



LODGE OFFICERS:

EXALTED RULER - Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP
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LOYAL KNIGHT - Tommy Moore
LECTURING KNIGHT - Bert Newbill
SECRETARY - Rick Schneider, PER
TREASURER - Rita Smith, PLP
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INNER GUARD - TBD
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2YEAR TRUSTEE - Christopher Miles
1 YEAR TRUSTEE - Richard Florance, PER

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LODGE ADVISORS - Steve Harmon, PDDGER
Mike Pierson, PDDGER
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Exalted Ruler

Shelagh Gombarcik, Exalted Ruler

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



ELKS SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

The month of September has been quite the challenge for our lodge, but you can be proud of the fact that we rose to accommodate them all.

Over the Labor Day weekend we spruced up the lodge and the grounds in anticipation of the months events. Thanks to Tommy and Sue Moore, George Hilficker, Laura Jones, and Susie Harlow for all their efforts. We have a well-kept Lodge and it takes village to keep it that way and our efforts bore fruit as we received many compliments on our facility. Unfortunately right after this effort Hurricane Irma came calling and we had to cancel our VP Homecoming Visit. We did have some damage to the lodge and we lost power for 4 days but it could have been worse. We were able to stay open for our membership due to the efforts of our House Committee Chair, Laura Jones, Chris Miles and Courtney's Table who just kept "cooking with gas" providing food for those without power. I am so proud of what a great resource our lodge was able to be for our South Tampa community during this time of need.

Thankfully we are able to reschedule the visit so we can celebrate our own VP Theresa Matthews' year here at her home lodge. The date is Sunday 15th October see the flyer and sign up, let's have a good turn out and party like pirates...we deserve a good one!

In my last message to you I spoke about participation from our members; so we have some great ACTIVITIES planned for you this month. Along with the Homecoming scheduled for 10/15 we have Tailgate parties on Sundays; - An October Beer Tasting on 10/14 - Karaoke with a birthday party for those have birthdays in October and to finish the month we will have our Annual Halloween Party, this year sponsored by the LOE...it's always a great time. Please come and participate in one or all of these amazing events, or just stop and have a cocktail and some wonderful food at Courtney's Table. .

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Your 2017-18 Committee Chairs

Bert Newbill

Hoop Shoot & Soccer Shoot
Marquee Manager

Bonnie Atwood, Jackie Appel and Melissa Bertoch

Auditing Committee

Brian Brantley, PER

VAVS Rep to James A. Haley
Inter-lodge Visitation

Courtney Weil, PER

Community Projects & Activities

Dee Cisneros

Americanism
Flag Day

Georgia Hilficker

This Week
Monitor
Web Calendar

Jacquie LoCicero

LOE Liaison

John Wayne, PER

Youth Camp

Marty Quire

Web and Online Communications

Patty Jankewicz

Lodge Veteran's Committee

Patty Elkins

Youth Activities

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Rita Smith

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Athena House
Army of Hope

Shelagh Gombarcik, ER

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Susie Harlow

Bingo Chairperson

Theresa Matthews, PER

State Major Projects

Tommy Moore

ENF Chairman
Drug Awareness



House Committee:

Laura Jones

Chairman &
Bar Manager

Jacquie LoCicero

Ed Mulder

George Hilficker

Logan Matthews

Bert Newbill

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Members without your participation in our lodge and its activities it will be difficult to operate the facility and offer the hours of service in which we have become accustomed. Our Bingo really needs some love...we need volunteers and participation...if you enjoy the game or can help...please contact Susie Harlow at 813-837-4246! And remember the funds raised through this event go to our charities.

We weathered the storm and were able to host the State Presidents Casino night and what a success it was, thank you to all that helped and participated in this amazing event. Tampa Lodge members were all rock stars. OBTW, we received a \$500 grant from the State President to help with our Charities. The Homeless Veterans Stand Down had to be rescheduled but our trusty Vets committee was able to make it happen....what wonderful group of caring members these are. The Country Fall Festival hosted by Linda and Jerry Reid, Nan Quire and PER Nancy Keesler was great success with good music, food and fellowship, THANK YOU!

This past month I joined our LOE organization at their Florida Ladies of the Elks (FLOE) conference in Maitland, Florida. I was so proud to be amongst them as they received recognition for the monies they have been able to raise and donate to the Florida Elks Charities supporting our Youth Camp and the Mobile Therapy Service. We do make a difference in so many lives and we THANK YOU for all you do to support this great mission. In addition, our own Susie Harlow, PLP was installed as the State Parliamentarian for FLOE; congratulations and I know you will serve FLOE well.

