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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



You may be proud that you are a member of this organization with such a prestigious history. Following the 4 stations of Fidelity, Brotherly Love, Charity and Justice, the Elks have played an extremely active roll in serving our communities, our youth, Veterans, the homeless and many other civic projects. We, of course look forward to many more years of service to humanity.

EXPLORE OUR HISTORY - Learn more about how you can participate in and experience the history of the Elks as we Celebrate 150 years

HONOR THE TRADITIONS -The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is the largest, most active and nearly the oldest exclusively American fraternal order. We love our Country and desire to preserve its cherished traditions and values.

CELEBRATE THE BENELOVENCE. Elks invest in their communities through programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free, meet the needs of today's veterans, and improve the quality of life through Charities support by local Elks Lodges.

Please join us on February 24th, 2018 as we pay tribute to the Best People on Earth. Those who delight in wholesome associations with congenial companions, who possess a deep sense of patriotism, fair play and dedication to noble causes.

As I write this message to you we have just put on the largest GASPARILLA event that this lodge has sponsored since its inception 16years ago. Many thanks to all who volunteered to be a 708 Pirate under the direction of the Pirate Queen, WCD Theresa Matthews PER.

Thank you to all the great members who made this event such a huge success and there will be a more detailed report in next month's bulletin.

**First rule of being an Elk is...
Tell everyone you're an Elk!**

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

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Inter-lodge Visitation

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Dee Cisneros

Americanism
Flag Day

Georgia Hilficker

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FSEA Hospitality Room
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ENF Chairman
Drug Awareness



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Bert Newbill

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IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

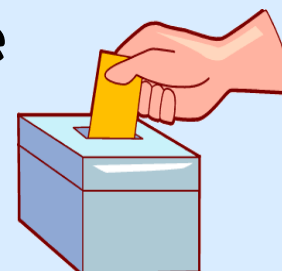
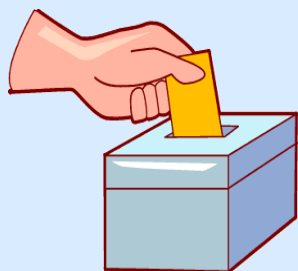
This month we will take

Nominations and Vote

for the 2018-2019 Exalted Ruler,
Secretary, Treasurer, Knights and
5 year Trustee.

Nominations will be taken at the
February 14th General Meeting
Voting at the February 28th Meeting.

Please plan to attend and make
your opinion known.



A Warm Welcome To Our New Elks



Cory Reynolds
Sponsored by:
Bert Newbill



Rufus Hawkins
Sponsored by:
Adam Morris
New Falls, NB Lodge



Marline Parker
Sponsored by:
Bert Newbill

So
Happy
To have
You with
Us!



February Elk Recognition

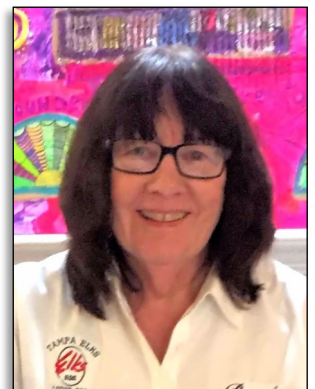
OFFICER OF THE MONTH: BOB SUHRHEINRICH

Bob has served the lodge on the BOD, as a Trustee, and as the Lodge Safety Officer. As Safety Officer he made sure that we are not exposing our members and our guests to any safety hazards, whether it be inside or outside the building. With a building as old as our home lodge there is a constant need for maintenance and replacement. Bob has been great at assisting the Chairman in sourcing equipment that needs to be replaced and finding contactors to perform various functions. According to our statutes, 3 bids must be reviewed for any type of work to be done. These bids are then brought to the BOD and the membership for approval. This takes many hours of phone work, trips to the lodge to meet with contractors, and preparing to present to the BOD. This year Bob and his lovely wife Candi were instrumental in making our Gasparilla event so successful by selling over 90 tickets to a new group..."The Grovers". Thank you for all you do to help our Lodge.



ELK OF THE MONTH: BONNIE ATWOOD

Bonnie Atwood has supported our Lodge in so many ways. She has served on many committees, but has been committed to the Veterans Committee over the years. She has volunteered for Stand Down Events, serving dinners, bingo nights, or whatever the committee needs. Bonnie is a great contributor to ENF and Harry Anna and she also donates to PIP to help sustain our Lodge. Bonnie has held the office of Lodge Treasurer, so consequently she is qualified to be an auditor and this year she headed up the Lodge Auditing Committee. This important committee is tasked with making sure that our accounting books are in order, we are operating according to our by-laws and staying in compliance with Grand Lodge Statutes. Bonnie has reported to the Lodge on a quarterly basis and helped the office in anyway that she is needed. Thank you, Bonnie for your continued support of our Lodge.



