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## NOVEMBER... the month to



I have addressed member participation in the last 2 editions of the Elksize, and I hope that you have noticed the abundance of advertised, affordable activities taking place in our social quarters. Our social quarters are smoke free and nicely appointed and our bar is stocked with the latest beverage choices, so we wonder, "Where are you?" Is there something that we are not offering that would entice you to come and join us for an evening? In November we have scheduled several programs that might be of interest to you. We are starting Line Dancing Classes every other Monday, we have a craft day (Christmas wreath making), a presentation on Medicare which will be very informative, and the YMCA is partnering with us this month and we hope you will join us to learn how we can take better care of our health. You will find information on these upcoming events within this publication. Most of these programs are free of charge, so bring a friend. We will celebrate Thanksgiving Day with Lynn Brown and her crew producing traditional menu offerings and we invite you to join us starting at 2:30pm with family and friends for the modest price of \$6.00 per person plus a side dish or dessert. There will be a sign-up sheet at the lodge, I hope to see your name on it.

November is the month to give thanks and give back. Fortunately, because of the National Elks Foundation (ENF) and the Florida State Elks Association Grants, we have been able to give so much to our community. The kids at Club Chivalry received an extra \$500 grant to help with their programs and to help make a difference in their lives, thanks to the President's Grant. We have the Vets joining us from the V.A. Domiciliary, thanks to the Freedom Grant. The homeless population at Open Arms Ministry will receive a wonderful Thanksgiving meal that will be served on November 19th due to the Beacon grant. Please volunteer to help if you can.

Thank you to the Crew that headed up the Fall Festival, Nan Quire and her Crew with Nancy Keesler, Linda Reid, Bonnie Quire, Suzy Harlow and Betty Orcutt, you did an amazing job and that Band! All I can say is WOW! First Class! Everything about that event was amazing, so on behalf of the Lodge THANK YOU to all that executed and attended. It was a great time.

I wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving and look forward as always to seeing THE BEST PEOPLE ON EARTH at the Lodge for Fun and Fellowship

Shelagh Gombarcik, ER

## Your 2017-18 Committee Chairs

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**Dee Cisneros** 



# LODGE BY-LAWS REVIEW & UPDATE



## (ON PAGES 14 & 15 OF THIS PUBLICATION)

Every five years we have the opportunity to review our By-Law and make any changes that we deem necessary. The objective is to adjust the law, where needed, to help execute the business of our lodge now and as we move to the future. This is the year that we exercise that right. The proposed changes are posted (per statute) in this month's Elksize so that all members may review and comment. Please take a couple of minutes to read through them posted on pages 14 & 15 of this publication. We will be voting on the changes on the November 8th general meeting. If you have any concerns regarding the changes please bring them to the attention of the By-Law Committee, myself or come to the next meeting so you can voice your opinions.

Thank you to Rita Smith, treasurer (committee chairperson), Courtney Weil, Robert Bordonaro and Becky Sullins, Chaplain who worked diligently over the past few months on this very important task. Their commitment will help to make sure our By-Laws can help us operate the lodge while staying in compliance with Grand Lodge.

## A Warm Welcome To Our New Elks



Alex de Quesada Sponsored by Steve Harmon



Jodi Ryan Sponsored by Patty Elkins



Tim Ryan Sponsored by Patty Elkins

So Happy To have You with Us!



## November Elk Recognition

## OFFICER OF THE MONTH: DEE CISNEROS

Leading Knight Brother Dee Cisneros has earned the honor of being selected Officer of the Month. He was on a mission to help where he can and make a difference in our Lodge long before he became an Officer. Dee can always be relied upon to cook or help in the kitchen with lodge functions or help Courtney's Table for Bingo. Along with his cooking talents Dee can carry a tune and we always enjoy listening to him. When called upon to do Karaoke, Dee will oblige, and he really enjoys giving out trivia questions to the members to get everyone engaged even if they are not singing. Dee represented Tampa Lodge during the State Presidents visit as he assisted the WCD VP with managing the bus trip to the progressive dinner, and left a good impression on the State and District Leadership. Thank you Dee, for your service to our Lodge and in all the ways you are helping to make a difference moving forward.



#### ELK OF THE MONTH: LINDA REID

Sometimes you think that all that dedication to Elkdom and our Lodge is in someone's DNA, and in this case you might be right. Linda Reid is second generation Elk, her Father was Larry Quire PER an Elk who was an inspiration to myself and too many other members. Since becoming an Elk Linda has been helping to make a difference in all the groups that our lodge serves from Youth Activities, Drug Awareness, Veterans, the homeless, wherever there is need Linda is there to do what she can. Linda has chaired many committees, put on many memorable events and always engages first class entertainment for our membership to enjoy. Linda has had a hand in improving many areas our facility and we would not have the nicely appointed social quarters had it not been for this very generous Elk member. Thank you Linda, for you that you do for Elkdom, I'm sure your father



### VOLUN "ELK" OF THE MONTH: SUZANNE MOORE

Drumroll please for the energizer bunny who tirelessly serves our lodge, Ms. Suzanne Moore. You never have to ask her to help as she is always right there to ask, "what can I do to help". She is very creative and has many talents including cooking, she is always putting her talents to good use making an event or our lodge better. Sue has an extraordinary amount of energy that never seems to run out, and has helped our lodge in so many ways that it would be hard to list them all. She is a Past Lady President of the LOE and is currently serving as their Vice President. She is a joy to be around and loves to line dance and enjoys fellowship with members and guests. Sue has been married to Loyal Knight Tommy Moore for 50 years and together they make an amazing team. Thank you for all you do for us.