Members if you have ideas for activities or events you might like to see us include in our calendar, or if you would like to host an activity, please let me know and we will do everything we can to accommodate you. Please come and join us at the Best Lodge and enjoy the Best People on Earth BPOE!

SEE YOU AT THE LODGE!

Shelagh Gomarcik, ER

A Warm Welcome To Our New Elk

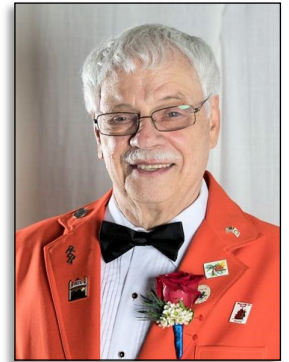


**WE NEED YOU
TO HELP GROW OUR LODGE
AND RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS!
THINK ABOUT IT..
YOU ARE THE ONLY WAY TO
NEW MEMBERSHIP.**

August Elk Recognition

OFFICER OF THE MONTH: RICHARD FLORANCE, PER

Trustee Richard Florance PER has always been a wonderful supporter of the Elksdom and Tampa #708. He will always come to aid the lodge in any way he can, he will hang curtains, set up a room, peel potatoes, clean a floor whatever it will take to make any situation he is involved with become successful. Richards real passion is in the Great Heart of Elksdom, The Elks National Foundation. Richard is a \$2,000 permanent ENF benefactor, helping to foster the projects from which our local South Tampa community benefits. Richard will often give a contribution to help us reach a grant per capita and he is also a supporter of the PIP program "Partners in Progress" fund. The PIP program helps us maintain the lodge and among other major financial projects our lodge faces each year helped to install a new roof. Thank you Richard for your continued support of our efforts here in our Elks Lodge Community.



ELK OF THE MONTH: COURTNEY WEIL, PER

Courtney certainly deserves this title, she has shown her dedication to Tampa #708 in so many ways that it will be hard to list them all. But let me try. As you know 6 months ago Courtney leased our kitchen thus alleviating the need for a Kitchen Chair and Committee, which had been almost impossible to fill. She is providing good quality food along with food service for our special events. Courtney's Table produced an "over the top" menu at our State Presidents visit and we received compliments from the district, state and local levels. In short, Tampa's food is awesome. Courtney been instrumental in promoting the lodge in our community and local networking groups; she works hard to get the word out about our great organization and its mission. For those of you how don't know, Courtney cooks at the Open Arms Ministry, a Tampa Elks Beacon grant project, the 3rd Sunday of each month helping those less fortunate. She is also an avid supporter of the Spring of Tampa Bay an organization to prevent Domestic Violence. During Hurricane Irma, food from Courtney's Table was a much needed resource for our membership and community....Courtney and her family worked tirelessly to have food service available and consequently we were able to keep 708 open. Courtney, we know your heart and are so proud and thankful to have you among us.



VOLUN "ELK" OF THE MONTH: SAMUEL WEIL

Sam Weil, is Courtney's other half, and I would be remiss in not recognizing him as he is always there to help and support Courtney's efforts to help the lodge in any way he can. Luckily, Sam is the building industry and has the knowledge to help out our lodge with so many repair and maintenance issues. During Hurricane Irma, Sam was here at lodge helping save the food that we had purchased for the VP Homecoming, that had to be cancelled and rescheduled. Thank you for making sure we didn't lose our product. Sam was hooking up generators, loading up coolers with ice, making sure we have ice to serve drinks and to keep our food product safe. Whatever was needed to keep this operation rolling, Sam did his part and more. Sam worked tirelessly during the State Presidents visit to make sure the front and back of the house operation was all in sync...and I must say he looked pretty dapper in that suit! Thank you, Sam, for helping the lodge always achieve its mission.



Supporting Reports



LOE OCTOBER REPORT:

Last month was the 54th Annual Florida Ladies of the Elks Conference in Maitland, Florida. Ladies from all over the state converged to celebrate all that the FLOE and it's members have achieved this past year, and oh what we have achieved!

Although, there was business to take care of, we had the opportunity to hear from several speakers. The first was Angel, a camper from the youth camp. She spoke about her experience at the camp and what it has done for her. Next, Paula Tarver, a therapist currently working with Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services (FECTS) and Colleen Gallant, FECTS Director. Did you know that CTS's serve, on the average, 450 to 500 children per week in the state of Florida! Yes, I said per week. This is amazing, considering that this service is in the child's home and at no cost to the family. The LOE Tampa 708, was recognized for their contributions to the Florida Elks Youth Camp and Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services.

Our own, past lady president, Susie Harlow, was installed as FLOE Parliamentarian for 2017/2018.

Coming up on the LOE horizon is the Halloween Party October 28th, dust off your disco shoes and let's boogie the night away. Tickets on sale at the bar for \$15.