VOLUN "ELK" GROUP -

JAMES A. HALEY BINGO VOLUNTEERS

Brian Brantley, Michael Brantley, Patty Jankiewicz, Carolyn Breit, Elma Kelly, Carolyn Williams, Carolyn Miller, Joe LoCicero and Sondra Chapman. This group of volunteers go to the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital each month to host Bingo Games for the patients. They routinely make the long trek up to the hospital which is close to USF, a 25-mile round trip. They do this in their personal vehicles, using their gas, to set up the Bingo Games, serve snacks and drinks, play Bingo and give prizes to the attendees. This group of dedicated volunteers faithfully serve our nations veterans that are being treated at this VA hospital. Thank you for helping those vets who have sacrificed so much for our country.



Supporting Reports



Our Elk year is winding down, but not your LOE! We are currently having a 365 green house fund drive. The LOE wants to end our year with a bang working towards our goal of \$2000 for Children's Therapy Services. Please fill our green houses and bring them into the lodge. Don't have a green house, no problem, we will gladly accept a Ziploc full of change.

February 11th is our Walk A Thon to raise money for 365. If you are not able to walk, you can sponsor a LOE member. We will be meeting at Ballast Point Park at 10 am for a leisurely walk down Bayshore Blvd. Any questions about the Walk A Thon, please contact Sue Moore. Hope to see you there.

This month is nominations for next year's executive board, if you are thinking of taking a larger role in your LOE this is the time to consider it. Don't want to be on the board, that's ok, there are many opportunities for you to volunteer throughout the year. Hope to see you at our meeting on February 7th, Candice Suhrheinrich will be making us a West Tampa feast. This West Tampa girl is looking forward to that and so should you!

Jacquie LoCicero, LOE Lady President

Executive Board

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



February Birthdays from Carolyn Breit:

2/5 - Sharon Ford, 2/9 - Susie Harlow, 2/11 - Berni Terpin, 2/12 - Ben Venable



365

I want to thank all of the people who drop their change in the little houses on the bar and dining tables. This month we have a challenge. For every bank, or \$5.00 donation, you get a point. So please get going and try to beat the leader. This month we

had donations from Carolyn Breit 1, Donna Halsey 4, Patty Jankiewitz 2, Rita Smith 1, Bonnie Quire 1, Laura Jones 1, Berni Terpin 1, and Robert Sommers 2. I want to also thank Sharon Ford who is always filling our banks at the bar so I am giving her credit for 1.

Also please remember to thank Robert Bordonaro who deposits all the change at his bank. Let's make this a real challenge!

Lots of Thanks, Berni Terpin

Committee Communications



Our donations to the Elk's National Foundation and the Harry Anna Trust fund have been very good this year. We still need more donations so our ENF can continue to do the great job they do. Please donate. The per capita for the ENF is \$8.94 as of 1/07/2018. The per capita for the HATF is \$27.88 as of 12/31/2017 they do a great job. Remember Elk's Care and Elk's Share.

As we go into the 4th Quarter of the Lodge calendar, the Drug awareness Program will have several topics to share with our members in the coming months. Watch for them in the next month's Elk Size.



BE A HERO...JUST SAY NO!



Good day from the Chaplain's Corner; where together we celebrate faith and fill our spirits 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.

Heavenly Father, the virtue for the month of February is love; meaning that we should attempt to develop a habit of thinking, speaking and acting from an attitude of care and positive regard in all our encounters. Please help us to become aware of negative thoughts and moods and choose not to act on them. Allow us to set harsh words aside and deliberately seek ways to be helpful to others. Let our awareness of Your love assist us in bringing an attitude of love to our Elk families, friends, and the whole of our existence. We ask this in Your precious name, Lord. Amen.

Chaplain's Chuckles!

How long did Cain hate his brother?

As long as he was Abel.

The Freedom Grant – Serving Those Who Served!

Our relationship with the Veterans from the James A Haley Domiciliary continues to improve. In addition to the regular third Friday dinner and karaoke sessions, we have had a van load of Veterans join us at least once a month for special events. They are fast becoming friends, not just Veterans we serve. In November they attended the Red, White and Bluegrass festival which was held on Veteran's day. In December, a group of nine of the Domiciliary Vets were on hand to help us as staff for the Children's Christmas party. With about 200 kids and parents in the room, the help was extremely welcome, and they did a great job. They each were given an Activity to work, and work they did! Following the party, we treated them to a special Christmas dinner at The Ranch House Grill. Each Veteran also left with a small gift from the Elks. Thanks to all the Elks that stop by to welcome them, engage them in a conversation, or sing a karaoke song with them. Special thanks to Patty Volpe, Lisa Hayes, Sharon Ford, Nan Quire, Patty Jankiewicz, Carolyn Miller and all the staff at Courtney's Table for helping to make this Freedom Grant work.

