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Mon - Thurs 4:00pm - 11:00pm

Fri 4:00pm - 12:00am

Sat 4:00pm - 11:00pm

Sun 2:00pm - 9:00pm



It is now July, and in July, Elks and Americans alike will be celebrating Independence Day and sharing our pride in being Americans. In July 1776, our forefathers sat inseparably to write the Declaration of Independence for our families and the betterment of this nation, for all generations, under God and country. Through their determination, self-discipline, and dreams came the United States of America. With that, our desire for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness is ever so much instilled in us and allows us to demonstrate our freedom of expression, religion, speech and to live free. As Americans, we are constantly criticized for our pride in the many things we have built and come to embrace: our melting pot of multicultural heritage and traditions; our rich entrepreneurial spirit; bringing ideas to life, and actively seeking out change. Just as important, is having the most powerful military in the world working around the world to support the vision that became a reality over 240 years ago. Through our forefathers, our independence began with the belief in God and in rights that are his gift to us. President Kennedy also believed in his religious foundations and principles, speaking on them during an Independence Day speech saying, "Our government was founded on the essential religious idea of integrity of the individual." It was this religious sense which inspired the authors of the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights." As Elks, we too follow such principles of God and country as exemplified in our mission, "We as Florida Elks believe in God, country and family and exist to promote the principles of charity to our community and to maintain the welfare and happiness of our members. Thanks to our forefathers for their vision and thanks to our soldiers and sailors around the world for their dedication. Thank YOU for being an Elk and an American, living in One Nation Under God, Indivisible With Liberty and Justice For All.

In Fraternal Brotherhood,

Dee Cisneros, ER

Your 2017-18 Committee Chairs

Vacant

Hoop Shoot & Soccer Shoot

Bonnie Atwood and Melissa Bertoch

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Brian Brantley, PER

VAVS Rep to James A. Haley
Inter-lodge Visitation

Rufus Hawkins

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Vacant

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Tommy Moore

ENF Chairman
Drug Awareness



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Laura Jones

Sue Moore

Tony Cruz

Shelagh Gombarcik

Logan Matthews

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Feeling like a Mushroom?

Become a Marty Smarty!

Just send an email to our Web-
master and EMAIL expert, Marty

Quire, and ask to have your name added to
his list. You will receive a weekly flyer and
other important notices about YOUR lodge.

mquire@tampabay.rr.com

July Elks Recognition

OFFICER OF THE MONTH:

Bob Suhrheinrich..this man really goes out of his way to serve the lodge and its members. He may be rough on the outside, but he is sure fire on the inside, making the lodge the success it is. His attention to detail to those smaller things are what he does well. He notices the wrongs and makes them right or brings them to the attention of others to make them right, making the lodge a better place to be. Great job, Dear Sir.



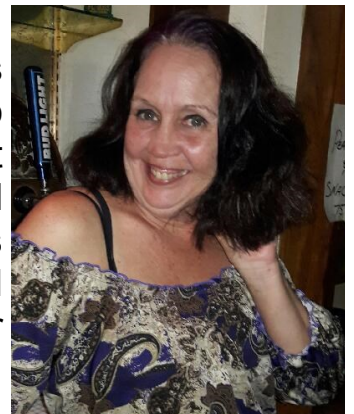
ELK OF THE MONTH:

Richard Florence...a wealth of knowledge. Reminds us of a teacher we all have had, simplifying facts in a manner that is understandable. His patience in his teachings is admirable. His knowledge base and memory, vast. Richard has brought to the lodge a sense of direction, as a child straying away from what is good, he is there to direct that child on the right path. When you see Richard around the lodge, ask him about what the lodge was like in the past and listen to the story he'll give you.



VOLUN"ELK" OF THE MONTH:

Delana Coffman...a hard worker...no doubt about it. Delana has come to us with an energy that is unlike any other. She is quick to help out in any manner possible to see the success of an event or the lodge itself. Her pleasantries around the bar and attentiveness raises her to a level of excellence. Her eagerness to help out in the kitchen, the bar, in the hall or in the social events, is an asset to the lodge. Just watch out when asking for the remotes, you may just get the whole basket.



VP VISITATION SEASON
JULY

Join us as we visit other lodges and meet new friends. VP Visitation is a great opportunity to fellowship with other ELK members from other lodges and see what is going on in the District.

July 14 St. Petersburg #1224

July 28 Tampa #708

Cocktails @ 5:30pm, Meeting @6:30pm, Dinner to follow

Supporting Reports



LOE President's Message

Thank you to all the fathers and their families who came out and celebrated Father's Day with the LOE. It was great to see everyone. We could not have had a successful day without the help of some special ladies. Thank you to Patty J, Rita Smith, Devoney Bedami, Carolyn Breit and Sue Moore. Your side dishes made the day shine.