## Supporting Reports



November is here, and the holidays are not too far behind. On November 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, the LOE is having a Christmas wreath making social. The cost is \$35 per person and will be led by Bree, the same lady who lead our Painting with a Twist. Come and enjoy a few hours of socializing and creativity! The sign up sheet is on the LOE board, we look forward to

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

seeing you there. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at LOETampa708@yahoo.com

Our December (12/6) meeting will be a little different, we will be having dinner and a gift card exchange (\$10 limit). We will have a VERY brief and informal meeting at 7pm and then spend the rest of our evening eating and socializing. Courtney will whip us up a fabulous meal as always. We look forward to seeing you there.

Jacquie LoCicero, Lady President

## **November Birthdays from Carolynn Breit**



11/3 - Sandy Lessard 11/3 - Frank Sellers 11/8 - Suzanne Moore 11/17 - Bonnie Quire 11/18 - Lucille Schoonmaker 11/20 - Betty Orcutt 11/27 - Bob Suhrheinrich 11/30 - Robert Norton 11/30 - Sheryl Jorgensen



Dear 365'ers; I want to say I'm sorry about last month's article. Between hurricane Irma & an Illness, it was too late for inclusion. I have everybody's names and I want to thank you all. I have Bob and Brenda Norton, Patty Jankiewitz, Richard Florence, Donna Halsey (twice), Bill Edwards, Doris Ellis Edwards, Debbie Osterbrock, Shelagh Gombarcik, Robert Summers (twice), Sherrill Jorgenson, Linda and Jerry Reid (twice). And then Tony Morena and John Brennan give me a dollar for the kids every time I see them. If I forgot anyone, please forgive me and let me know so I can put it in the next one. I also want to acknowledge Robert Bordonaro who goes to the bank with all the change & paper money to deposit it for me. I couldn't do it without him! If you have any questions please call me at 813-244-9867 or 813-831-4270. Please keep those donations coming!

Thanks, Berni

## Committee Communications



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We do get a lot back for our donations with all of the grants that we get to help us show our community what Elkdom is about and the great things that we do. Please give what you can when you can. It's a great feeling.

Fraternally yours, Tommy Moore, ENF Chairman

#### Drug Awareness:

Hello every one. I hope every one had a great Halloween. Red Ribbon week was held the last week in October. Plenty of Ribbons to go around. As we head into the Holiday season with Thanksgiving and Christmas right around the corner enjoy the time with family and friends. Remember the Elks Motto "Just Say No" to drugs.

Fraternally yours, Tommy Moore, Drug Awareness Chairman





Good day from the Chaplain's Corner where you can share your faith and fill your spirit. 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 slight touch of cooler weather that fall brings. As we welcome this month, allow the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest during this busy, festive season. You have brought the year full circle, from planting and growing to ripening and harvest time. May this cycle remind all Elks of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share to others. Help us to use Your rich gifts as You want us to; sharing with our neighbors and those in need. We ask this in Your precious name, Lord. Amen.

Chaplain's Chuckles!

Several children found a dead robin. Feeling that a proper burial should be performed, they secured a small box and some cotton batting, dug a hole in the back yard, and made ready to dispose of the deceased. The minister's 5-year-old son was chosen to say the prayer. Thus, with great dignity, he intoned, "Glory be to the Father... and unto the Son... and into the hole he goes."

## Grant Reports

## The Freedom Grant: A Strong Start!

So far, we have had the Veterans from the James A Haley Domiciliary join us twice for food and fun at the Lodge. I am so proud of the way our Lodge members have embraced these men and women!

On September 30th, we had six men and a female driver, who is a Veteran herself, join us at the Fall Festival. The committee for the festival made things very easy for the Vets to join in. Some members gave up their spot in the corn hole tournament so that the Veterans could play. One of them, Robert Mitchell, was awarded first place along with PDDGER Jeanne Reinhart! The prize was cash and much appreciated! Another of the Veterans, Clarence Thomas Jr, won \$5.00 on a scratch off ticket that was a game prize, and he donated it back to the festival! Three of the Veterans did very exhausting job of judging the pie tasting contest. All but the veteran with health issues were coaxed onto the Dance floor, and had pictures taken with THE VOICE and American Idol singer, Lindsey Schiro and the Greg White Jr. Band. They stayed about 4 hours, and enjoyed every minute.