Jacquie LoCicero, LOE President

Executive Board

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



LOE October Birthdays submitted by Carolyn Breit

10th Patty Jankiewicz - 18th Bonnie Atwood - 19th Theresa Matthews



**SUSIE HARLOW HAS BEEN ELECTED THE 2017 - 2018
FLORIDA STATE LADIES OF THE ELK PARLIAMENTARIAN
CONGRATULATION SUSIE!**

Committee Communications



Thanks to all whom have donated to the ENF. We have been notified that we met our per capita goal and are eligible for the Gratitude Grand. The per capita was \$4.75 per member and is now \$7.22 per member. Please donate to this very important program. You will be glad you did.

Tommy Moore, Chairman

Drug Awareness

Hello everyone. It has been a very trying month of September with all of the damage from Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Our prayers are with everyone. Our Drug Awareness Program Red Ribbon week is coming soon. Look for the Red Ribbons around the Lodge, grab one and wear it proudly. Remember our motto "Just say No" to drugs.

Tommy Moore, Chairman Drug Awareness





Chaplain's Corner

Good day from the Chaplain's Corner where you can share your faith and fill your spirit alongside your fellow Elks. As always, it is my privilege to pray with you or for you. Please send prayer requests, favorite scriptures, 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 your protection during this hurricane season. We greatly appreciate that Tampa Lodge has been shielded from any major damage and able to offer shelter and meals to our lodge members. As we busy ourselves preparing for the upcoming fall festivities, please help us to serve You and make the most of every opportunity. Allow us to be patient with ourselves and each other as we work together this season. We pray that you continue to defend against us, strengthen us, and inspire us with your love. We ask this in Your Holy name. Amen.

Chaplain's Chuckles!

Where is the first baseball game in the Bible?

In the big inning: Eve stole first, Adam stole second, Cain struck out Abel, & the Giants and the Angels were rained out.

Rebecca Sullins, Chaplain

Grant Reports



Club Chivalry News

Lots of good news this month! We have been given our Club time slot. We will be meeting during 7th period in the cafeteria. If the school continues early release Monday, that will be from 1:14- 2:00PM. We can sign in in the office about 1:05. I am quite pleased to have an afternoon Club meeting again. Loading that ice chest into my car on Sunday evenings was quite a challenge, as was waking up before 7:00 to unload it at the school by 8. Because this is last period, the meeting will end at school dismissal. Getting out of the parking lot will be a bit of a challenge instead.

Club Chivalry for Successful Students won a \$500.00 grant from the FSEA State President, Carl Gerace, at his recent visit to the West Central District. That money will be added to our sustaining Club funds for the time when the ENF Grant runs out. Normally, the maximum you can get the Impact Grant is 3 years. I have just applied for the third year, and there is no guarantee, so that fund could be needed as soon as the end of this school year. Keep your fingers crossed that we get the grant one more time and can postpone that moment for another year. The Impact grant runs January through December.

As I write this article we are making preparations for our first field trip of the year – and it is a big one!

We are taking the students to the Florida State Elks Youth Camp to learn some teambuilding skills and self confidence. Including the bus ride, this will be about a 12 hour trip. Watch for the amazing pictures on the monitor at the Lodge and in next month's Elksize. Should you see Kristina Chowning, thank her for her herculean efforts in making this happen after the School Board, and schools, were closed for a week and a half due to Hurricane Irma.

If you have been on the Hillsborough county school board website and signed up as a volunteer please let me know. They don't notify you when you are approved, Kristina will have to hunt for the information. We need approved volunteers for this field trip. If you haven't been online to volunteer yet, please do so today. We have lots of opportunities for you to serve!

Rita Smith, Grant Coordinator



Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events

THE WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT WELCOMES THE FLORIDA STATE ELKS PRESIDENT



The weekend following Hurricane Irma we hosted the Florida Elks State President, Carl Garace. It was touch and go for a while there as we waited to see if 708 would have power in time for the planned celebration. When we finally had electricity, a mere day and a half before the scheduled event, it was all hands on deck. While the lodge was being prepared and the food was being cooked, the president and his entourage left the Tampa Marriott to start our Progressive Dinner Lodge Crawl. We drove our party bus up to New Port Richey Lodge where we were greeted by ER Barbara Rodgers and her officers. They welcomed us with a meat and cheese appetizer tray and bottles of wine. Carl was able to address the members that were there enjoying the evening as well as the Officers. It was a great turn out and a great start to our evening.



