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Last year, President Trump declared the month of November to be National Veterans and Military Families Month. This is the first time Americans will celebrate veterans and their military families for the entire month, rather than just on Veterans' Day. VA Secretary Shulkin stated, "Our Veterans and military families are an important part of our lives throughout the year, and by focusing for the first time nationally on a whole month of activities nationwide for Veterans and Military Families Month, we can more fully celebrate and recognize their contributions to the nation." Living so close to MacDill AFB and within the South Tampa community, our Veterans have shaped and are a major part of who we are as a community and as a lodge. With many Veterans both active and inactive in our lodge, and for those who have donned a uniform, it is important to them that we understand and recognize their service and sacrifice. We must ensure these individuals are never forgotten, and that their actions stay alive in our memories-and in our hearts. This is important for honoring the heroes of today-and those heroes and veterans of years gone by who paved the way. As Elks, let's look to the memory of our fallen Elks, at the Veterans Memorial Building, dedicated in 1926 after WWI, which rises at the heart of Elkdom in Chicago. Elks are never forsaken and are never forgotten. A veteran-whether active duty, retired, national guard, or reserve-is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to The 'United States of America', for an amount of 'up to and including my life.'

In Fraternal Brotherhood, Exalted Ruler, Dee Cisneros

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A Warm WELKome To Our New Elks



IT'S A GREAT YEAR TO BECOME AN ELK





























Welcome to all of our new Elk Members. This is one of the bigger classes of initiates to the lodge. We welcome you all and we hope you will find your home at Tampa Elks #708 to be pleasurable and rewarding. Our new members should know that we are looking for volunteers to get involved in some of the great aspects of the lodge, whether it is helping with activities inside the lodge or volunteering out in the community.

October Elks Recognition

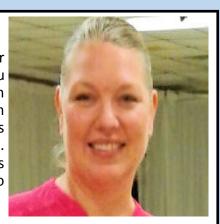
OFFICER OF THE MONTH:

Rita Smith has always been behind the scenes getting things done. Her exceptional commitment to the writing grants is notice not only by those at the lodge, but also throughout the District. Rita has stepped up to help out in the kitchen to provide meals for our Vets and members. Although she may be a silent attribute the Lodge's success, her voice carries greatly in lodge operations. She is tired less in what she does for the lodge, District and Vets, and it is greatly appreciated.



ELK OF THE MONTH:

Kristina Chowning is the daughter of George Hilficker, and has been an Elk for quite a while now. She regularly does volunteer work on our behalf, but you rarely see her. That is because she is our Club Chivalry Sponsor at Robinson High School, where she is also full time staff. Because she is back in a classroom and no longer the Success Coach, we were going to have a new sponsor this year. That plan fell apart over the summer, and we almost lost our Club. Kristina agreed to give up her lunch break to remain our sponsor, and things are back on track. Thanks Kristina for the hundreds of hours you have put into our Club Chivalry to make it the great success it is!



VOLUN'ELK OF THE MONTH:

Douglas Grant is Rita's son, Patty Volpe's brother and new member Christien Elkin's uncle. He has been regularly volunteering in the Lodge's kitchen on Friday nights or for several months. In addition, he occasionally has volunteered at Open Arms on the Elks day to serve. Throughout his adult life, Doug has been a frequent recruit when Rita is running an event. He used to say he was voluntold. Now he is a true volunteer.





Ladies of the Elks



LOE President's Message

LOE At the Ronald McDonald House



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On October 7th the LOE had the privilege of making dinner for the parents staying at the Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House is a not for profit organization that gives a home-like temporary residence for families of children being treated at nearby hospitals.

Our menu was ambitious, Beef, wild rice and Mushroom bake, Apple Walnut Salad, Roasted Vegetables and Carmel Apple Dump Cake. Fear not, our Ladies whipped it out and the finished meal looked and smelled wonderful. Thank you to the Ladies who volunteered to make this Sunday evening dinner extra special, Shelagh Gombarcik, Carolyn Breit, Patty Jankiewcz and Devoney Bedami. A very special thank you to Candi Surheinrich who encouraged the LOE to volunteer with the RMH. Our dinner was made with love in memory of Candi's beloved son, Scott Hernandez.