On October 20<sup>th</sup> a group of 9 Veterans and a driver came for dinner at the Lodge. Sharon Ford and I waited on their tables. The enjoyed ordering off the menu, and had appetizers, salads, main course, dessert and then almost all had coffee while they watched and sang the Karaoke. Ken Fliestra, the Karaoke guy was very accommodating in getting them on the stage fast since their time was limited. There were a couple of pretty good singers in the group, and they all were great sports and had a good time. They arrived about 6 and were gone by 8, but they really enjoyed it.

Look for these new friends at the Red, White and Bluegrass Festival, and at dinner on every third Friday. Remember, "So Long as there is a Veteran, the Elks will never forget them."

Our Freedom Grant is funded by the Elk's National Veterans Service commission – a separate arm of the Elk's National Foundation. The ENVCS has its own funding stream, but when it drops low, the Elk's National Foundation is there to help.







## Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events

## Club Chivalry – Team Work



What a great time our kids in Club Chivalry for Successful Students had on their field trip to the Rope Course at the Florida Elks Youth Camp. On Sept 30 at 7:30 AM Kristina Chowning, Jeanne Reinhart, Tommy Moore, me and two new administrative coaches from the school loaded up the charter bus with kids, snacks and drinks and headed North. The students feasted on fruit, yogurt, pastry and juice during the ride up I-75. We arrived at the camp at about 10:30; then did some



on the ground team building skills until time for lunch at 11:30. The group was fed BBQ pork sandwiches and fixings by the camp. We then had a short tour of some of the facilities and returned to the Ropes Couse to start to gear up for the high elements. But first, they spent some more time on the ground activities, these involving strategic planning and team building. Though at first glance they seemed quite simple, the kids were challenged to their limits without leaving the ground. Finally, the Helmets were on and the sky was the literally the limit. It was great to watch them cheering on their teammates and overcoming their fears as they went up. We left the camp at 4:00, stopped to pick up dinner that had been preordered from subway sandwich shop, and arrived back at Robinson about 7:30. It was a fantastic start to the school year!



On October 23<sup>rd</sup> we finally had our first regular Club Meeting. While Kristina Chowning is still the official Club Chivalry sponsor, Stephanie Moore and Stephanie Perez are the new Success Program coaches and will be spending more time with us. The invited speaker never materialized, but they kept the students interested by outlining our program and goals for the year, and of course, the students were most interested in the snacks, sodas and gift card raffles. Elma Kelly and Bert Newbill were there to help with the snacks. There was a lot of information given out on how to keep informed of upcoming events, how to get free school supplies, and when to wear your Club T-shirt.



Within the next month we will have our Club Day at the Knights Game, (Oct. 27) our November Club meeting (NOV 13) the ON CAMPUS field trip (NOV 16) and a group mentoring luncheon that Lecturing Knight Bert Newbill will be taking the lead on (Date to be announced soon). Please let Bert know if you are available during the week day lunch period to attend a chef prepared luncheon at the school Café. The meal preparation is part of Robinson's Culinary Arts program. The format of the program will be up to Bert, but the students will definitely benefit from more than a nice meal.











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Nancy Keesler came to me and said we need to do a fundraiser for our lodge so I came up with idea for a Fall Festival to add games to the dinner and entertainment. My sister Linda and hubby Jerry Reid were also wanting to do something for our lodge and the Vets so we put our heads and plans together and decided to throw a "Country Fall Festival" with a country band, festival games and country dinner. Well let me tell you, the Country Fall Festival turned out to be a FUN and SUCCESSFUL fundraiser for our lodge and the Veterans. I know that everyone enjoyed the music by Greg White, Jr. and his band featuring guest singer Lindsay Schiro. Thanks to Linda who found this great entertainment and to Jerry who made all of the advertisement, flyers and the framed poster sign.

We had a great country dinner prepared by our Leading Knight Dee Cisneros and Loyal Knight Tommy Moore. All of the festival games, contests, and auction added some extra special fun. We had about a dozen domiciliary Vets in attendance who truly loved the festival games, corn-hole and the country dinner. Laura, Betty, Susie and Bonnie Q. did a great job running the front entrance "Tickets -50/50 - Guess the Kisses" booth. (Oh yeah, Jerry also made all the signs for the dinner tickets, game tickets and festival games too.) Rita Smith won the Guess the Kisses game and donated the cash winnings back to the lodge. Jerry built and manned the "bullring on the hook" game, while Linda ran the "Match 'em up" game also made by Jerry who somehow managed to find time prior to the event to pick up and deliver 6 bales of hay and a bunch of pumpkins for part of the decorations and photo-op station as well as 60 lbs. of pork for the dinner. I worked the Wheel game that we borrowed from Christine Harris that turned out to be very popular and fun. Logan was in charge of the corn-hole tournament and the team of Jeannie Reinhart and one of our Vets named Robert won that tournament. Nancy suggested having a best homemade pie contest and ran that event as well. She had three of the Vets judge the pie contest and they were honored to be of service to get to taste the yumminess. They voted on a cherry pie made by one of our guests, Peggy Rutland. So thanks to all of you who brought in a pie as it helped off-set the cost of desserts and were very much appreciated and enjoyed by all. Nancy also steered the Yeehaw Silent Auction and that too did very well, so thanks to those of you who donated items to sell at the auction. In addition, we want to thank everyone that brought in donations of needed items for our Vets - I know they appreciate it as well. Thank you to Rita and Linda for including the Vets in this fundraiser and thanks to Bob Orcutt and Laura Jones for buying extra event tickets for the Vets.