Executive Board

Jacquie LoCicero—President
 Suzanne Moore—V. President
 Devoney Bedami—Secretary
 Robert Bordanaro—Treasurer
 Carolyn Breit—Chaplain
 Boonie Atwood—Parliamentarian

On August 25th at 6pm the LOE will be hosting, along with the Improvaholics, a night of comedy. We hope to see you there.

As of this month, the LOE has reached a goal of \$2000 for Children's Therapy Services. That's not to mean that we wouldn't want to send more if we could. If you have any houses that are filled or spare change rolling around your purse or car, we will be happy to put that towards our donation. You can turn in your change to any LOE Officer or Berni. Thank you for all do to help us. **Jacquie LoCicero, President, Ladies of the Elks**

JULY Birthdays from Carolyn Breit:

7/1 Florence Wayne, 7/2 Alice Ferrari, 7/8 Devoney Bedami, Candi Suhrheinrich, Susan Hagan, 7/10 LaVelle Sheppard, 7/15 Jacqueline Appel, 7/21 Nancy Dudley, 7/25 Elma Kelly, 7/29 Beth Boyd (and forgotten in the May bulletin, 5/27 Fran Aberle)



Committee Communications



Thanks to all who donate. I know there are so many little charities around the lodge but this is still one of our oldest and dearest charities. Please don't forget about the houses around the bar and tables. Our full house donors are: Tony Moreno, Jackie Appel, Berni Turpin, Donna Halsey, Sandra Brantley, and one anonymous house. I think Linda Reid also left a house. Without you guys and the coins from the bar I don't know what we'd do. Thanks so much. Remember to take home a house because it is so easy to fill and makes such a difference to our therapy kids. Hope all the kids had a great holiday. And as always, lots of Love. **Fraternally, Berni Turpi**



I want to thank each and every one of you who have donated to the ENF and HATF. It really means a lot. At the Florida Elks Convention over the Memorial Day weekend, Tampa Elks Lodge #708 was awarded a plaque for 1st place in our division and 1st in the state for our per capita which was over \$40.85 per member. A great job was done by everyone. The next time you are in the Lodge, check out the Antler Room where we have the plaque on display. **Tommy Moore, Chairman**

Drug Awareness:

Hope everyone is enjoying the hot days of summer. Soon it will be back to school. Have fun and remember: Be a Hero, Just say No to drugs. Check out the Elks Kids Summer Camp online at: faelks.org. You will be glad you did. **Fraternally, Tommy Moore, Chairman**





Summertime Trivia

Challenge your brain while having a fun time around your favorite bar! \$2 per person; 100% of proceeds goes for Veterans' dinners. Changes have been made! Trivia will be played by singles or in teams (up to 4 players). Grand prize - \$10 bar tab! See you on the following dates:

Jul 19, Aug 16, Sep 13



Good day from the Chaplain's Corner. Together we celebrate our 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/needs for lifting up our brothers and sisters to the Lodge Secretary at lodge708secretary@outlook.com

Please pray with me.

Heavenly Father and all-seeing God, you sent your Son as a light to shine in our darkness. Help us to listen to what Jesus is saying to us, and to act on your Word so that rivers of living waters might flow from our hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Chaplain's Chuckles!

A prison chaplain was walking a convicted criminal to the gallows to be hanged. On the way, the chaplain said to the prisoner, "The future will be much better for you in Heaven."

"You don't really believe that!" replied the prisoner.

"I most certainly do," responded the chaplain.

"Then switch places with me," said the prisoner, "because I like the present just fine."



Have something to say? A concern about the lodge? Or just want to be in the know? Come to a General meeting. Meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7:30pm.

JULY LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

9th—Promise Grant Meeting 7:30pm
 10th—BOD Meeting 7:15pm
 11th - General Elk Meeting 7:30pm
 16th - 2021 Meeting 7:00pm
 17th – VA Meeting 6:30pm
 25th – General Elks meeting 7:30pm

Special and Upcoming Events

**TAMPA LODGE 708
2018
VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
SATURDAY, JULY 28TH**

**THEME:
GREEK MYTHOLOGY
"GODS & GODDESSES"**

**5:30pm Cocktails
6:30pm – VP Address
Dinner to Follow**

Hall Rentals

As we move forward with our hall rentals, there are several issues we need to address. First, this is a LODGE effort. The financial success of the hall rentals puts the lodge in a much better financial position. This is a win for all. In order for us to be on task with the hall rentals this cannot be a one or two person responsibility to market, show the hall at the customer's convenience, set up, clean up and more. So where does the membership's responsibilities fall. First and foremost, making sure our hall is always in a presentable fashion. One never knows when a potential customer will want a tour of the place they are considering renting for their party, wedding or family reunion. With that in mind, if you have an event, meeting or a gathering that involves the hall, it is your responsibility to leave the hall in a condition that would allow a tour to be given in a moment's notice.