Rita Smith, Grant Coordinator



DOMICILIARY VETERANS WORKING WITH US!

On December 23, 2017; 9 Vets from the Domiciliary volunteered as staff at the Promise Grant Christmas party for needy children. They were a great help and had a good time.

In exchange for their volunteer work, the 9 Vets and their tech and driver were treated to a Christmas dinner at a local restaurant. Three Elks accompanied them, Patty Jankiewicz, Veterans Chair, Patty Volpe, Promise Program manager, and Rita Smith, Grant Coordinator. The Elks each paid for their own dinner.



Grant Report

MEET ROGER...



Roger is the first Veteran from the James A. Haley Domiciliary that we will be helping to finish set up his new home. Before he moved, Roger told me that he was looking for a place in the area near us, as he felt he had made friends at the Elks and liked it here enough to perhaps join when he is settled. Being near the water was also important to him..



Roger had just received the keys to his new place on the day this picture was taken, and he is shown opening the big “kitchen essentials” box furnished by the Veteran’s Administration.

I admit, I was impressed! The kit was remarkably complete – dishes, silverware and drinking glasses for 4, a small pots and pans set, coffee maker & can opener, even a cutting board, colander, and a few utility knives. His social worker had arranged for the apartment to be rented as furnished, too.

That is not to say that he has EVERYTHING he needs. His number one request is for a microwave. He also does not have a TV. He doesn’t have a sheet or comforter set for his full size bed.

A toaster oven is quite handy for cooking for one, and he said he is a good cook and could use a crockpot, too. Of course, items that would personalize the space and make it his, such as throw pillows and wall hangings, would be great, too.

Roger is a fishing enthusiast but has no equipment at all, so if you have fishing gear just sitting around even fishing line that you bought for an art project or something, I am sure he would be glad to take it off your hands.

Check your Elksize next month for reports on both Merly, who is almost all set, and Roger, who is just getting started.
 Rita Smith, Grant Coordinator

2017-2018 Gratitude Grant Partner- Black Dagger Military Hunting Club.

The Black Dagger Organization was brought to our attention by Alex de Quesada, one of our newer members who took the time to come to a meeting about using the Grant. This charity was a great choice. The Black Dagger Organization is completely run by volunteers, so almost all of their funds go directly to their outdoor sporting programs. Some of us already tagged along on a Clay Shooting adventure. The Clay Shoot program leader, Allen Bussey, takes Veterans to Tampa Bay Shooting Sports in Land of Lakes on a monthly basis. It is usually a small group, allowing for a lot of individual attention. Even though the 8 Elks tagging along did not make a small group, his patience and expertise was well on display. He had a couple of helpers, and everyone involved in Black Dagger seems to be a Veteran themselves. There was no Gratitude Grant funds spent that day, and the Elks each bought their own lunch.

The Gratitude Grant money is being spent on a charter fishing trip for Disabled Vets. They will be leaving out of Hubbard’s Marina in John’s Pass at 8 AM on Sunday, March 18th. That is a long enough day on the Flying Hub 2 – a boat that can go 50 miles per hour,-to get into some seriously adrenaline raising fishing areas. We are only sending two Elks and one member of Black Dagger’s staff along on the trip for 20. The rest will be Veterans. The 2 lucky Elks will be charged with taking some great photos and helping to bait poles, distributes refreshments, and any other chores that may be needed due to a disability. The other 300+ Elks are all invited to come to the Hungry Fisherman for dinner and to hear the fish stories. That restaurant is also at John’s Pass and the Veterans can have the fish they just caught cooked for them right there! Of course, for those of us just coming to bask in the smiles and hear the stories, it will be a Dutch Treat meal. Watch for more details on Joining us for the dinner in next month’s bulletin.
 Rita Smith, Grant Coordinator



Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events



2018 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Youth Activities Committee had their annual Children's Christmas Party at the Lodge on Saturday, December 23rd from 12-3pm. It was a huge success! We hosted 84 children ages 1-13 and their younger/older siblings and accompanying adults. Our total number served was 167. This does not include the countless volunteers we had in attendance. The committee and volunteers were in place by 11:45.