These kinds of events take a lot of hard work and dedication so I would like to personally thank Nancy Keesler, Linda Reid, and Jerry Reid for all the planning, shopping, creating, hard work and their huge donations for this event as well as Laura Jones, Tommy Moore, Sharon Ford, Betty Orcutt, Richard Florence, Dee Cisneros, Logan Matthews, Bonnie Quire, Susie Harlow, Sue Moore, Randy Gerber, Patty Jankewicz, Rita Smith, Chris Miles, Courtney Weil, Glenn and Christine Harris, Sherrill, Brian Brantley, Bert Newbill and E.R. Shelagh Gombarcik who all assisted with various duties such as setting up tables/chairs, auction table,





decorating, hanging curtains, loaning of games, selling tickets, working games, Veterans' attendance, donations, and/or preparing and serving the food. I would also like to thank everyone who bought a "CFF" ticket as those sales contributed immensely to this fundraiser. This very successful event could not have happened without your tremendous help, dedication and support. So THANK YOU sooooooooo much!

Yours Fraternally, Nan Quire, PLP

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# WELCOME HOME WCD VP THERESA MATTHEWS

On Saturday, October 13th, Tampa Elks welcomed home District Vice President Theresa Matthews, PER Tampa, in true Tampa Pirate Style. With almost 150 members from the West Central District and 708 we enjoyed an evening of great fun, fellowship and food, the things we love the best. The evening started with cocktails or a beer tasting event hosted by Laura Jones and the House Committee, as we mixed and mingled with our visiting members. Thank you, Laura, for making the beverage service run so smoothly. The Visitation started at 7pm with the roll call of visitors...Lodge Officers Dee Cisneros and George Hilficker recording the attendance... what a great turnout. Theresa shared her experiences of the District's Lodge VP Visits and the State President's visit to WCD all were a resounding success. The President's Visit bus trip and progressive dinner, ending with a spectacular Casino Night was a delight for all concerned. Theresa thanked everyone for their support in attending the Tampa Visit, especially since the event had to be rescheduled due to Hurricane Irma. An amazing Cuban style dinner was served to all with a 1905 salad, Spanish Style Steak and Guava Pastries. Courtney Weil had been working hard all week to bring this meal together for the event, but at the last minute she had a family emergency and had to turn the execution of the dinner over to Ms. Georgia Hilficker. In true 708 fashion Georgia and the kitchen crew turned out a well prepared delicious meal...that's the way we roll! Thank you to Georgia, Bob Orcutt, Tommy Moore, Chase Hampton, and Richard Whisenhunt. Our Youth Activities Superstar, Patty Elkins, headed up the food service with her crew of friends and some of our Club Chivalry Kids along with Chris and Jeremy Elkins...Jeremy is a FSEA Camp Counselor. Thank you, Patty- you're the best. This visit wasn't all business

Our Lodge Chaplain Rebecca Sullins with the help of her husband entertained our visitors with some fun pirate name games.... all the guests had their own pirate names and Dee Cisneros put together a game of Theresa Trivia with beads as prizes. After the dinner and games our Leading Knight Dee Cisneros spun some Karaoke tunes for those who wished to try out their melodious voices. Thank you, Rebecca and Dee for the entertainment. Our Lady President Jacque LoCicero and her Vice Sue Moore made the most amazing gifts for the head table. They were Glass Mugs embossed with a Gasparilla Ship and filled with pirate swag for VIP's to take with them as a memento of the Tampa Homecoming.... Thank you, ladies for such gracious gifts for our visitors. Thank you to all who came to help set up and serve this special homecoming for Theresa, including Courtney's Crew who helped prep the food: Tommy Moore, Richard Florence, Dee Cisneros, Jacquie LoCicero, Devoney Bedami, and Rebecca Sullins; the Set Up Crew: Jacquie LoCicero, Patty Jankiewicz, Laura Jones and the Energizer Bunny Sue Moore (where would we be without you.... Thank you all so much.) If I have forgotten to include your name, please forgive me - I am so grateful to all our members!