We left there for another rousing game of Bus Tire Roulette hosted by our own Rudy Masi PER St. Pete, and headed to Tarpon Springs. There ER Steve Lindhorst and his Officers greeted us at the door, brought us in for a great Italian Chicken Soup and gave us a tour of their famous Tiki bar. The atmosphere was great and the soup was outstanding. We stayed on our schedule and left Tarpon Springs to head to Dunedin-Clearwater.



We were greeted at Dunedin-Clearwater, by ER Art French and his Officers and members. There was a great crowd there enjoying the Friday night dinner. They had a scrumptious salad bar set up that we all visited. Carl addressed all the members and Officers that were there and we all got a little dancing in! It was very relaxing and enjoyable.



Our next stop was at Largo Lodge where we were greeted by ER Gerry Milot and his Officers. We were served an entrée of Lasagna. Largo had a power line that went down after they had already re-opened on Wednesday and had to shut down again. They finally got word at 11:00 a.m. on Friday they could open for business and serve us. The Lasagna was outstanding and Largo presented a check to Carl for Harry-Anna. The proceeds were from their weekly pie sales and what a donation it was!



Our weary travelers then drove to Seminole Lodge where we were greeted by ER Terry Anderson and his Officers. Terry and his team provided a delicious array of cheesecakes and coffee with Bailey's Irish Cream, Kahlua, or Amaretto. Those desserts really finished off our wonderful 5 course meal! The social quarters were lively with members having a great time.

Our final destination was to Holiday Isles for a champagne toast. ER, Ken Carter and his Officers greeted us by candlelight. The Lodge still did not have power and we enjoyed our champagne toast out on the dock next to the water by candlelight, Tiki torches, and light up decorations. This was one of the most enjoyable visits of the evening as the ambiance was very different and very special. We know this was tough for these members as most didn't have power at home or were helping others that did not have power. For them to take a little time away from that and enjoy a toast with the State President and his party meant a lot to everyone there. Holiday Isles even presented Carl with a check for Harry-Anna during all this!

We arrived back to the hotel a little after 11:30 p.m. It was a long journey, but the fact that we got to visit six lodges in one evening was an amazing feat. Our bus was a little crowded and a little bumpy, but that didn't matter to anyone on board. This event has never been done before and the West Central District pulled it off.

Saturday morning, we were able to take our State President and others for a behind the scenes tour of Number One Buc Place. Carl is a huge Buc's fan and got to see where the players practice, where they eat, and where they review the prior games. It was a great visit and we are very grateful to Tampa Elk, John Flowers for having a Godson that worked there!



Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events

After a little down time in the afternoon, we embarked to Tampa Lodge for the official State President visit and Casino Night. We were greeted by ER Shelagh Gombarcik and her Officers and members. If you were unable to attend, it was a great event. We had a cocktail party for all district chairs and vice chairs to thank you for all you do. Hand passed appetizers were served and the bar was open! We started the Casino night at 7 and had a great time until 9:00 when we did the President's Program. We had many guests in attendance, Past State Presidents and their wives, A Past National President and his wife, our COO/State Secretary, The President of FLOE and her husband as well as our State Chaplain and his wife who travel with Carl and Frank. Not to mention the many great people from the WCD! Carl gave a great speech and handed out awards and certificates. We had four Lodges win \$500 from the President's Grant Program. We also did the revers draw drawing and had four different people/groups opt to split if four ways for \$500 each. After the 11 o' Clock toast and the benediction everyone got to claim their prizes from the Chinese Auction. There were over 80 prizes to be won, hopefully most everyone left with something!

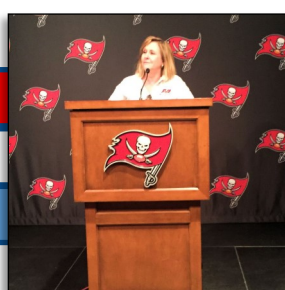
The evening was finally over, but the weekend wasn't! Early Sunday morning, Carl Gerace, Frank Malatesta, Phil Gersbach, Carl Seibert and I went to Hyde Park United Methodist Church where we helped Tampa volunteers feed the homeless. Tampa utilizes our Beacon Grant to help feed the homeless every Sunday and do the cooking one Sunday a month. We also provide a Thanksgiving meal in November and a Christmas Dinner in December. As well as purchasing necessities such as socks and underwear. We received a tour of the facilities as well as some background history to understand all the great people that help support their community every single week by helping others.

