroy Selman or Bayshore. Children middle school aged or up can participate with their parents. You will be finished by 9:30 AM. The Elks and their families that participated last Christmas all said they were glad they had come. Yes- it is early, but it is so very humbling, and the happy endorphins from volunteering will sustain you throughout the day, or even the week.



Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events

Club Chivalry for Success



In November we had two Club Chivalry events at Robinson High School. On November 13th we had our regular Club meeting day. The school was still not doing the early release Mondays, so the meeting was from 2-3, in the auditorium. Antonio (Tony) Cruz and Elma Kelly came along to assist with refreshments. Upon arrival, we learned that the guest speaker had backed out. Tony stepped up to the plate, and talked to the students about his days on the football team at Robinson, and how he now wished he had spent more time in high school planning his future. He encouraged the students to start thinking about their plan after they graduated, and figuring out how to get there from here. His speech was well received by the students in attendance.

The second event was the "On Campus" Field trip. Despite the early hour, we had plenty of volunteers- Besides Kristina Chowning and myself, we had Carolyn Miller, Elma Kelly, Becky Sullins, Tommy Moore and Bert Newbill all show up to help. I was grateful- as it gave me a chance to run an errand or two while they stood guard. We treated the students to a McDonald's breakfast, they received their instructions for the day, then they were off to the career day displays in the gym. The students spent well over an hour in the gym before coming back to the cafeteria for more snacks and a "debriefing" session. They earned raffle tickets for their achievements, and we raffled off four \$25.00 Walmart gift certificates.

We have two events planned for December, also. On December 3rd we will have our last club meeting of the year. We will, of course, make it a holiday themed event and we have ordered presents – but only for those that show up. I need three volunteers besides myself for this mid-afternoon meeting. On December 6th , Lecturing Knight Bert Newbill will be running a lunch and learn at the school, where the kids will come to the culinary arts classrooms for a special meal and program during their regular lunch period. If you would like to volunteer – please talk to Bert. He is taking the lead on the lunch and learn.



Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events

HALLOWEEN DISCO PARTY



On October 28th the LOE hosted the Lodge Halloween party and what a party it was. Disco music blared as party goers danced the night away while throwing their favorite member in jail. Devaney Bedami and Rita Smith lead the guest in a trick or treat game, the food was delicious and right in theme and Sheriff Tommy Moore kept the jail full.

Contest winners were: Bonnie Quire - Best female disco.

Bob Orcutt- Best male disco

Alice in wonderland and the Mad Hatter won Best traditional.

Funniest was Leo Weisler- in a hospital gown- back open



A BIG THANK YOU to Marty Quire for spinning the tunes that kept the party going and to Courtney for a wonderful 70's style buffet.

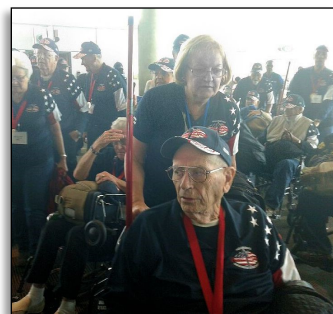
If you missed this one you missed a good one!



PARADE OF HEROES

This year's FSEA HISTORICAL COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAMS—"THE PARADE OF HEROES' took place in Washington, D.C. November 9-11 celebrating Veteran's Day Weekend. Honoring Veterans from three wars: WWII, Korea, and Viet Nam. Tampa Elks is proud to announce that we were able to send our very own member Jack Johnson a veteran of the Vietnam war to partake in this life changing experience

The Ceremonies commenced at the WWII Memorial honoring WWII veterans and continued to the Korean War Memorial and the Vietnam War Memorial. Veterans from all three wars were presented with medals commemorating them and thanking them for their service. The vets were accompanied with marching bands, guest speakers and active duty military groups. The vets were welcomed home at TIA with a grateful crowd. Thanks to FSEA and donations from our Lodge, we kept an Elk promise to our Vets that we would never forget them.



Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events



On Veterans Day the Lodge Veteran's committee held a Red, White and Bluegrass Festival that was opened to the public. In addition to fantastic music and food, we also a nice crowd assembled to welcome Vietnam Veteran Jack Johnson, one of our Tampa Elk Lodge members, home from his historic group tour in Washington DC. His trip was sponsored by the Florida Elks Association and Shelagh Gombarcik was able to pick him up at the airport and bring him straight to the Lodge. We also had a van full of veterans from the James A Haley Domiciliary in attendance. Those veteran's tickets had been purchase by Laura Jones, Patty Jankiewitz, Annie LoCicero, Devony Bedami, Bonnie Atwood, Bert Newbill, Joe LoCicero and Jackie LoCicero, so there were no Freedom Grant funds expended.

The Red, White and Bluegrass Fundraiser was a success, and the committee will now be able to support all of their programs without using any more money from the Lodge Operating Fund. A major factor in the success had to do with some large "in-kind" donations- Linda and Jerry Reid sponsored the 2 bands. The side dishes were mostly donated – baked beans by Steve Harmon, macaroni & cheese by Georgia Hilficker, green bean casserole by Patty Elkins Volpe. The LOE donated dessert. Chris Miles paid the kitchen fee. The content of the basket of booze was donated by Exalted Ruler Shelagh Gombarcik and Trustee Laura Jones. Every item on the Hee Haw Auction table was donated. All the cakes for the cake walk were donated. There were cash donations by Pat Fennell and Dianne Curry. Even the placemats, napkins and most of the tablecloths were donated. That's just how Elks roll!

Even with the donations, there was still a lot of work to be done. Thanks to the Veteran's Committee members Patty Jankiewitz(chair), Bonnie Atwood, Carolyn Breit, Elma Kelly, Joe LoCicero, Kelly McKenna, Carolyn Miller, Mike McKenna that were in the planning from the beginning, and did the advance sales work.

I offer special thanks to our emergency team workers – Linda and Jerry Reid, Bonnie and Nan Quire, Sharon Ford, Laura Jones, Lisa Hayes, Dee Cisneros, Peggy Smith, Suzanne Moore, Bonnie Gilbreath Baker, Christien Elkins, Susie and James Harlow and Betty and Bob Orcutt. Dee was still doing dishes at 8:00!

A huge Shout Out to the Ladies of the Elks for the Ice Cream Sundae Bar. President Jackie LoCicero, VP Suzanne Moore, Tommy Moore and all those who donated toppings sure did make the crowd happy!

Of course, the highlight of the event was the baby back ribs! Adrian Higgins II and Trey Higgins – Tina Higgins spouse and son – were in the building at 5:30 AM to start slow cooking that pork! Adrian II also helped with the shopping and did the prepping for those ribs. That guy can really cook! You may remember that Adrian was the one who grilled the London Broil when the Veteran's committee hosted the Recreation dinner and show.



THANKSGIVING AT 708



An extra big thank you goes out to Lynn Brown for once again cooking a delicious Thanksgiving Dinner for our Lodge members and guests. She is carrying on the tradition started by her mother, the late Ina Moore. Thank you to her helpers: Sharon Ford, Nan Quire, Tommy Moore and Suzanne Moore. They also gave up their Thanksgiving to help prepare the food and to serve us...it was wonderful, especially Grandma's special cranberry relish.



Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events



DID YOU KNOW THAT OUR LOE DECORATED THE LODGE FOR THE HOLIDAY

Thank you to the Ladies of the Elks for purchasing and putting up the Christmas Tree and for decorating the lodge for the season. The LOE purchased and updated our Christmas Decorations. LOE President Jacquie along with Betty Orcutt who organized project and her helpers, Bob Orcutt, Susie Harlow, Sue More, Devony Bedami, Laura Jones, Sharon Ford, Nancy Kessler, Patty Jankiewicz, Melisa Bertoch, Lisa Snyder, Sandra Lake, Robert Bordonaro, Tony Cruz and Taylor Taylor made our Lodge festive for the Christmas Holidays. Tommy Moore & Rita Smith put together the great leftover feast. I'm sure that we, as Members of Tampa Elks, are very Grateful.