Shelagh Gombarcik, ER



## FIGHT LIKE AGIRL!

On Monday 10.23.2017 Courtney Weil PER and Kristina Chowing made a special presentation to our members on Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence Awareness; topics that affects our entire community. Taylor Weil held our attention as he spoke about how to recognize the signs of a potential abuser citing that this type of behavior starts as young teenagers. Thank you Taylor. Courtney shared her experience as a survivor of Domestic Violence and gave us some shocking statistics regarding this pervasive behavior; 1 in 4 women will be affected by Domestic Violence. Thank you both for being advocates in the

**FIGHT!** Courtney has been collecting cereal for the Spring of Tampa Bay...Thank you to all you have donated a box.

Kristina Chowning addressed the group on her initial breast cancer diagnosis and recovery. Kristina is an advocate for Breast Cancer and has spoken at the State Capital for Moffit on the importance of funding research. The American Cancer Society and Cancer Relay for Life played an important part in Kristina's recovery and <u>FIGHT</u>. Statistically 1 in 13 women will be affected by Breast Cancer. We will be taking part in the Annual Relay for Life at Robinson High School in November. Thank you Kristina for taking the time to share your journey with us. The information was well received by the members who took the time to join us and also share their stories.

Shelagh Gombarcik, ER

Kristina Chaminis

just because

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What better reason than "no reason" to have a party? Join me Friday, November 3rd @ the Elks' Lodge

8pm-11pm

Live music!



The Doppler Effect is an energetic Tampa cover band. Melding their own exciting style with a smart selection of popular music through the decades, this band truly entertains. Rock n' roll, pop, progressive rock, blues, and a bit of New Orleans style funk is represented in their repertoire; there's something for just about every type of music lover to enjoy.



**Band Members:** 

**Brad Ramge—Guitar & Vocals** 

Bryan Sullins-Bass & Vocals

Marc Burkhardt—Drums

Mike Novak—Guitar & Vocals





## **Upcoming Events and Projects**



## FUNDRAISER FOR VETERANS IN NEED



Celebrate Veterans' Day weekend with other great people in your community... good food and drink, and the best Bluegrass music in the South!

- Ribs by Adrian Higgins
- Mac & Cheese by Georgia Hillficker
- Green Bean Casserole by Patty Elkin
- Baked Beans by Steve Harmon
- · Garlic Bread
- Ice Cream Sundae Bar by the LOE!

Door prizes • 50/50 • YeeHaw Auction • Cake Walk

## OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!



Featuring



Sandy Back Porch



**Blackwater Creek** 

## Saturday, November 11th

from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Tampa Elks Lodge 708

For more information text Rita 813-431-3020 or email apwurita@hotmail.com All proceeds to finance the Veteran Services provided by Tampa Elks Lodge 708.

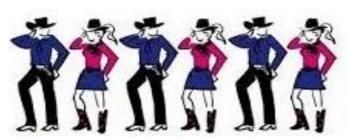
## **Upcoming Events and Projects**



ON NOV 10TH 708 WILL SALUTE OUR YETERANS

All Veterans will receive one free drink and any member bringing a guest will enter to win a door prize.

**Music by Kathy & Paul** 



# Line Dancing Classes Begin Nov 13th

and will continue on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month Donna Halsey, Teacher 7:00pm No charge for this activity.

## **SORTING OUT**

## Medicare

Have questions...
Too many
confusing choices?

Here's your chance to speak to someone that can clear things up!

6:30pm

Come early and eat at Courtney's Table



## **Upcoming Events and Projects**



## Thanksgiving Dinner

Join us for a scrumptious
Thanksgiving Dinner
prepared by
Lynn Brown and her crew.

November 23rd - 2:30pm \$6.00 plus one side dish

Sign-up Sheet at the Lodge.



On November 28th
At 6:30pm
there will be
a presentation of
EVIDENCE BASED

Guest Speaker...
Nancy Belling
Wellness Director
at the South Tampa
YMCA

**WELLNESS** 

**No Charge** 



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.



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## On Going Calendar



Omelets
Eggs Benedict
Breakfast Sandwiches
Breakfast Classics
Country Fried Steak & Eggs
French Dip Sandwich
And so much More

9:30am to 2pm



6:30pm every 1st and 3rd Monday

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

## monday GRILL NIGHT AT Courtney's Table 4708

OPEN 5:00PM TO 8PM

Burgers, Pattie Melts, Italian Sausage Hoagie, Fried Chicken Sandwich, Chicken Salad Plate French Fries, Onion Rings And more



Tuesday Night Movie 7:30 pm With Popcorn

#### Wednesday Lunch & Dinner

Courtney's Table AT 708

Burgers, Hot Dogs, BBQ
Pork Sandwich,
Voio Pork on Cuban Bread

Mojo Pork on Cuban Bread w/Grilled Onions and Swiss, Fries, Onion Rings, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw and More.

> Lunch - 11am to 4pm Dinner - 5PM TO?