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November Birthdays from Carolyn Breit:

11/3 Sandy Lessard, 11/5 Patricia Bellairs, 11/8 Suzanne Moore, 11/17 Bonnie Quire, 11/18 Lucille Schoonmaker, 11/27 Bob Suhrheinrich, 11/30 Sheryl Jorgensen



Committee Communications



Hello everyone. This month we say thanks to the many things in our daily lives, our family, our friends. The good things that the Elk National Foundation does for our members, our community that we try and give back with our grants that we get from the ENF. We do so many things with those grants. The ENF needs your support. Please give as you can. It means a lot to and for

all of us. To our Vets We say:Thank You,and a Happy Thanksgiving to all. We will be doing a Fall Festival on November the 3rd from 10am till 2pm on the school grounds at Lanier Elementary. Plenty of things to see and do. We will have a booth set up and be giving out prizes when you spin the wheel. Plenty of fun for everyone. We will showing what the Elks are all about and how we give back to our community. Remember be a "HERO" Just Say No Drugs Fraternally, Tommy Moore



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

Happy fall, Happy November to all. John14:1

Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. Ecclesiates 12:7 And the dust returns to earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

As we mourn those who have passed this last month let us be strong in our belief that God is with us. He gave his only son for us. This is how much he loved us.

Let us continue our work as Elks and Ladies to do what we do best in His name. Let us all reach out a hand and give a comforting word to those who have suffered a loss or who are dealing with sickness and distress.

Remember also that as we continue to work to benefit our charities it's OK to laugh, to smile and spread the news of our good work.

Forever grateful, in His name, Amen

Fraternally, Betty Orcutt

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.

November LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

6th—LOE Board Meeting 6:45pm

7th—LOE Meeting 7:30pm

13th - BOD Mtg 7:15pm

14th - ELKS Gen. Mtg 7:30pm

20th – VA Committee Mtg 6:30pm

28th—NO Elks Gen. Mtg (per By-Laws)

Elks active in the community

Elks Lodge members actively supporting the 'Open Arms' program at Hyde Park Methodist Church. The program supplies meals and clothing to those in need in the Tampa community, once a month. The money for the charity activity is made possible through the Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant, which assists local community outreach and partnership programs. If you would like to get involved with the Open Arms program or have any questions, please see Rita Smith or Courtney Weil. Come join us...it is addicting to serve.



November 18st Save the Date!

Our Beacon Grant Date for the Elks to feed the Homeless a great Thanksgiving meal is November 18th this year. The serving line opens at 8:00AM, so try to be in the door by 7:30 to get the best jobs, and maybe a quick tour. This is an exceptional opportunity for you to unite your family before the holidays in a service project where you just show up, sign in and start working – no purchases to be made. In fact – leave your purse in the trunk! Children from about 10 years and up are welcome to pitch in. This will probably be the best 2 hours of your day – you will be finished by 9:30 and those "I feel good!" endorphins will be flooding your system!

The official address for the Hyde Park United Methodist Church is 500 Platt Street, but you want to park in one of the two lots at the corner of Azeele and Magnolia. Go in the kitchen door right at that corner- it is well marked. Our own Courtney Weil, PER, will be running the kitchen, so once you walk in she will be right there to direct you. You can come as early as 6:30 if you want- but 7:30 is early enough to get the job done. Expect to be impressed with what a great operation it is, and how many people are served.



Welcome Home Mike Sexton,



Last month we met Mike Sexton, an Air Force Veteran who was rehoused following a traumatic brain injury. All things considered, he got his mobile home in pretty good shape quite fast. Besides his big gift of a TV from the Sullins, his family bought him a bed and they all pitched in on the other items he needed the most. The Reids and the Harlows contributed some kitchen wares and a few decorative items. By the time we went shopping, he was down to thinking he just needed a microwave to be completely set up. Of course, he did still need a few more items than just that, and the money was depleted quickly. Besides a nice 1000-watt, 1.1 cubic inch microwave, we purchased a hand vacuum, a space heater, a small coffee maker, a tool box set, a specialty light bulb for his oven and then spent the

remainder on some groceries. He was very happy, and grateful when I dropped him and his purchases off back at home. He texted me his Thanks to the Tampa Elks before I even got home!