We are often called upon to show the hall at the customer's convenience, morning, noon or evenings. There are only so many times I can tell a bride "envision this", trying to get her to look beyond the clutter. As you know, we have a LOT of competition for rentals in this area, so it is in our best interest to maintain our lodge's hall in the most positive light. The success of the hall rentals can relieve some of financial stressors on the lodge and at the end of the day as the saying goes "That is a good thing." If you would like to be a part of the hall rental committee or have any positive suggestions, please feel free to contact me.

Jacquie LoCicero

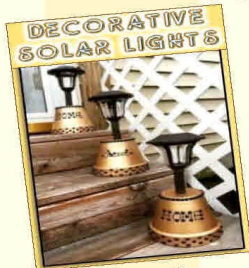
Special and Upcoming Events

LOE LEFTOVERS CRAFT DAY

SUNDAY, JULY 14TH, 2PM

Come try you hand, a second time, at your favorite craft!

\$15 for your first choice
\$10 for any other



Sign up on the LOE Bulletin Board is a **MUST** and please let Jacquie know what craft you are interested in doing so she can reserve it for you.

(There is a limited supply.)

DIY SHARPIE MUGS



PAINT STICK FLAGS



You can reach Jacquie LoCicero , LOE Chairman at loetampa708@yahoo.com

MGM Charity Partners **Friends** and **Tampa Elks 708**

Come together for a **FUN Fundraiser!**

A Quarter Auction

SUNDAY, JULY 29TH - 2PM TO 5PM

20 Venders, Wide Variety of Auction Items, Exciting Door Prize Drawing for Participants and a 50/50 Drawing.

Entry Fee \$5.00 entitles you to 1 Paddle & a Door Prize Ticket. Additional Paddles \$2 Each or \$5 for 3

2pm to 3pm

Cocktails, Perusing and Meeting the Vendors 3pm to 5pm - Auction Time

This is a cash only event and please bring your own quarters.

Look for the Rules and Regulation posted in the bar book, on line, and throughout the Lodge.

Special and Upcoming Events

New Member Spaghetti Dinner



Wednesday, July 25th
from 5pm to 7pm

All new members from April 1st,
Eat FREE!
all others \$7.00



*Calling All
Epicurean Elks...*

2018 Gourmet Club



**IT'S
NEVER
TOO EARLY
TO
Tailgate**



2018 Gourmet Club Tailgate Mini-Camp!

Sunday, July 22nd, 5:00 p.m.

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

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

July Live Entertainment



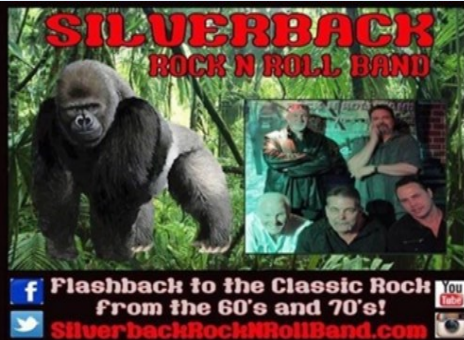
Friday Live Music—7/6 6:30-10pm

Keith & Ruby have been entertaining for decades and they have a great show with music from every ERA. Keith is famous for his impressions of Johnny Cash, Neil Diamond and Elvis Presley, and everyone always enjoys their fun show.

Thursday, 7/12
6:30pm to 10:30pm



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Thursday 7/12 6:30-10:30pm

For those who want to listen and/or dance to a full band and stretch out and have some fun, we are trying a new concept for a periodic Dance Hall Event. This month enjoy the famous Silverback band playing your favorite 60's and 70's Classic Rock in the back hall.



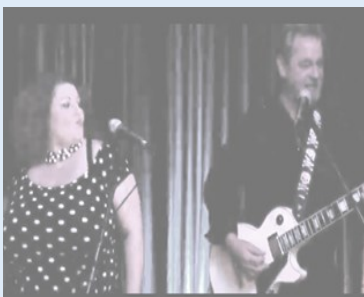
Friday – 7/13 Live Music from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

Put on your dancing boots and come down and listen to some great blues, southern rock, outlaw, and red dirt country. Razz Taylor and the Mystic River Band will keep your toes tapping and your hands clapping!