#### THURSDAY LUNCH & DINNER

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

LUNCH 11AM TO 4PM - DINNER 5PM TO 9PM



Thursday Nov 30th \$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 Friday Night Dinnerat Courtney's Table AT 708

Early Bird 5pm to 6pm Dinner 6pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm MENU ON PAGE 14

## Lodge Business and Programs



## Partners in Progress or PIP

## **Platinum Investors \$100+**

Florance, Richard 9/2017 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 Walbart, Mark 6/19 In Memory of Tom Stanton

from Mrs. Helen M. Stanton 9/18

Atwood, Bonnie 9/18

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

James, Howard 3/2018 Easterly, Mr. & Mrs. James 10/18

Bronze Investors \$10 - \$20

Bertoch, Mellissa 4/2018

## Lodge Business and Projects

## SPECIAL REPORT: 5 YEAR BY LAWS REVIEW & UPDATE, pg1

By Lodge Statutes, each subordinate Lodge is required to review and update their Bylaws every five years. These proposed changes will be voted on at the November 8th meeting. The Bylaw Committee members are Robert Bordonaro, Becky Sullins, Chaplain, Courtney Weil, PER, and Rita Smith, Treasurer.

These first two changes are required to be acted upon simultaneously.

## **Current Language:**

#### OF THE TREASURER

Section 5. Whenever the amount of unappropriated cash in his possession shall exceed \$10,000.00, he shall notify the Chairman of the Board.

### OF THE TRUSTEES OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 6. Whenever it may become aware, by notice or otherwise, that the amount of unappropriated cash in the hands of the Treasurer exceeds \$10,000.00, the Board may demand and receive from said Treasurer all unappropriated moneys in excess of said amount, giving its receipt therefor; and it shall deposit the same in one of the banks selected for deposit purposes by vote of the Lodge, or it may invest the same in such manner as the Lodge may have otherwise directed.

## **Proposed Change:**

Section 5. Whenever the amount of unappropriated cash in his possession shall exceed \$15,000.00, he shall notify the Chairman of the Board.

#### OF THE TRUSTEES OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 6. Whenever it may become aware, by notice or otherwise, that the amount of unappropriated cash in the hands of the Treasurer exceeds \$15,000.00, the Board may demand and receive from said Treasurer all unappropriated moneys in excess of said amount, giving its receipt therefor; and it shall deposit the same in one of the banks selected for deposit purposes by vote of the Lodge, or it may invest the same in such manner as the Lodge may have otherwise directed...

## **Committee Logic:**

This language had not changed in at least 15 years, but the amount we pay out monthly has increased substantially. Most months the bills against the Lodge exceeded 15,000.00, so the amount of 10,000.00 is no longer enough cash to carry us a month.

#### Current Language: ARTICLE IX: CLUB OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT

Section 1. The operation, management and control of the Home, Club or other facility owned and/or occupied by this Lodge shall be supervised and conducted by: A House Committee consisting of seven Members to be appointed by the Exalted Ruler.

The supervising or managing body of the Home, Club or other facility provided for herein, shall be subject to the control and direction of the Lodge, except those actions and decisions pertaining to an employment relationship and the fixing of prices for goods and services.

## Proposed Change: Add a new sentence:

The Chairman of the House Committee, with approval of the Exalted Ruler, may select up to two "ex-officio" members to participate in House Committee meetings or activities with full voice but no vote.

Committee Logic: 5 years ago this committee had 13 members. The drop to seven seemed too severe to some members, so this allows some additional help without requiring it. The choice of whether to added members will belong to each House Committee Chairman and Exalted Ruler.

#### **Current Language: Article X FEES AND DUES**

Section 1: The fee for initiation in this Lodge for an applicant shall be \$50.00, to accompany the proposition.

#### Proposed Change: (Add three sentences)

Section 1: The fee for initiation in this Lodge for an applicant shall be \$50.00, to accompany the proposition.

The Lodge shall have a reduced initiation fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for the months of October and March.

Members joining in March under a reduced initiation fee must pay their annual dues for the next Lodge year prior to initiation. Initiation Fees are waved for Active Duty members of any Branch of the Military. Dues must be paid prior to Initiation through the following March when initiation fees are waived.

## SPECIAL REPORT: 5 YEAR BY LAWS REVIEW & UPDATE, pg2

Committee Logic – This will give us a defined membership committee goal to make the Grand Exalted Rulers Initiation Class in October, and the end of the year push for membership by the State President, as large as possible. The caveat for prepaying the next years dues is to ensure we are not left paying Per Capital on a lapsed member who came in for \$1.00 or less. These changes are offered by Grand Lodge for each lodge's consideration.

**Current Language: Article X FEES AND DUES** 

Section 2

B. The regular Lodge Dues shall be \$75.00 per year, which shall not include the Grand Lodge per Capita fee, the Grand Lodge per capita insurance assessment, and State Association dues.

Proposed Change: (Increase the dues)

B. The regular Lodge Dues shall be \$80.00 per year, which shall not include the Grand Lodge per Capita fee, the Grand Lodge per capita insurance assessment, and State Association dues.

Beginning in the 1018-2019 Lodge year, annual dues will be \$80.00. Dues will increase by \$1.00 per annum for the next four years.