We had so many volunteers that the event seemed effortless to me. Destiny Bain, who is an active member of Club Chivalry at Robinson High, and my friend Jennifer Vazquez, volunteered to check in each family and provide the children with their tickets to the fun. Betty Orcutt, Elma Kelly, Patti Jankiewicz, and Carolyn Breit exchanged those tickets for a stocking that child could decorate. The decorating supplies were provided inside the stocking. After the opening announcements and the Pledge of Allegiance, everyone was invited to lunch. The kitchen staff; Treasurer Rita Smith, Peggy Smith, Tommy Moore, and his neighbor whipped up a children's feast. Our guests got to choose between pizza and salad from Slice Pizza or beef hot dog and chips. Some kids got both! It was a comforting to know that no one left the Lodge hungry that day. They had Drumstick ice cream cones for dessert. A \$100 gift cards donated by Publix offset some of the expense. Once lunch was over and the kids were ready to play we adjourned to the front of the room to welcome Santa Claus.

John Flowers was sweltering while playing Santa but smiled the whole hour and a half he was out there. He even had his own real beard! He sat for pictures with each child while they disclosed their Christmas wishes to him. Our wonderful photographer was Stephanie Dean of SD Photography who volunteered her time and expertise to the event. She was able to give the parents a keepsake picture of their children with Santa. She also took pictures of those crazy Elks and volunteers too! The children entertained themselves for over an hour going from game to activity and back to game, earning prizes to fill their stockings. We had more than 10 activities but the star on the tree was the Christmas Ornament decorating activity. There were enough supplies for each person in attendance to decorate their own ornament to keep or give as a gift. My Aunt, Suzy Lair led this creative endeavor and helped each child pick what they wanted on the inside of their clear ornament. We had some very unique ornaments produced that day!

We had 9 Vets from the James Haley Domiciliary with us. They came early, willing to lend a hand. They helped set up for the party, serve lunch, manned a game or activity during the event and helped with clean up! It was great having them there. If you see any of these Vets at our Lodge on a Friday night, tell them I said, Thank You. We also had several members and their friends volunteer too. Tony Cruz and Laura Jones operated the Parent Lounge. The parents have come to expect and look forward to that quiet kid-free oasis. They filled out their information forms and enjoyed tea and cookies in our dining area, away from their kids and the noise. They were also given the opportunity to try their luck at winning a door prize. This year we raffled off 9 gifts and a few pizzas. Elma Kelly, Patti Jankiewicz, Carolyn Breit, Suzanne Moore, Betty Orcutt manned games and activities, helped with the gift distribution, lunch service, and clean up. A few of my friends also came to help as well. They have become regular little Elk elves! Ted and Jennifer Vazquez, Paul Simone, and my husband, Mike Volpe, showed the kids a good time and lent a helping hand in setting up the night before, getting there early the next day to finish, worked the event and helped with clean up. The cliché that 'many hands make light work' and 'it takes a village to raise a child' are sure true with this loving, caring, and giving group of members, families, and volunteers. Near the end of the party, each child was able to 'shop' for their own Christmas gift. We had the gifts set up by age. We had plenty to go around and then some. This is mainly due to the Elks and Walgreens partnership to collect toys for those in need. It was also great that we were able to distribute some of these donations to The Children's Home, The Spring, and Metropolitan Ministries.

Patty Volpe, Activities Chairman



New Year's Eve Party

Our New Year's Eve Party was well received by the members that came to share fun, fellowship, good food and to bring in the New Year. Thanks to all who attended and enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Courtney's Table with a Carving Station, Potato Bar, Caesar Salad and made to order bananas foster. The evening's entertainment was provided by our Leading Knight and KJ Dee Cisneros with music, singing and Dee's famous Trivia. Members enjoyed Lisa Snyder's games they were very amusing and she kept everyone laughing and enjoying themselves in typical Lisa style. Thank you to our House Chair Laura Jones and members Susanne and Tommy Moore for their help in decorating for the evening's event and for helping making the event run smoothly. There were prizes aplenty won and the evening ended with a Champagne Toast and a Lot of Good Wishes for a Happy 2018!

Thank you All Shelagh Gombarcik, ER



LOE CRAFTING

On January 14th, the LOE had their first Crafty Day of the year. The creativity was flowing as our ladies made beautiful pirate necklaces to wear at our Annual Gasparilla Party. Many wonderful pieces were crafted and I know they will be used for years to come. I'd like to thank Laura Jones and Sue Moore for donating jewelry items and supplies to our Crafty Day, thank you ladies!

This month we will be making a decorative lighted wine bottle. There are so many things that can be done with these decorated bottles. Your imagination is your only limitation. All level of crafters are welcomed. The cost is \$15 for the first bottle and \$5 for every bottle after that.