Upcoming Events and Projects



**LIFE LINE
SCREENING
IN OUR
LODGE
DECEMBER
2ND
8:15AM
TO
2PM
Questions?
Contact
Sue Harlow
813-205-1762**

Preparations on the day of your screening

All ultrasound and heart rhythm screenings:

- Wear a short sleeved shirt that is open at the collar – no turtlenecks
- Wear a comfortable two-piece outfit consisting of loose clothing
- Do not wear pantyhose

Additional preparations:

Abdominal aortic aneurysm

- Fast for 4 hours prior to your screening.
- Make sure the meal you eat 4 hours prior to your screening is a light one (less than 1/2 of what you normally eat of non-gassy food).
- If you are thirsty during your fasting period, you may have 1/2 cup of coffee or tea and a moderate amount of water.
- If you take medication, take it as prescribed.
- If you are diabetic and are not comfortable fasting for 4 hours, limit yourself to a "diabetic meal" (piece of toast, 1 cup of any juice and 1/2 cup coffee or tea). If you are in doubt, please follow your diabetic care plan.

Complete lipid panel (cholesterol)

- Fast for 8 hours prior to your screening.

Atrial fibrillation (stroke)

- Do not wear pantyhose.
- Do not wear a watch.
- Keep your cell phone turned off.
- Do not wear lotion or oil.

Glucose (type 2 diabetes)

- Fast for 8 hours prior to your screening.



Friends and Family Savings – Tell a friend we will be in their area soon.

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Christmas Bazaar

December 8, 6pm

Come Christmas shop and peruse holiday treats while assisting the many charities your LOE supports.

Now that's the Holiday Spirit!

Donations are being accepted.
Jacquie - LOEtampa708@yahoo.com



2017 Children's Christmas Party
December 23rd - 12pm to 3pm
Ages 1 through 13

Lunch will be provided - RSVP is Mandatory
1-941-580-7201

Member gifts of toys, prizes and monetary donations are being accepted. Volunteers needed to man the event 11am to 4pm on the day of.

Please contact Patty at the number above.

Get Crafty WITH THE LOE

Join the LOE for an afternoon of crafting.
Make a Pirate Necklace or Bracelet.
January 14th - 2pm to 4pm



You might like to bring a piece of your personal jewelry to add to your creation. This could be a piece of broken costume jewelry or a current item you'd like to reimagine.

Sign up sheet on the LOE bulletin board.
Sign up strongly encouraged!

Upcoming Events and Projects




JOIN US!
Saturday
Dec 9th

6:30pm
Till ?

For a
White Elephant Christmas
Party with Music, Food,
Wassel, Door Prizes and More.

\$20.00 limit on White Elephant Gifts please!



December Birthdays


Come Celebrate your
December Birthday
 with us on the 16th and enjoy a free
 drink, birthday cake and Karaoke
 starting at 7pm.



Keep Calm
It's New Year's Eve Party
At the Elks Lodge
7pm Till
KJ Dee Cisneros will be
spinning
Dance Music, Karaoke Tunes
Games All Evening
Trivia
Karaoke Bingo
Prizes Prizes Prizes
Fabulous Cocktails
Champagne
Food by Courtney's Kitchen
\$20.00

UPDATING YOUR LAPTOP THIS SEASON?

Club Chivalry for Successful Students, the Tampa Elk's backed club at Robinson HS, is in need of 6 laptop computers that can be loaned to students to use in the Khan Academy online programs. They will be given to the Student Success Coaches to loan out as needed - 3 each for upperclassman, 3 for lowerclassman. We have an IT expert who will clean all your information out of it, and you can examine it before it is donated to the school. Please contact me for more info. They can be dropped off at the Lodge with your name and phone number-I will have to contact you for the password.



Rita Smith apwurita@hotmail.com

Upcoming Events and Projects

**GASPARILLA
2018**



**It's time to
Party like a Pirate
with Tampa Elks 708!
Saturday, January 27th**

Buses will pick up from selected Lodges at 7am

You will Enjoy:

- . **All you can eat breakfast**
- . **A bagged lunch and a great view of the Boat Invasion from the Davis Island waterfront**
- . **Pirate Beads**
- . **Games, Activities & Prizes**
- . **Big Screen TVs to view the parade as it marches down historic Bayshore Blvd.**
- . **Live Music**
- . **All you can eat dinner**
- . **And More**