Once again, we hit the road, packed up our belongings at the hotel and all drove to St. Petersburg. We were greeted by ER, Bonnie Barnes and her Officers for a lovely tour of the Lodge, not to mention Bloody Mary's and Mimosas. Bonnie and her Officers visited with Carl and introduced him to the members there enjoying their Sunday morning breakfast and the camaraderie of their fellow Elks. We enjoyed our time at St. Pete until it was time to head to Tropicana Field for Elks Day at The Rays! Carl, along with one our therapy families, threw out the first pitch of the game. It was a site to behold to see 3-year old Christopher throw the ball to the catcher, pick it up throw it again and then pick it up and throw it one more time. The catcher loved it and gave him a high five. The highlight of the game was the Rays beat the Red Sox!!

We finally allowed Carl and his team to return home and try to get some rest. Once again, I want to thank everyone for helping to make this weekend happen. As you can tell it was action packed and not a lot of rest. I especially want to thank my Lodge, Tampa for all their hard work in preparing for the dinner and Casino night. ER, Shelagh Gombarcik led the charge, President of the LOE, Jacquie LoCicero along with VP Suzanne Moore and other members did baskets, decorations, and the 50/50 amongst other things. PER, Courtney Weil provided the food for the evening and what food it was! Instead of a sit-down dinner we had a carving station, mashed potato bar, charcuterie station and a Flambé Dessert station. There was plenty of great food and fun for everyone. My VP Fund treasurer, Susie Harlow managed all the finances as well as helping to organize events and run the Chinese Auction. I cannot name everyone that helped in this letter but I thank you one and all. Without you, this great weekend would not have happened!

My sincerest thanks and congratulations to the Welcoming West Central District!
Theresa Matthews, WCD Vice President

(President's Visit Continued)



Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events



A SPECIAL DAY AT THE OPEN ARMS MINISTRY



FLORIDA STATE ELK ASSOCIATION OFFICERS - President, Carl Gerace, Vice President at Large Frank Maltesta, Chaplain Phil Gersbach, WCD Vice President Theresa Matthews, and State Secretary and COO Carl Seibert helped Tampa Elks feed the Homeless at Open Arms on Sunday, September 17th. It was the Tampa Elks week to serve as is every third Sunday. PER Courtney Taylor and her Dad and right hand man, Whiz, were in the kitchen bright and early, and shortly thereafter the regulars started filing in: Elma Kelly, Donna Halsey, Jacquie and Joe LoCicero, Patty Elkins, Laura Jones and me. The only major difference this month is that we all had just received a new, special apron with the State President's motto on it. There were less homeless than previous weeks, probably due to some finding special shelter during the hurricane. They may have been sheltered across town and not found their way back yet. Those 120 that did show up were, as usual, quite an interesting and mostly grateful lot. As the line wound down, one of the church members took the dignitaries on a special tour of the grounds, showing them the clothing closet, and the bicycle repair shop, among other hotspots. We receive our matching funds for that project from the FSEA – and I am glad they had the opportunity to see how those funds are helping our community.

Please keep in mind that they accept donations of nonperishable food, all clothing, but especially men's, travel size toiletries – like from hotels, any size towels or wash clothes, and those "paper or plastic" plastic bags. They also appreciate the plastic food tubs like ice cream, sour cream, or deli food items come in that you would otherwise throw away. Wash them and bring them with you to the lodge instead. Courtney or I will take them to the church.

Rita Smith



2017 STAND DOWN

For the fourth year in a row, Tampa Elks participated in the Stand Down for Homeless Veterans put on by the James A Haley Veterans Administration with the help of the American Legion District 15 and community partners. This was the 2nd consecutive year that a hurricane disrupted the original plans and caused rescheduling.

The day before the event was spent washing and prepping lettuce, tomato and onions for the expected 600 hungry people. On the morning of September 22nd, Joe LoCicero, Elma Kelly and I arrived at America Legion Post 111 before 7:30 am to unload all of our supplies. By the opening ceremonies at 8:00. There were almost 100 Veterans in line waiting to get in the door. Business was very brisk at our booth first thing in the morning, and we were glad to have help from a friend at American Legion Post 139, Chaplain Linda Ziemack. Then Lecturing Knight Bert Newbill showed up to help, followed shortly by PER Brian Brantley. Whew! Things slowed down somewhat after 10 am, but we were still glad to see the second shift arrive before 11:00. Patty Jankiewicz, Carolyn Breit and Bonnie Atwood came in to relieve the morning crew and finish out the day. Brian Brantley stayed and made sure that the Lodge coolers and display board made it back safely. Even though the expected 600 did not materialize, more than 200 homeless Veterans were given supplies by Tampa Elks Lodge, and all the veterans and volunteers in the building were offered vegetables on their burgers.

Thank you to all the members who so generously donated cash or items to help make this happen.