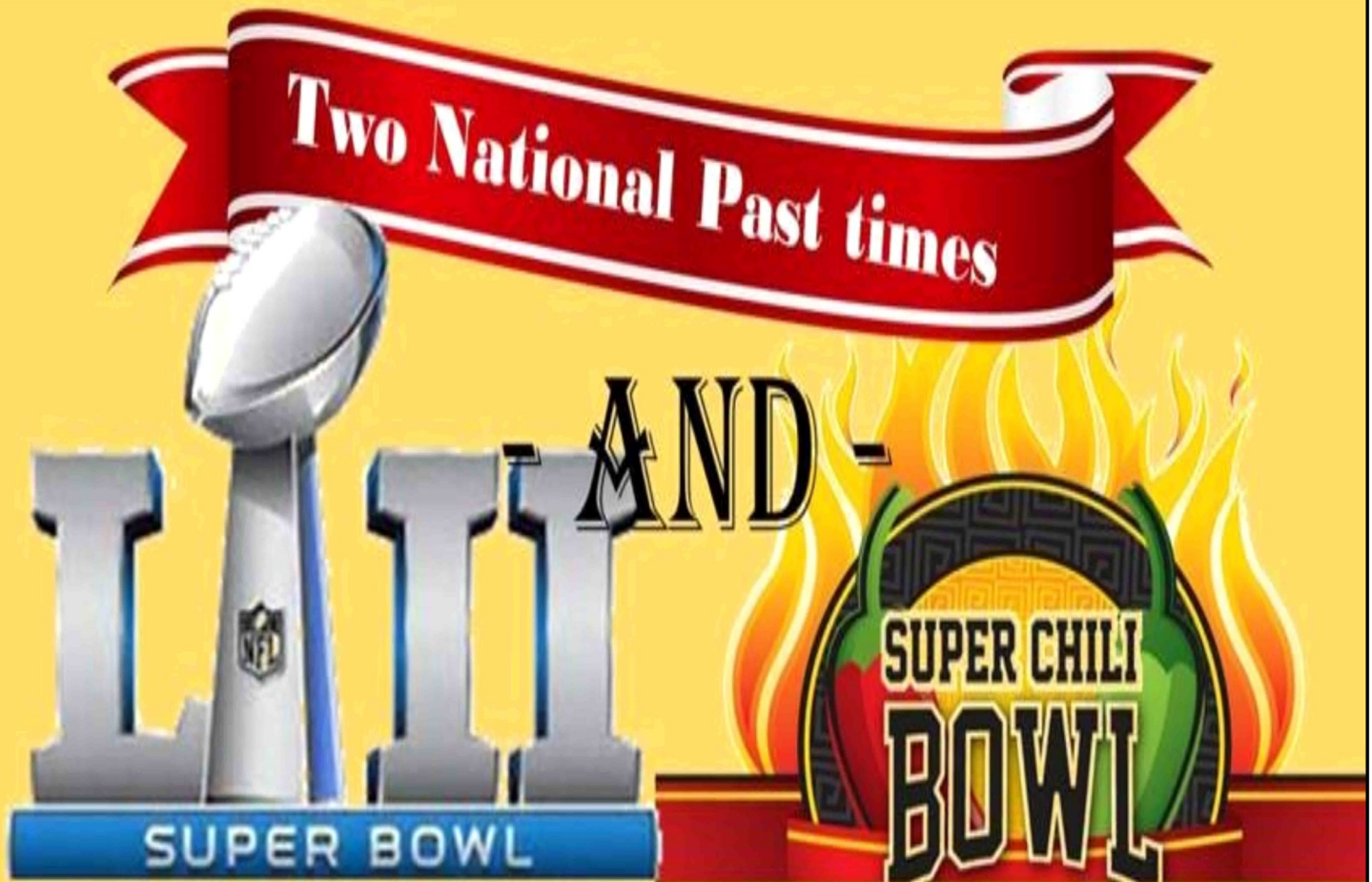


Sign up is a MUST! Sign up sheet is located on the LOE bulletin board. Hope to see you there.

**SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 18TH
AT 2PM**



Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events



Watch the Big Game

Superbowl Bingo & Basket o' Cheer

*****Amazon Echo Dot Raffle*****

Enter the Chili Cook - Off

Cash Prize for 1st Place

\$3 All-U-Can Eat

Courtney's Table will be open with hamburgers, hot dogs and .50 wings!

Looking for "Dessert Fans" to BRING IN SOMETHING to score that extra point!

(Chili and Dessert sign up sheets in foyer. Please bring chili in crock pot)

CHILI COOK OFF 5:00PM
GAME STARTS AT 6:30PM

Upcoming Events and Projects



**FEBRUARY 8TH
7PM**

Come on in and enjoy the tunes of the F & R Music Project

Featuring Fred Schmid and Rick Allen

While you try your luck at Queen of Hearts!