Meet Mario,

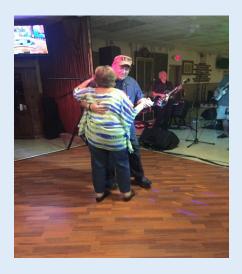
Mario is another Veteran that we met through the James A. Haley Domiciliary. He served in the Navy from 2010-2015, stationed in Okinawa. He has recently moved into a nice one-bedroom apartment in West Tampa and does not own any furniture at all. He does have a sleeping bag, a TV and gaming system, and since he is no stranger to hardship he is getting by, for now. Besides a complete bedroom and living room set and dinette, Marion also mentioned that he needs a coffee pot, George Forman grill, a knife block, towels for both kitchen and bath, a dish drainer, sink plugs, and a long throw rung for his bathroom. He has also just started working. If you can help Mario out with any of these items, please let me know. I can usually make arrangements for large items to be delivered.

Rita Smith

Domiciliary Vets join us every third Friday







Elks Special Events

The LOE Sock Hop was a great success. Chaired by Donna Halsey, many members and guest twisted, shimmied and shook the night away. Most members dressed for the occasion and awards given to their costumes. The event brought in \$1239 profit with ZERO EXPENSES TO THE LODGE. Donna donates heavily to the 365, and is a faithful volunteer at Open Arms. Thank you



Attention Tampa Elk Members:

Are you or your spouse a Veteran?

Come have dinner on us!

November 9th

6:30-8:30

The Tampa Elks Lodge #708 Veterans Committee would like to honor our Lodge Veterans by treating them to a meal. Whether yours is a membership card or a spouse card, if you are a Veteran, please join us for a free meal.

This offer applies to an appetizer, entrée, and dessert from the Price Fixed menu for the member or spouse who is both an Elk and a Veteran.

Choose from Steak, Ribs or Coconut Shrimp.



Proof of Service may be requested.



Join Lynn Brown & crew for Thanksgiving Dinner November 22nd, 2018 2:00 PM

(Turkey, Ham & all the typical sides) \$8.00

Bring your favorite side dish

Please use the Sign up
Sheet in the Social
Quarters to reserve
your spot.





Your Tampa LOE presents the 2018



December 6th, 6pm

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

Now that's the Holiday Spirit!

If you would like to donate to the bazaar please contact Jacquie LoCicero at loetampa708@yahoo.com







Mark your

Partners In Progress

Friends of 708

RSVP ONLINE NOW!

Tampa Elks 708 will be holding a Partners In Progress & Friends of 708 event on Saturday December 1, 2018 at 5:00 PM. The purpose of the event is to recognize current Lodge Partners and Friends of 708 and to provide information to anyone in attendance that does not currently belong to either program. **There will be no pressure to join.**

Dinner will be provided at no cost to the current Lodge Partners and Friends of 708. Members and guests who just want to attend are welcome and will be charged \$10.00 per person at the door to cover the cost of dinner.

TO ATTEND YOU MUST RSVP IN ADVANCE USING A REGISTRATION LINK ON TAMPAELKS.COM.

If you cannot register online then contact Steve Harmon, PDD at steve@floridaelks.org or 813-508-2315. The deadline to register is Monday November 26,2018.

November Live Entertainment



Friday Live Music - 11/2 from 6:30 to 10 pm in the Lounge

Also, gourmet Food Truck "Twisted South" Southern food with a Twist....in the parking lot starting at 5 pm.

Krossing Jordan has over 7 decades of songs...they are a very entertaining and dynamic duo!



Saturday Live Music - 11/3 from 3 to 7pm

Patriotic Picnic and Fundraiser for our Vets with Live Music for only \$20! Special entertainment by the famous Scarlett Moon Band which is Florida's Hottest Variety/Dance band! Dance, Funk, R&B, Soul and Rock.

Members are professional touring musicians with the concert tribute group Fleetwood Max - The Definitive Fleetwood Mac Tribute!



Friday Live Music - 11/9 from 6:30 to 10 pm in the Lounge

Back by popular request - Bitter-Sweet is a talented Duo who cover a wide range of musical styles from Country to Motown and everything in-between, and cover music from the 1950's through present day hits. Deb's dynamic vocals have pleased audiences nationally and internationally and Tony has performed with or opened for National Acts such as Linda Ronstadt, Lionel Richie,

Jackson Brown to name a few as a guitarist and/or backup vocalist. **Dinner: BBQ ribs or Co-**

conut shrimp- Assorted appetizers and dessert-



Friday Live Music – 11/16 from 6:30 to 10 pm in the Lounge

By popular request, we were lucky to get the Rusty Blue Band which is one of the most popular Rock and Blues bands in the area, and they have a faithful following. Get ready to Rock!