Rita Smith



Upcoming Events and Projects

Beer Tasting Event - Oct. 14th - 5pm to 7pm



Come enjoy the season and choose your favorite Florida Beer before The Homecoming, try your hand at Beer Trivia, Win Prizes, and More!
\$10.00 a Ticket

Authentic German Brat or Knockwurst Dogs & Chips at the low, low price of \$4

RESCHEDULED DUE TO IRMA



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TAMPA LODGE 708

VP HOMECOMING
SATURDAY, OCT. 14TH

THERESA MATTHEWS

OUR DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT

PIRATE THEME

DRESS FOR AN INVASION!

6PM COCKTAILS, 7PM VP ADDRESS

DINNER TO FOLLOW

**STUFFED CUBAN STEAK, YELLOW RICE,
BLACK BEANS, CUBAN BREAD AND MORE!!!**

SIGN UP SHEET AVAILABLE ON THE LODGE BULLETIN BOARD!

Upcoming Events and Projects

Halloween Party Saturday Night Fever

October 28th

6pm till ?

Dust off your disco shoes
and let's
dance, dance, dance!

**Music by Marty Quire
Jail & Bail**

Costume Contests:
*Best Disco Costume
Male and Female
Best Traditional Costume
Funniest Overall Costume*

**Cocktails from the 70's
Trick or Treating
50/50**

**70's style Menu
By Courtney's Table
Watergate Salad,
Shrimp Cocktail
Grape Jelly meatballs,
Pigs in a Blanket**

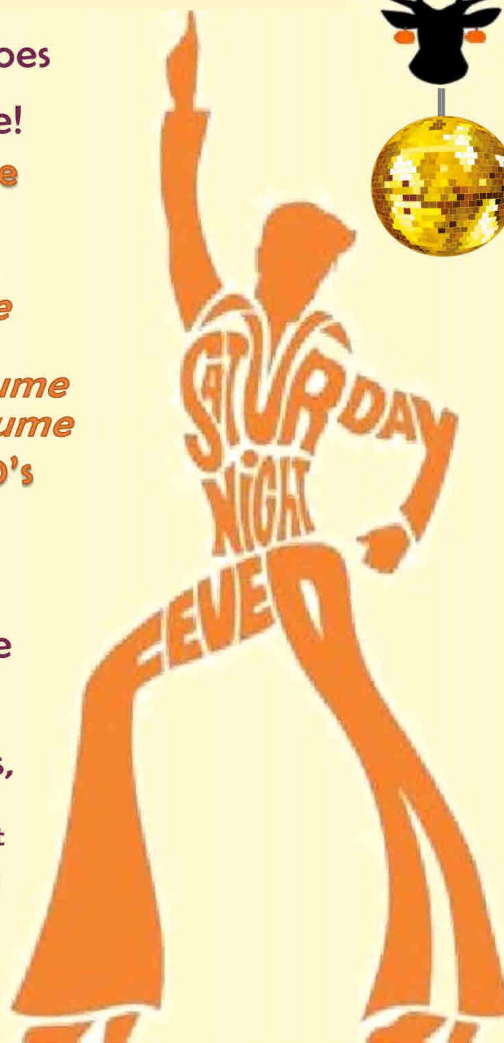
Tickets on Sale September 1st

\$15 per person

Purchase your tickets
from the bartender.



A LOE Event



FRIENDS WE HAVEN'T MET YET!

You may notice some unfamiliar faces in the dining room on the third Friday of the month starting October 20th. These will be a group of Veterans, both male and female, that are in temporary housing while they get back on their feet after experiencing a bout of homelessness. Each Individual's circumstances are different, but they all have a few things in common. They all love to eat in a restaurant where they have choices. They all need friends. They all can use our support, in any way we can offer it to them.

When you spot them at the Lodge, please take a minute to greet them, encourage them to participate in dancing, a game of pool or to sing Karaoke with you...and, please, applaud like crazy if they find the courage to sing!

Remember, each of these Veterans at one point in their life offered to risk their life for our freedom. If you strike up a conversation, you will most likely find they could just as easily be your next-door neighbor or coworker. You may even find a new best friend. This little bit of socialization won't take much of your time or energy, but it could be what keeps them going through the long weekend at their housing facility. Remember the saying, "So long as there are Veterans, the Elks will never forget them." (Dinner supported by our Freedom Grant)



Upcoming Events and Projects

TAMPA **Elks** LODGE
PRESENTS

**FUNDRAISER FOR
VETERANS IN NEED**

RED
White &
BLUEGRASS
Festival
\$20

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!**
LIVE
Bluegrass Music
Featuring



Sandy Back Porch



Blackwater Creek

Saturday, November 11th

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

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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.