THE 2018 LOE WALKATHON



We meet at Ballast Point Park and walk down Bayshore and back. Everyone welcome, including your children and pets. Refreshments to follow.

If you cannot join us, please sponsor a member of the Ladies of the Elks!


FEBRUARY 11TH, 10AM

ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF YOUR DONATION WILL GO TO CHILDREN'S THERAPY SERVICES.

Get Your Soup On!

After the holidays, Super-Bowl, and Gasparilla are over, the #708 Ladies of the Elks is hosting a

"Souper" Silly Birthday Bash



to "sillibrate" everyone born in February. Come out for a night of silly karaoke, silly games, a silly hat contest (wear the silliest one you have), Aunt Fanny's Flea Market (back by request!), and souper varieties of homemade SOUP! (People's Souper Choice Award will be given for best soup.)

Saturday, February 17th - 6:00 pm
Soup's on around 6:30.

Only \$6 will get you all the soup and lots of extras you can eat, including the famous LOE ice cream sundae bar. If you have a birthday in February, it's free! (Bring your family and friends to help us celebrate!)

Another Crafty Idea from your LOE!

Design your own light up bottle for bar or counter top! Also wonderful for flavored oils or vinegars, gifts and more. The uses for this craft are only limited by your imagination!



February 25th

2pm to 4pm

\$15.00

An extra bottle may be purchased for an additional \$5.00

Calling All Epicurean Elks...



2018 Gourmet Club Kick-off

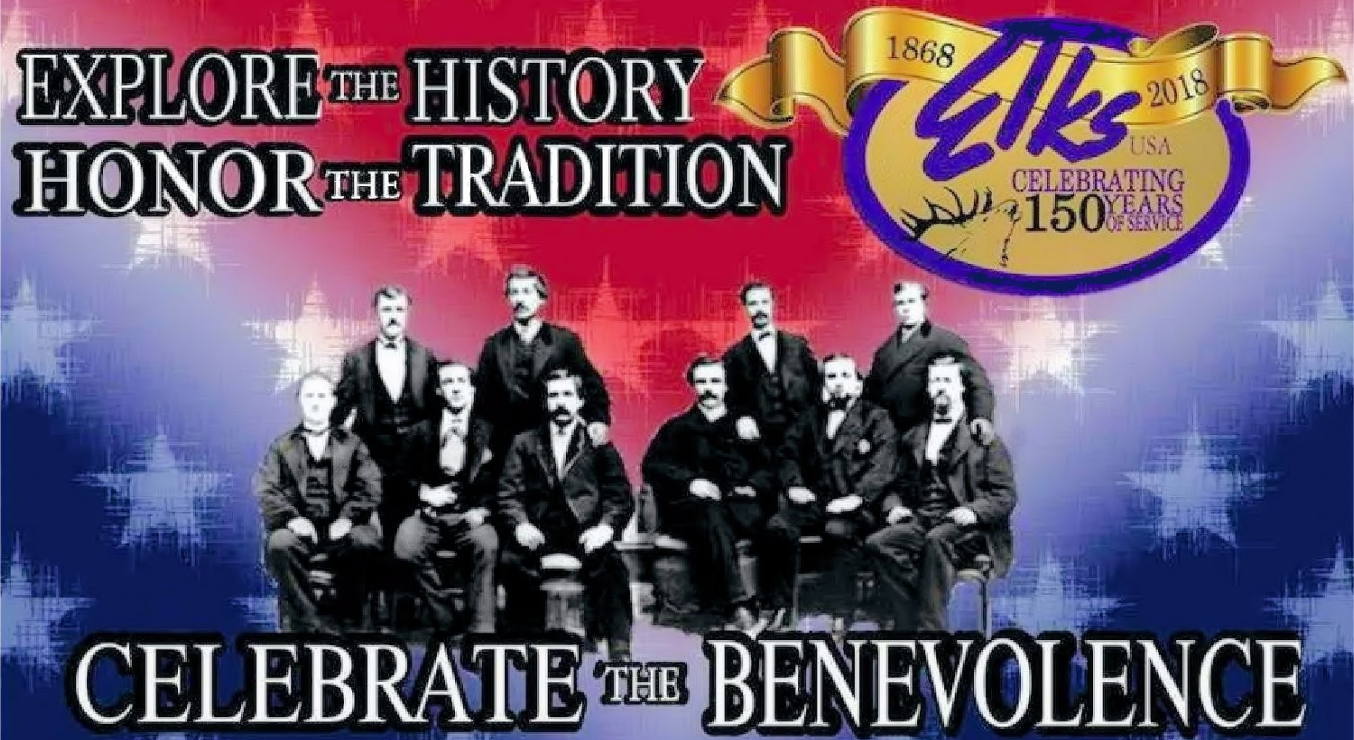
APPETIZERS

Sunday, February 25th
5:00 p.m.
(Note change to 4th Sunday of the month)