Committee Logic: Current Dues are not sufficient to pay the basic bills. Electricity alone accounts for 76% of dues

income. The increase is necessary, but not large enough to price anybody out of their membership.

**Current Language: Article X FEES AND DUES** 

Section D NONE

Proposed Change: (Add New Language)

D. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Each Associate Member shall pay an annual fee in the amount of \$10.00 in advance.

Committee Logic: That is the same fee charged to life members to cover administrative costs.

**Current Language: Article X FEES AND DUES** 

Section 3. The reinstatement fee for an Elk holding an Absolute Dimit from this Lodge shall be \$15.00.

**Proposed Change:** Increase the fee for reinstatements but not for transfers.

Section 3.The reinstatement fee for an Elk holding an Absolute Dimit from this Lodge shall be \$25.00.

Committee Logic: This will cover some of the postage costs incurred by the Lodge for renewals.

Current Language: Article XIII BILLS AGAINST THE LODGE

Section 2

Current section 2 is to be retained as section 4. **Proposed Change:** Add recommended new language

Section 2: The Treasurer may pay recurring bills upon the approval of the Board of Trustees(or Board of Directors as may be applicable) without obtaining prior Lodge approval. Any such payment will be reported at the next Lodge meeting.

Section 3: The Treasurer may designate a specific member of the Board of Trustees (or Board of Directors as may be applicable), or chair officer, subject to Lodge approval, to sign Lodge checks in the Treasurer's absence. Any such designee shall be bonded in the same amount as the Treasurer.

(Renumber the section accordingly)

**Committee Logic:** This language has already been approved by Grand Lodge and makes sense. We currently have language added o section 1 that covers recurring bills, but we require the Treasurer to sign all checks. The current added on language cannot be carried forward under the new format.

## House Rules: Changes proposed by the House Committee

**Current Language:** 

8. No minors are permitted to be seated at the bar.

Proposed change:

8. Anyone seated at the bar must be of legal drinking age.

**Current Language:** 

14. Checks in excess of \$50.00 above the purchase must be approved by a member of the House Committee or the Lodge Secretary. A member issuing a worthless check will have his/her check-cashing privilege suspended until the debt has been satisfied including payment of a worthless check fee as provided for by law.

### **Proposed change:**

14. Checks in excess of \$50.00 must be approved by a member of the House Committee or the Lodge Secretary. A member issuing a worthless check will have his/her check-cashing privilege suspended until the debt has been satisfied. Debt will include bank fees plus 10% for Lodge handling.

## Lodge Business and Projects

## **House Committee Report**

## Action is the foundational key to all success. Tony Robbins





And, believe me; your House Committee has been active. We hosted a beer tasting event on Oct 14th featuring mostly local brews. Included in the 6-beer flight was: Cigar City Brewing Jai Alai, Florida Beer Company's Devil's Triangle IPA, Florida Cracker Belgian-style White Ale, Cigar City Brewing Lager, Smith & Forge Hard Cider and Bells Amber Ale. The fun and frivolity included brats & knackwurst along with some entertaining trivia. Did you know that FDR was elected president of the US in 1932 by promising to end prohibition? Or that W.C. Fields said 'Once, during Prohibition, I was forced to live for days on nothing but food & water'? A good time was had by all.









Another good time was had by those who participated in our first BIRTHDAY Karaoke on Oct 21<sup>st</sup>. Invitations were mailed to all members born in October (and did I mention that the invitation was good for a free drink anytime during the month?). Jerry Reid manned the karaoke and kept the evening fun with birthday trivia and drawings. Honorees were celebrated throughout the evening and when it came time to blow out the candles everyone got into the act. Invitations for the November event will be going out in the mail shortly.









After all of that lightheartedness I am going to end with this serious subject. . . . a reminder that your Lodge is run by volunteers. That means that no one is being paid to clean up after you. AND, no one was elected or appointed to clean up after you. If you get something out; put it away. If you dirty something; clean it. The antler room and back hall are once again showing signs of carelessness. Remember good intentions count for nothing if there is no execution.

Laura Jones, House Committee Chair

## Lodge Business and Projects

## **FYI: MIDYEAR CONVENTION**

This year the convention is being held at the **Plantation on Crystal River** located in Crystal River, FL. The dates of the convention are Thursday, November 9th through Saturday, November11th.

Rick Gathen, the Grand Lodge Membership and Public Relations Manager from Chicago will be our guest presenter again this year! Rick will be presenting a membership/PR seminar.

The midyear general session complete with reports from all our committees and programs will be held on Friday. This session and the Major Projects Presentation on Saturday are the two events that are required to be attended by at least the Exalted Ruler and two other members from each Lodge.

The Major Projects meeting will be held on Saturday.

Hope you have made your reservations and will be attending this eventful convention. If not watch for information in our upcoming Elksize publications.