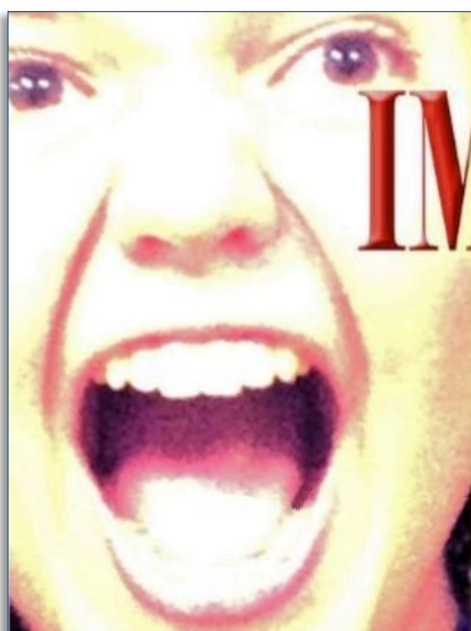
Holiday Wreath Craft Class
Come enjoy an afternoon of companionship and make your own Holiday wreath.
Sunday, November 5th - 2pm
\$35.00 a person

LOE DECORATING EVENT



Begin this Holiday Season with us as we decorate Our Lodge!
November 24th
5pm till ?
Bring a covered dish & enjoy a pot luck dinner.

CONTACT JACQUIE AT
loetampa708@yahoo.com
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US!



the
IMPROVOHOLICS
are back!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH - 7PM

\$10 Admission ~ free hors-d'oeuvres!

Cocktail hour at 6pm

Presented by: **The Ladies of the Elk**

On Going Calendar

Courtney's Table at 708 Sunday Brunch or Lunch

Omelets
Eggs Benedict
Breakfast Sandwiches
Breakfast Classics
Country Fried Steak & Eggs
French Dip Sandwich
And so much More
9:30am to 2pm

BINGO

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 AT 708

OPEN 5:00PM TO 8PM
Burgers, Pattie Melts, Italian
Sausage Hoagie, Fried Chicken
Sandwich, Chicken Salad Plate
French Fries, Onion Rings
And more

MOVIE NIGHT

Tuesday
Night Movie
7:30 pm
With
Popcorn

WEDNESDAY LUNCH & DINNER

Courtney's Table AT 708

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.

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



Courtney's Table AT 708



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

Triv?a NIGHT

Thursday Oc 26th
\$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:
Candi Suhrheinrich

Friday Night Dinner at Courtney's Table AT 708

Early Bird 5pm to 6pm
Dinner 6pm to 9pm
Dancing from
7pm to 11pm
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Lodge Business and Programs



Partners in Progress or PIP

Platinum Investors \$100+

Florence, 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

Bronze Investors \$10 - \$20

Bertoch, Mellissa 4/2018

Lodge Business and Projects

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT:

“Change the way you look at things and the things you look at change.” — Wayne W. Dyer

There are a lot of October activities coming up that will benefit from the full participation of all members. Please volunteer to help with the WCD Vice President’s visit; or the Beer Tasting; or the Halloween Party. There is always MUCH TO DO. Email me at laj6687@6687 or catch me at the Lodge and let me know when you are available to help.

We all constantly think about what we want our Lodge to be/do for us. Please take ten minutes and think about what you can do to make the experience better for the person sitting next to you at the bar. (And, if you’re NOT sitting at the bar, why not? We need you and your ideas on a regular basis.)

Calling all members who have experience tending bar. From time to time we need to cover absences or add resources for a special event. I’d like to get a list of potential substitutes to cover these occasional needs. Please email me at laj6687@6687 or catch me at the Lodge. Laura Jones, House Committee Chair



Where have you been???

We’re two games in to the Buccaneer’s season and participation has been very light. Have you been busy, boycotting the league or just not interested? If this activity is no longer important to a significant number of our members, we will focus our efforts elsewhere. Please let me know at laj6687@gmail.com



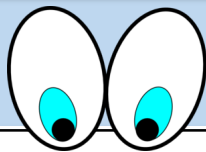
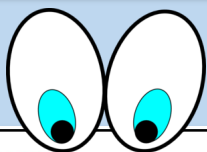
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Christmas Holiday Parties
Weddings and Showers
Birthday Parties and Reunions
Business and Corporate Events
Organizational Lunches and Dinners

For more information call:
Lodge Office 813-831-4280 or go to tampaelks.org



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Thurs. Nights...drawing at 7pm



SIEGE THE DAY



October 1, 2017 1:30 – 3:30pm

Your House Committee is sponsoring a special tailgating event in advance of the 4:05pm start of the game against the NY Giants. Have some brunch at Courtney’s Table, then play cornhole OR join us for Karaoke with Dee’s special brand of random trivia. Finally watch the Bucs trounce the Giants on the big screen.