Bring us your impressive dishes, or just come with an appetite and a donation

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


Upcoming Events and Projects




**Come Celebrate Our
150th Anniversary
Saturday, February 24, 2018**

**Cocktails & Hor d'oeuvres 6pm
Historical Program 7pm
followed by a Champagne Toast
and an Italian Steak Dinner
prepared by Courtney's Table
(Entertainment by Captain Kirk Ingram)
\$15.00 per person
Tickets on sale at the bar.**

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>4th Sunday GOURMET CLUB</p> <p>Feb 25th - 5pm Join this fun group of Elks and cook up a storm, or enjoy their fabulous creations and lots of fun trivia!</p>	<p>MOVIE NIGHT</p> <p>Tuesday Night Movie 7:30 pm With Free Popcorn</p>	<p>MEETING NIGHT WEDNESDAY DINNER</p> <p><i>Courtney's Table AT 708</i> 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>Dinner - 5PM TO ?</p>
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<p>Courtney's Table AT 708 THURSDAY DINNER</p> <p>DINNER 5PM TO 9PM—Menu on page 14</p>  <p>QUEEN OF HEARTS</p> <p>Ticket sales till 6:45pm Drawing at 7pm</p>	<p>Triv?a NIGHT</p> <p>Thursday Feb. 15th \$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>	<p>MONTHLY BIRTHDAY PARTY</p> <p>One Saturday a month we honor members that celebrate their birthday that month. They enjoy a free drink, cake, prizes, karaoke & more.</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
James, Howard 3/2018
Easterly, Mr. & Mrs. James 10/18

Bronze Investors \$10 - \$20
Bertoch, Mellissa 2/2019

Lodge Business and Projects

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT:

I know of no more encouraging fact than the unquestioned ability of a man to elevate his life by conscious endeavor. . . Henry David Thoreau

Your house committee endeavors to ensure your Lodge and social quarters meet the needs and desires of our members. Behind the bar we've added Smith + Forge Hard Cider and Maker's Mark Bourbon.

As you know, Courtney's Table has announced a new schedule. As a result we've worked with Courtney to get simple one-dish offerings, that the bartender will serve, on the days CT is not open. Menu offerings will be:

MONDAY..... CHILI WITH CRACKERS
TUESDAY SHEPHERD'S PIE WITH A ROLL
NON-MEETING WEDNESDAY.... HAM AND BEANS WITH CRACKERS
SATURDAY..... SLOPPY JOES WITH CHIPS

We're going to try this for 2 or 3 weeks and see what kind of participation and feedback we get. In the meantime, enjoy!
 Laura Jones, House Committee Chair



Another great Member Benefit... Reduced Price Hall Rentals

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

For more information call:
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Thurs. Nights...drawing at 7pm
Ticket sales cut off at 6:45pm



♥ THE NEXT ♥ QUEEN OF HEARTS GAME

WILL BEGIN WITH A POT OF

\$1,000!

TICKETS WILL BE \$2.00 EACH AND
THERE WILL BE SOME
ADJUSTMENTS TO THE RULES.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO VIEW THE
RULES WHICH ARE POSTED IN THE
3 RING BINDERS PLACED AROUND

THE BAR AND

GOOD LUCK!

FEBRUARY LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 1st - House Committee Meeting 7:30pm
- 6th - LOE Board Meeting 7:30pm
- 7th - LOE Dinner 6:45pm - Meeting 7:00pm
- 13th - Board of Director's Meeting 7:30pm
- 14th - Orientation 6:00pm
- 14th - Officer's Meeting 7:00pm
- 14th - General Elks Meeting - Nominations 7:30pm
- 20th - VA Meeting 6:30pm
- 28th - Orientation 6:00pm
- 28th - Officer's Meeting 7:00pm
- 28th - General Meeting & Installation 7:30pm

Courtney's Table AT 708

Thursday & Friday Night Menu



5PM TO 6PM - \$6.95

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

5PM TO 9PM

STARTERS

- . FRIED MUSHROOMS W/RANCH OR AIOLI SAUCE \$4.25
- . FRIED ZUCCHINI W/RANCH OR AIOLI SAUCE \$4.95
- . FRIED CHEESE STICKS W/MARINARA SAUCE \$4.95

SALADS

- . WEDGE SALAD W/BALSAMIC GLAZE DRESSING, BLUE CHEESE CRUMBLES & BACON BITS \$4.50
****REPLACE HOUSE SALAD WITH WEDGE \$1.95 EXTRA****
- . 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 \$.95)