**All this for \$60,00 per person!
(Bring a Lawn Chair)**

**Tickets may be purchased at
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On Going Calendar

<p><i>Courtney's Table at 708</i> <i>Sunday Brunch or Lunch</i></p> <p>Omelets Eggs Benedict Breakfast Sandwiches Breakfast Classics Country Fried Steak & Eggs French Dip Sandwich And so much More</p> <p>9:30am to 2pm</p>	<p>BINGO</p> <p>6:30pm every 1st and 3rd Monday</p> <p>Buy-in Packs \$20 Specials \$1 each or \$5 for 6 Bonanza \$1 Each or \$5 for 6 Exchanges Allowed Short Order Grill is Open</p>	<p>MONDAY GRILL NIGHT AT Courtney's Table AT 708</p> <p>OPEN 5:00PM TO 8PM</p> <p>Burgers, Pattie Melts, Italian Sausage Hoagie, Fried Chicken Sandwich, Chicken Salad Plate French Fries, Onion Rings And more</p>	<p>MOVIE NIGHT</p> <p>Tuesday Night Movie 7:30 pm With Free Popcorn</p>
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<p>WEDNESDAY LUNCH & DINNER <i>Courtney's Table AT 708</i></p> <p>Burgers, Hot Dogs, BBQ Pork Sandwich, Mojo Pork on Cuban Bread w/Grilled Onions and Swiss, Fries, Onion Rings, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw and More.</p> <p>Lunch - 11am to 4pm Dinner - 5PM TO ?</p>	<p>Courtney's Table AT 708</p> <p>THURSDAY LUNCH & DINNER</p> <p>Appetizers: Fried Mushrooms, Zucchini, Cheese Sticks, Loaded Fries and Peel & Eat Shrimp Lunch - Sandwiches, Wings, Salads, fries, onion rings Dinner - One Dish Meal with Salad, Veggie, Roll Shrimp Basket with Fries & Cole Slaw Chicken Tenders Basket with Fries and Cole Slaw Wing Basket with Fries and Cole Slaw</p> <p>LUNCH 11AM TO 4PM - DINNER 5PM TO 9PM</p>	<p>TRIVIA NIGHT</p> <p>Thursday Dec. 21st \$2.00 to play All proceeds go to offset the cost of the Veteran's meals. Fabulous prizes & Great Fun! Multiple Choice Questions. Hosted this month by: Lisa Snyder & Sandra Lake</p>	<p><i>Friday Night Dinner at Courtney's Table AT 708</i></p> <p>Early Bird 5pm to 6pm Dinner 6pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm MENU ON PAGE 14</p>
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Lodge Business and Programs



Partners in Progress or PIP

Platinum Investors \$100+

- South Tampa Chamber Of Commerce 12/17
- Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 6/18
- In Memory of Jerrye & Patrick Fennell 6/18
- Osterbrock, Debbie 4/18
- Johnson, Jack 5/18
- Schneider, Rick & Jan 5/18
- Suhrheinrich, Bob & Candice 6/18
- Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 6/18
- In memory of
- Fennell, Jerrye & Patrick 6/18
- Appel, Jackie 6/18
- Summers, Robert & Linda 7/18
- Drew, Toby 8/18
- In Memory of Tom Stanton
- from Mrs. Helen M. Stanton 9/18
- Atwood, Bonnie 9/18
- Florance, Richard 11/2018
- Deen, William 11/2018
- Smith, Rita 11/2018
- Walbart, Mark 6/19

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 7/2018

Silver Investors \$21-\$50
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Easterly, Mr. & Mrs. James 10/18

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Lodge Business and Projects



ELKS ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

December 3rd ~ 4pm

Each Year the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks remembers and honors our departed members with a memorial service held on the first Sunday of December.

This Year the Annual Elks Memorial Service will be held on Sunday December 3rd at 4pm at the Tampa Lodge with refreshments to follow. The Service is open to the public and all are welcome to attend. Please mark your calendar and plan to join members, families and friends to remember our absent members

“An Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken”

This year our Lodge will honor:

Walter W. Forbush Jr. No Date, Harold Knuckles 7/15/16,
Theodore W. Heider 11/13/16, Oliver K. Browning 12/1/16,
Ronald Mustan 12/1/16, Thomas Laffery 2/21/17,
Edward J. Daniels 7/27/17



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ON THE BIG SCREEN!
GAME TIMES POSTED
ON OUR CALENDAR PG 19

DECEMBER LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 5th - STCOC Military Affairs 3pm
- 5th - LOE Board Meeting 6:30pm
- 6th - LOE Dinner 6:45pm - Meeting 7:30pm
- 7th - House Committee Meeting 7:30pm
- 12th - Board of Director's Meeting 7:30pm
- 13th - Officer's Meeting 7pm
- 13th - Elks General Meeting 7:30pm
- 19th - VA Committee Meeting 6:30