OCTOBER LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 3rd - LOE Board Meeting - 6:30pm
- 4th - LOE Member Dinner - 6:45pm
LOE Meeting - 7:30pm
- 5th - House Committee Meeting - 7:30pm
- 10th - BOD Meeting - 7:30pm
- 11th - Officer’s Meeting - 7:00pm
General Elk Meeting - 7:30
- 17th - VA Meeting - 6:30pm
- 19th - House Committee Meeting - 7:30pm
- 25th - Orientation - 6pm
General Elk Meeting & Installation - 7:30pm
- 31st - LOE Board Meeting - 6:30pm

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

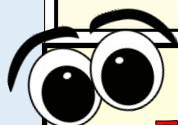
ASK YOUR SERVER ABOUT THE DAILY SPECIAL & STEAK OF THE DAY.

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

OCTOBER 2017

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

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<p>1 MYSTERY BUS TOUR Sunday Brunch 10AM TO 2PM Tailgate Party vs Giants 4pm</p>	<p>2 BINGO 6:30PM Open Grill 5:30PM TO 8:00PM</p>	<p>3 LOE BOD Meeting 6:30pm MILITARY AFFAIRS 3PM</p>	<p>4 LOE Dinner 6:45 LOE MEETING 7:30 Open for Lunch 11pm to 4pm Meeting Night Grill 5PM TO 9PM</p>	<p>5 OPEN FOR LUNCH 11AM TO 4PM DINNER 5PM TO 7PM House Committee 7:30 Queen of Hearts 7pm vs Patriots 8:25pm</p>	<p>6 Dinner Early Bird 5pm to 6pm Dinner 6pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm MENU ON PG 14 KATHY & PAUL</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 Sunday Brunch 10AM TO 2PM</p>	<p>9 BAR BINGO 7pm Open Grill 5:00PM TO 8:00PM</p>	<p>10 Improv Class 6:30 Movie Night 7:30pm BOD MEETING 7:30PM</p>	<p>11 Officer Meeting 7pm Elks General Meeting 7:30pm Open for Lunch 11pm to 4pm Meeting Night Grill 5PM TO 9PM</p>	<p>12 OPEN FOR LUNCH 11AM TO 4PM DINNER 5PM TO 7PM Queen of Hearts Drawing</p>	<p>13 Dinner Early Bird 5pm to 6pm Dinner 6pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm MENU ON PG 14 SEQUEL</p>	<p>14 Beer Tasting Event 5pm to 7pm (\$10) VP VISIT HOMECOMING PIRATE THEME 6PM</p>
<p>15 Open Arms Feeding the Homeless 7:30am Sunday Brunch 10AM TO 2PM Taco Tailgate vs Cardinals 4pm</p>	<p>16 BINGO 6:30PM Open Grill 5:30PM TO 8:00PM</p>	<p>17 Improv Class 6:30 Movie Night 7:30pm VA Committee Meeting 6:30</p>	<p>18 Open for Lunch 11pm to 4pm Meeting Night Grill 5PM TO 9PM</p>	<p>19 OPEN FOR LUNCH 11AM TO 4PM DINNER 5PM TO 7PM House Committee 7:30 Queen of Hearts 7PM</p>	<p>20 Dinner Dinner 5pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm MENU ON PG 14 KARAOKE Domiciliary Vets Join us for dinner</p>	<p>21 KARAOKE WITH JERRY REID</p>
<p>22 Sunday Brunch 10AM TO 2PM vs Buffalo Bills 4pm</p>	<p>23 BAR BINGO 7pm Open Grill 5:30PM TO 8:00PM</p>	<p>24 Improv Class 6:30 Movie Night 7:30pm</p>	<p>25 Elks General Meeting 7:30pm ORIENTATION 6pm INITIATION During Meeting. Open for Lunch 11pm to 4pm Meeting Night Grill 5PM TO 9PM</p>	<p>26 OPEN FOR LUNCH 11AM TO 4PM DINNER 5PM TO 7PM Queen of Hearts 7PM TRIVIA 7:15PM</p>	<p>27 Dinner Dinner 5pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm MENU ON PG 14 KEITH & RUBY James A Haley Vets join us for dinner</p>	<p>28 DISCO HALLOWEEN PARTY 6PM AN LOE EVENT </p>
<p>29 Sunday Brunch 10AM TO 2PM vs Panthers 1pm</p>	<p>30 BAR BINGO 7pm Open Grill 5:30PM TO 8:00PM</p>	<p>31 LOE BOD Meeting 6:30pm Improv Class 6:30 Movie Night 7:30pm</p>				

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Rita Smith - 12/2017
Ted Bass - 2/2018
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
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