- . CAPI'S HOMEMADE MEATLOAF \$9.95
- . COUNTRY FRIED STEAK W/WHITE OR BROWN GRAVY..... \$9.95
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- . 2 LARGE FRIED FISH FILETS W/FRENCH FRIES, COLESLAW & HUSH PUPPIES\$11.95
****SIDE OF 5 HUSH PUPPIES.....\$1.99****
- . SHRIMP PASTA W/HOUSE SALAD & GARLIC BREAD.....\$10.95
- . HOMEMADE LASAGNA W/HOUSE SALAD & GARLIC BREAD \$9.95

KIDS MEALS

ALFREDO PASTA...\$4.50 MEATLOAF W/MASHED & VEGGIE.....\$4.50









DRINKS: SWEET & UNSWEET TEA, COFFEE.....\$1.75 COKE, DIET COKE OR SPRITE.....\$1.95

**ASK YOUR SERVER ABOUT THE FRIDAY SPECIALS
AND THE DESSERT SELECTION.**



TAMPA ELKS LODGE #708

FEBRUARY 2018 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	
					<p>1 <i>DINNER</i> 5PM TO 9PM</p> <p>House Committee 7:30</p>  Queen of Hearts 7pm	<p>2 <i>Dinner</i></p> <p>Early Bird 5pm to 6pm Dinner 6pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm</p> <p>KATHY & PAUL</p>	<p>3 VARep 9:30am to 2pm In back hall.</p>
<p>4 Sunday Brunch 9:30AM TO 2PM</p> <p>CHILI COOK OFF 5PM</p> <p>SUPER BOWL 6:30PM</p>	<p>5  CELEBRATING 150 YEARS 1868-2018</p> <p>150TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING 7:30PM</p> <p>Club Chivalry Meeting 1pm</p>	<p>6 </p> <p>LOE Board Meeting 7:30</p> <p>Movie Night 7:30pm Improve 7:00pm</p>	<p>7 </p> <p>LOE Dinner 6:45 Meeting 7:30pm</p>	<p>8 <i>DINNER</i> 5PM TO 9PM</p> <p> JAMES A HALEY VETERAN'S HOSPITAL</p>  Queen of Hearts Drawing	<p>9 <i>Dinner</i></p> <p>Early Bird 5pm to 6pm Dinner 6pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm</p> <p>PAUL NEEDLES</p>	<p>10 </p> <p>Boy Scout Pinewood Derby Races In back hall 12pm to 4pm</p>	
<p>11 Sunday Brunch 9:30AM TO 2PM</p> <p>LOE WALKATHON 10AM</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Improv Class 7:00 Movie Night 7:30pm</p> <p>BOD MEETING 7:30PM</p>	<p>14 Officer Meeting 7pm</p> <p>Elks General Meeting 7:30pm NOMINATION NIGHT!</p> <p><i>Meeting Night Grill 5PM TO 9PM</i></p>	<p>15 <i>DINNER</i> 5PM TO 9PM</p> <p>TRIVIA 7:15PM</p>  Queen of Hearts 7PM	<p>16 <i>Dinner</i> Dinner 5pm to 9pm</p> <p>7pm to 11pm</p> <p>KARAOKE</p> <p>Domiciliary Vets Join us for dinner</p>	<p>17 LOE SUPER SILLY BIRTHDAY BASH</p>  SOUP'S ON AT 6:30PM	
<p>18 Open Arms Feed the Homeless 7:30</p> <p>Sunday Brunch 9:30AM TO 2PM</p> <p>LOE Crafting 2PM to 4PM DECORATING BOTTLES</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Improv Class 7:00 Movie Night 7:30pm</p> <p>VA Committee Meeting 6:30</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 <i>DINNER</i> 5PM TO 9PM</p>  Queen of Hearts 7PM	<p>23 <i>Dinner</i> Dinner 5pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm</p> <p>RETRO VIBES James A Haley Vets Join us for dinner</p>	<p>24  CELEBRATING 150 YEARS 1868-2018</p> <p>150 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION</p>	
<p>25 Sunday Brunch 9:30AM TO 2PM</p> <p>GOURMET CLUB APPETIZERS 5PM</p>	<p>26 Club Chivalry Meeting</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Improv Class 7:00 Movie Night 7:30pm</p>	<p>28 Orientation 6pm</p> <p>Officer Meeting 7pm Elks General Meeting and Installation 7:30pm</p> <p><i>Meeting Night Grill 5PM TO 9PM</i></p>				

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**COME CELEBRATE OUR 150TH ANNIVERSARY
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24TH
COCKTAILS AND HOR D'OEUVERS 6PM - DINNER AT 7PM
\$15.00 PER PERSON - MORE INFO INSIDE**