Courtney's Table AT 708 Friday Night Menu



5PM TO 6PM - \$6.50

- . LASAGNA, SALAD, GARLIC BREAD
- . PECAN CHICKEN SALAD PLATE WITH FRESH FRUIT
- . 1 FRIED FISH FILET WITH FRENCH FRIES, COLESLAW AND A HUSH PUPPY
- . MEATLOAF WITH HOUSE SALAD, MASHED POTATOES, AND ROLL

. PLUS A DAILY SPECIAL

FRIDAY NIGHT MENU 6PM TO 9PM

STARTERS

- . FRIED MUSHROOMS W/RANCH OR AIOLI SAUCE..... \$4.25
- . FRIED ZUCCHINI W/RANCH OR AIOLI SAUCE..... \$3.95
- . FRIED CHEESE STICKS W/MARINARA SAUCE \$3.95
- . LOADED FRIES, FRIES SMOTHERED IN CHEESE SAUCE & BACON \$4.95
- . POTATO SKINS \$4.25
- ADD CHICKEN OR BACON \$1.00 EA
- . 1/2 LB PEEL & EAT SHRIMP W/COCKTAIL SAUCE \$9.95

... .. ASK YOUR SERVER ABOUT THE SOUP OF THE DAY... ..

SALADS

- . WEDGE SALAD W/BALSAMIC GLAZE DRESSING, BLUE CHEESE CRUMBLES & BACON BITS \$4.50
- **REPLACE HOUSE SALAD WITH WEDGE..... \$1.95 EXTRA**
- . CHEF SALAD W/HAM, TURKEY, CHEESE, EGG, TOMATOES, CUCUMBERS, PEPPERS, ONIONS..... \$7.50
- . HOUSE SALAD W/LETTUCE, TOMATO, CUCUMBER, ONION \$2.50

ENTREES

SERVED W/HOUSE SALAD, VEGGIE OF THE DAY AND YOUR CHOICE OF BAKED, MASHED, FRENCH FRIED POTATOES, AND ROLLS. (Loaded Potato, Sour Cream, Bacon & Cheese \$.50)

- . 1/4 CHICKEN \$7.95
- . CAPI'S HOMEMADE MEATLOAF \$8.95
- . COUNTRY FRIED STEAK W/WHITE OR BROWN GRAVY..... \$9.50
- . ROSEMARY GARLIC PORK TENDERLOIN \$9.95
- *** ** ** ** **
- . 2 LARGE FRIED FISH FILETS W/FRENCH FRIES, COLESLAW & HUSH PUPPIES \$9.95
- **SIDE OF 5 HUSH PUPPIES.....\$1.99**
- . SHRIMP PASTA W/HOUSE SALAD & GARLIC BREAD..... \$10.50
- . HOMEMADE LASAGNA W/HOUSE SALAD & GARLIC BREAD \$9.95

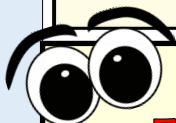
ASK YOUR SERVER ABOUT THE DAILY SPECIAL & **STEAK** OF THE DAY.

DESSERT

- . COURTNEY'S LARGE HOMEMADE COOKIE A LA MODE \$3.95
- . HOMEMADE BROWNIE A LA MODE \$4.50
- . COLE'S HOMEMADE CHEESECAKE \$4.95
- . VANILLA ICE CREAM W/OR WITHOUT CHOCOLATE SAUCE \$2.50

KIDS MEALS

- ALFREDO PASTA...\$4.50 MEATLOAF W/MASHED & VEGGIE.....\$4.50 HOT DOG W/FRIES.....\$2.50
 DRINKS: SWEET & UNSWEET TEA, COFFEE.....\$1.75 COKE, DIET COKE OR SPRITE.....\$1.75