Dinner: Steak or 1/2 Baked Chicken



Friday Fun Game Night -

11/23 in the Lounge

Enter with a team to win big prizes!

Dinner: Leftovers from Thanksgiving



NAME SOMETHING PEOPLE SAY HEY'LL HAVE TIME TO DO ONCE

Friday Live Music - 11/30 from 6:30 to 10 pm in the Lounge

The Double Shot Trio band will entertain us with Country, Rock and Oldies. **Dinner:** (TBD)

On Going Calendar





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



Tuesday Night Movie 7:30 pm With Free Popcorn





EVERY THURSDAY
Ticket Sales til 6:45pm
Drawing at 7pm



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



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+

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 Deen, William 11/2018 Smith, Rita 11/2018 Osterbrock, Debbie 4/19 In memory of Fennell, Jerrye & Patrick 5/19 Johnson, Jack 5/19 Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 6/19 Edwards, Bill (PER/PLP) 6/19 Walbart, Mark 6/19 Appel, Jackie 6/19 Florance, Richard 11/2020

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 3/2019 Easterly, Mr. & Mrs. James 10/18

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





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Hope to see you at the event.

Steve Harmon, PDD



TAMPA ELKS LODGE #708

NOV 2018 Calendar of activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> 7pm QOH ☐	2	3 3pm Patriotic Picnic
4 1pm Bucs vs Carolina	5 7pm Monday Night Football Tailgate Party Titans vs Cowboys	6 5pm Delana's EatsOne Dish Pot Luck 7:15 LOE BOD Mtg 7:30pm Movie	7 6:45pm LOE Dinner \$4 7:30pm LOE Mtg	7pm Queen of Hearts Carl's Country Fried Steak \$8	9 6:30-8:30pm Veterans Appreciation Dinner 6:30pm Bits & Pieces ks Mid Year Confe	10 6:30pm No- vember Birth- day party Potluck
11 1pm Bucs vs Washington 1-3pm Hall Rental	12 7pm Monday Night Football Tailgate Party 6pm Kids Xmas party committee Mtg	13 5pm Delana's EatsOne Dish Pot Luck 7:15pm BOD Mtg 7:30pm Movie	14 9-10:15am MGM Network- ing Mtg 7:30pm Elks Gen Mtg	15 5:30-8pm Pork loin w/gravy Dinner \$8 7pm Queen of Hearts	16 6:30-8:30pm Domicilary Vet visit and dinner Steak/ or chicken 6:30-10pm Rusty Blue	17 7-11pm The Jukebox Johnnies Band (Food TBD)
18 7:30am Open Arms Minis- tryThanksgiving 1pm Bucs vs Gi- ants 2:00pm LOE Craft Day	19 7pm Monday Night Football Tailgate Party 7:15pm 2021 Convention Mtg	20 5pm Delana's EatsOne Dish Pot Luck. 6:30pm VA Committee Mtg 7:30pm Movie	21 7pm Queen of Hearts will be held today due to Thanksgiving	22 2pm Thanksgiv- ing Dinner by Lynn Brown and crew	23 James Haley Vets visit and dinner 5pm LOE decorates lodge 7:30pm Family Feud	24 5:30-9pm Medal of Honor Recipients Mtg/ dinner in back hall
25 1pm Bucs-San Fran	26 7pm Monday Night Football Tailgate Party- Party	27 5pm Delana's EatsOne Dish Pot Luck 7:30pm Movie	28	29 7pm Queen of Hearts 6-8pm Meatloaf or stuffed tomatoes plate	30 6:30-10pm Double Shot will perform 6-8pm Fish Fry	



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Rebecca Sullins - 2/2019
Debbie Osterbrock - 4/2019
Donna Halsey— 6/2019
Jerrye & Patrick Fennell 6/2019
Robert Bordonaro 7/2019
Mrs. Helen Stanton,
Bonnie Atwood - 9/2019



Bill Deen - 6/2020
Deborah Cassels 6/2020
Berni Turpin,
In Memory of Robert Connor 7/2020
In memory of
John F. Morris - 3/2021
South Tampa Chamber of Commerce
2/2023
Vera WrightIn Memory of Harold Wright 6/2023

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