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## **NOVEMBER LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE**

1st - LOE Dinner 6:30pm

1st - LOE Meeting 7:30pm

2nd - House Committee Meeting 7:30pm

7th - STCOC Military Affairs 3:00pm

8th - Officer's Meeting 7pm

8th - Elks General Meeting 7:30pm

14th - Board of Director's Meeting 7:30pm

21st - VA Committee Meeting 6:30

**Devised** Menu

## Courtney's Table 1708

Eriday Night Menu



## <u> 5PM TO 6PM - \$6.50</u>

. 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

## ERIDAYNIGHTMENU 6PM TO 9PM

STARTERS						
FRIED MUSHROOMS W/RANCH OR AIOLI SAUCE						
FRIED ZUCCHINI W/RANCH OR AIOLI SAUCE\$3.95						
FRIED CHEESE STICKS W/MARINARA SAUCE						
LOADED FRIES, FRIES SMOTHERED IN CHEESE SAUCE & BACON						
• POTATO SKINS						
• 1/2 LB PEEL & EAT SHRIMP W/COCKTAIL SAUCE						
ASK YOUR SERVER ABOUT THE SOUP OF THE DAY						
SALADS						
• WEDGE SALAD W/BALSAMIC GLAZE DRESSING, BLUE CHEESE CRUMBLES & BACON BITS						
• 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						
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• 2 LARGE FRIED FISH FILETS W/FRENCH FRIES, COLESLAW & HUSH PUPPIES \$9.95						
- 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 & STERK 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

NOVEMBER 2017 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

<b>SUN</b>	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			LOE Dinner 6:45 LOE MEETING 7:30  Open for Lunch 11pm to 4pm Meeting Night Grill 5PM TO 9PM	2 OPENEOR LUNCH 11AM TO 4PM DINNER 5PM TO 7PM House Committee 7:30 Queen of Hearts 7pm	Early Bird 5pm to 6pm Dinner 6pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm MENU ON PG 18 Special Event! Tres de Noviember With the Doppler Effect Band!!!	4 Our LOE Presents The Comedy Group Improvoholics Cocktails and Appetizers 6pm Show Starts at 7pm \$10
Sunday Brunch IOAM TO 2PM vs Saints 1pm 1st LOE Craft Event Make a Wreath 2pm - \$35	6:30PM  District Deputy Book Review  Open Grill 5:30 8:00PM	MILITARY AFFAIRS 3PM Improv Class 6:30 Movie Night 7:30pm	Officer Meeting 7pm Elks General Meeting 7:30pm Open for Lunch 11pm to 4pm Meeting Night Grill 5PM TO 9PM	Mid Year Convention  OPEN FOR LUNCH 11AM TO SPM DINNER SPM TO 7PM  JAMES A HALEY VETERAN'S HOSPITAL Queen of Hearts Drawing	Mid Year Convention  1 O SALUTE TO VETERAN'S NIGHT Dinner Dinner 5pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm MENU ON PG 18 Kathy & Paul	Mid Year Convention  11 2 to 6 pm  RED  White 6  Festival  \$20
Sunday Brunch IOAM TO 2PM  vs Jets lpm	Club Chivalry Meeting PAR 7pm Forest Type Line Dance Class 7pm Open Grill 5:00PM # 8:00PM	14 Improv Class 6:30 Movie Night 7:30pm  BOD MEETING 7:30PM	15 SORTING OUT  Medicare 6:30  Open for Lunch 11pm to 4pm Meeting Night Grill 5PM TO 9PM	16 OPEN FOR LUNCH 11AM TO APM DINNER SPM TO 7PM Oueen of Hearts 7PM	17 Dinner Dinner 5pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm MENU ON PG 18  KARAOKE  Domiciliary Vets Join us for dinner	18 November Birthdays Celebration! Trin
Open Arms Feeding the Homeless 7:30am Sunday Brunch 10AM TO 2PM PLP Luncheon 2pm vs Dolphins 1pm	20 BINGO 6:30PM OpenGrill 5:30PM®8:00PM	21 Improv Class 6:30 Movie Night 7:30pm VA Committee Meeting 6:30	22 Open for Lunch 11pm to 4pm Meeting Night Grill 5PM TO 9PM	Join us for another Lynn Brown Thanksgiving Dinner Starting at 2:30pm \$6 plus side dish	24 KITCHEN CLOSED  LOE Christmas Decorating Pot Luck 5pm	25
Sunday Brunch IOAM TO 2PM  vs Falcons lpm	27 PAR 7pm Tine Dance Class 7pm Open Grill 5:30PM B:00PM	28 Improv Class 6:30 Movie Night 7:30pm	Programs Presentation 6:30 OPEN FOR LUNCH 11AM TO 4PM DINNER 5PM TO 7PM	30 OPEN FOR LUNCH 11AM TO 4PM DINNER SPM TO 7PM  TRIVIA 7:15PM Queen of Hearts 7PM		



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Melissa Bertoch - 2/2018
In Memory of
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
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12/2021

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