**COURTNEY'S TABLE IS NOW OPEN
FOR LUNCH ON WEDS. & THURS..11am to 4pm
New Menu on Tampaelks.com**



TAMPA ELKS LODGE #708

DECEMBER 2017 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					<p>1 Dinner Early Bird 5pm to 6pm Dinner 6pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm MENU ON PG 18 KATHY & PAUL</p>	<p>2 Life Line Screening 8:15am To 2pm</p>
<p>3 Sunday Brunch 10AM TO 2PM ELK MEMORIAL SERVICE 4PM vs Packers 1pm</p>	<p>4 Club Chivalry Meeting BINGO 6:30PM Open Grill 5:30pm to 8:00PM</p>	<p>5 LOE Board Meeting 7:30 STCOC MILITARY AFFAIRS 3PM Movie Night 7:30pm</p>	<p>6 LOE Dinner 6:45 LOE MEETING 7:30 Open for Lunch 11pm to 4pm Meeting Night Grill 5PM TO 9PM</p>	<p>7 OPEN FOR LUNCH 11AM TO 4PM DINNER 5PM TO 7PM House Committee 7:30 Queen of Hearts 7pm</p>	<p>8 LOE Christmas Bezaar Dinner Early Bird 5pm to 6pm Dinner 6pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm MENU ON PG 18 KIETH & RUBY</p>	<p>Adult Christmas Party - 6:30pm WHITE ELEPHANT</p>
<p>10 Sunday Brunch 10AM TO 2PM vs Lions 1pm</p>	<p>11 BAR BINGO 7pm Line Dance Class 7pm Open Grill 5:00PM to 8:00PM</p>	<p>12 Improv Class 7:00 Movie Night 7:30pm BOD MEETING 7:30PM</p>	<p>13 Officer Meeting 7pm Elks General Meeting 7:30pm Open for Lunch 11pm to 4pm Meeting Night Grill 5PM TO 9PM</p>	<p>14 OPEN FOR LUNCH 11AM TO 4PM DINNER 5PM TO 7PM JAMES A HALEY VETERAN'S HOSPITAL Queen of Hearts Drawing</p>	<p>15 Dinner Dinner 5pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm MENU ON PG 18 KARAOKE Domiciliary Vets Join us for dinner</p>	<p>December Birthday Celebration</p>
<p>17 Open Arms Feeding the Homeless CHRISTMAS BRUNCH 7:30am Sunday Brunch 10AM TO 2PM</p>	<p>18 BINGO 6:30PM Open Grill 5:30PM to 8:00PM vs Falcons 8:30pm</p>	<p>19 Improv Class 7:00 Movie Night 7:30pm VA Committee Meeting 6:30</p>	<p>20 Open for Lunch 11pm to 4pm Meeting Night Grill 5PM TO 9PM</p>	<p>21 OPEN FOR LUNCH 11AM TO 4PM DINNER 5PM TO 7PM TRIVIA 7:15PM Queen of Hearts 7PM</p>	<p>22 Dinner Dinner 5pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm MENU ON PG 18 James A Haley Vets Join us for dinner KEITH & RUBY & TOMMY JOHNSON</p>	<p>23 Children's Christmas Party</p>
<p>24 Christmas Eve KITCHEN CLOSED</p>	<p>25 Merry Christmas</p>	<p>26 Improv Class 7:00 Movie Night 7:30pm</p>	<p>27 Open for Lunch 11pm to 4pm Meeting Night Grill 5PM TO 9PM</p>	<p>28 OPEN FOR LUNCH 11AM TO 4PM DINNER 5PM TO 7PM Queen of Hearts 7PM</p>	<p>29 Dinner Dinner 5pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm MENU ON PG 18 KRIS PIERCE</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31 New Year's Eve Party \$20 vs Panthers 1pm</p>						

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Melissa Bertoch - 2/2018
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Harold Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018
Vera Wright 3/2018
Rosie & Roger LaChance - 4/2018
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In Memory of Hilda DeGiacomo - 4/2018
Bud Cash - 4/2018
In Memory of
William (Bill) Atwood - 5/2018
Berni Turpin In Memory of
Robert Connor - 5/2018

Bill Deen - 6/2018
Deborah Cassels 6/2018
Bob & Candice Suhrheinrich 6/2018
Pat & Marilyn Fennel 6/2018
Robert Bordonaro 7/2018
In memory of
Jerrye & Patrick Fennell 6/2018
Mrs. Helen Stanton,
In Memory of Tom Stanton - 9/2018
Debbie Osterbrock - 04/2019
Bonnie Attwood - 9/2019
John F. Morris - 3/2021
South Tampa Chamber of Commerce
12/2021



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