Friday Live Music – 7/20 from 6:30 to 10 pm

Come enjoy the soulful sounds of the Limestone Cowboy, singing your favorite Rock, Country and Folk music. Nick has been featured in many bands, but especially loves playing solo, so he can play to the crowd and play the songs they want to hear.



Friday Live Music – 7/27 from 6:30 to 10p

JK Crum Entertainment is a fun and entertaining Duo in the Tampa Bay area, playing top 40 Country, Oldies, and Rock n Roll. They have a fun and interactive show, and get the crowd involved and interacting with the show!

On Going Calendar



**4th Sunday
GOURMET
CLUB**

Social Qtrs - 5pm
Join this fun group of
Elks and cook up a
storm, or enjoy their
fabulous creations and
lots of fun trivia!

**Monday
LET'S GET
SOCIAL!**

Start off the week socializing
with great people and great
drinks!

**MOVIE
NIGHT**

Tuesday
Night Movie
7:30 pm
With Free
Popcorn



**QUEEN
of
HEARTS
EVERY THURSDAY**
Ticket Sales til 6:45pm
Drawing at 7pm

**Triv?a
NIGHT**

Third Thursday of Month
\$2.00 to play
All proceeds go to offset the
cost of the Veteran's meals.
Great Fun!
Hosted this month by:
Candi Surheinrich

**MONTHLY
BIRTHDAY
PARTY**

Every month we honor
members and celebrate
thier birthday. They enjoy a
free drink, cake, prizes,
karaoke & more.

Lodge Business and Programs



Partners in Progress or PIP

Platinum Investors \$100+

- Schneider, Rick & Jan 5/18
- Johnson, Jack 5/18
- Suhrheinrich, Bob & Candice 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
- Osterbrock, Debbie 4/19
- In memory of
Fennell, Jerrye & Patrick 5/19
- Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 6/19
- Edwards, Bill (PER/PLP) 6/19
- 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. Our goal is to increase our overall financial strength determined to secure the future of Tampa Elk's 708 future.

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



TAMPA ELKS LODGE #708

JULY 2018 Calendar of activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 7pm Queen of Hearts 	6 6:30-10pm Keith & Ruby Duo 6-8pm ER Taco Night	7
Grand Lodge Convention—San Antonio						
8 2:00pm Wine Event...Wine Paring experience! \$15 per person, \$25 for 2	9 7:30pm Promise Grant Meeting	10 5pm Delana's Eats. 7:15pm BOD Meeting	11 9-10:15am MGM Networking Meeting 7:30pm Elks General Meeting	12  6-8pm Bingo James Haley 7pm Queen of Hearts 6-8pm Carl's Country Fried Steak 6:30-10:30pm Silverback	13 6:30pm - 10pm Live Music/ Mystic River	14 5:30pm VP Visitation St.Pete Lodge
15 7:00am Open Arms Ministry...Feed the Homeless 2pm LOE Craft Day	16 7pm 2021 Convention Committee Meeting	17 5pm Delana's Eats. 6:30pm VA Committee Meeting	18	19 6-8pm Bob O, Betty & Tommy Wings or Tenders Baskets 7pm Queen of Hearts 	20 6-10pm Limestone Cowboy 6-8pm Shelagh's Specialty sandwiches	21 6:30pm July Birthday party Bash
22 5pm Gourmet Club/ Tailgating theme	23	24 5pm Delana's Eats	25 5 - 7pm New Member Spaghetti Dinner. 7:30pm Elks General Meeting	26 7pm Queen of Hearts 5-8pm ER Hot grill night 	27 6:30-10pm JK Crum Entertainment 6pm Lodge & Haley VA Vets Dinner	28 5:30pm VP Visitation Tampa Lodge
29 2 - 5pm MGM AND ELKS - QUARTER ACTION - FOOD AVAILABLE	30	31 5pm Delana's Eats				

Elks Tampa 708 size

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OUR CURRENT SUPPORTERS

Ted Bass - 2/2018
Melissa Bertoch - 2/2018
In Memory of
Harold Siddens, Linda & Richard 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
Bob & Candice Suhrheinrich 6/2018
Pat & Marilyn Fennel 6/2018
Robert Bordonaro 7/2018
In Memory of Tom Stanton - 9/2018

Rebecca Sullins - 02/2019
Debbie Osterbrock - 04/2019
Donna Halsey- 6/2019
Jerrye & Patrick Fennell 6/2019
Mrs. Helen Stanton,
Bonnie Atwood - 9/2019
Bill Deen - 6/2020
Deborah Cassels 6/2020
In memory of
John F. Morris - 3/2021
South Tampa Chamber of Commerce
12/2021
Vera Wright 6/2023



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\$10.00 a year helps to defer the cost of our publication and allows us to direct more of our annual income to the charities and organizations we support.
Thank you!