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Darkness falls across the land The midnight hour is close at hand Creatures crawl in search of blood To terrorize y'all's neighborhood And whomsoever shall be found Without the soul for getting down Must stand and face the hounds of hell And rot inside a corpse's shell The foulest stench is in the air The funk of forty thousand years And grisly ghouls from every tomb Are closing in to seal your doom And though you fight to stay alive Your body starts to shiver For no mere mortal can resist The evil of the thriller

From the immortal words of Vincent Price, this is October and it will be a Thriller. October is one of my favorite times of year, and we have great events coming up for the month. We are going into the holiday season and I want to wish you all a great season of festivities but to also be safe. Around the lodge, you see that we have been making progress with some changes and also some different looks. We will continue to clean, take out, fix and make the lodge a better place for our members and guests. As you or have not seen in the Antler room, we have new games. I'm excited to see them and folks playing them. Hopefully we can get into the South Tampa bowling league and also have some other tournaments and add a pool table too. Excitement is growing and so should the lodge. So come down to the lodge and be apart of that excitement. In Fraternal Brotherhood, Exalted Ruler, Dee Cisneros

Your 2017-18 Committee Chairs

Vacant

Hoop Shoot & Soccer Shoot

Bonnie Atwood and Melissa Bertoch. Lisa Hayes Auditing Committee

Brian Brantley, PER VAVS Rep to James A. Haley Inter-lodge Visitation

Rufus Hawkins Community Projects & Activities

Dee Cisneros Americanism Flag Day

Georgia Hilficker Advertising Materials Web Calendar

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Try the new Coppertail Octoberfest Beer!

Buy an Octoberfest Beer Stein



and receive a free beer!

Proceeds from beer stein sales go to the 2021 Jund.

October Elks Recognition

OFFICER OF THE MONTH:

Courtney Weil, her energy is contagious. She is ALWAYS on the move. This month she was instrumental in getting the kitchen situated for weekly operations and having the bar operations run smoothly. Her experience and methodology is what propels her to do her job with such ease and confidence. Her ongoing efforts to excel, both inside and outside the lodge, demonstrates her commitment to the ELKS Organization and its growth.

ELK OF THE MONTH:

Georgia Hilficker is the woman behind the scenes. As she may not be seen much around the lodge, her influence is. Her fabulous artistic ability is evident around the lodge. Her flyers get out the information that we all need and are looking for. Requests can go to her in minutes and impressively be completed by the end of the day, helping to make lodge events a success. She has been a tremendous help in getting publications out in the past and continues to lend a hand when ever it is needed. Thank you Georgia, our Artwork Ninja.

VOLUN"ELK" OF THE MONTH:

Jason Leung, you have seen him in the lodge from time to time. He has come to us with good timing. He is really nice and quick to lend a hand where ever needed. His help in setting up in the hall or especially, helping out in the kitchen is so very much appreciated. Jason isn't afraid to get his hands dirty and no job is too big. He is a hard worker and rarely complains about not having enough catsup. His Mother Lorraine is an Elk member, hopefully Jason will become one too. Thanks for all you do.

October Birthdays from Carolyn Breit:

Peggy Smith 10/01, Patty Jankiewicz 10/10, Boonie Atwood 10/18, Theresa Matthews 10/19, Donna Halsey 10/25, Bob Snyder 10/26









Committee Communications



Hi 365'ers,

We were doing so well, but it seems we hit a snag. This is the lowest 2 months we've ever had. Please don't forget this very old charity. Please put your change in the little boxes. They are all around the bar or better yet, take one home. Bring one to yur office, or give one to a friend or family member. Our donors this month are Patty J, Lorraine Leung

who gave 3 boxes, and once again, our anonymous donors. Please think: 365! Love ya all, Berni Turpin



Hello everyone. This month articles are a little different from what we have been doing. The articles will be about ENF(Elks National Foundation) and HATF(Harry Anna Trust Fund) and of course the Drug Awareness Program. First thing is that the Elks Florida programs that we do and the recognition we receive (Plaques, Letters, and Awards) for our efforts of our members have

been displayed in the Antler Room. We are moving them to the event hall. As you walk thru the door look to your right. There are 2 sections with sliding plexiglass. The one on the right is for all of our Florida charities we support. On the left on that wall is for the Elk National Foundation. We are a work in progress. Hope to have it complete by the time this article goes to press. The space has been there for years and has not been used, so thought why not put it there where there is a lot of Elk History thru out the Event Hall for people to see what we are all about. Take a look.

Hope you like what you see. I want to thank Laura Jones for her help in this endeavor. Drug Awareness: October is Red Ribbon Month. Look around the bar area where Red Ribbons will be available Everyone please grab one and wear it proudly. Remember: Be a Hero, Just say "NO" **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

Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

During this time of horrific destruction from a very devastating storm that is affecting so many people in our country, we pray for them and their safety. We don't always know "why" things happen, but we should always keep faith in our Father and praise him for our lives. We live through the Glory of God. As Elks we are always helping and serving our community. When you help a fellow Elk, in whatever capacity, you show strength and courage as you spread the word of God. Let us now pray for our fellow Elks in the areas that are affected by Florence and keep faith in our Lord. 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.

October LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

3rd—LOE Meeting 6:30pm 9th—BOD Meeting 7:15pm 10th - ELKS Gen. Mtg 7:30pm 15th - 2021 Committee Mtg 6:00pm 24th – ELKS Gen. Mtg 7:30pm To all of my fellow Tampa Elks Members and Friends who attended the celebration of my 80th Birthday at the lodge, thank you for making this party a very special occasion. This was the first time in over 6 years that all 3 daughters and I have been together and, even much longer, with all 3 grandsons present. My thanks to Jeanne for all of her hard work and hours in diligently planning this event, for the delicious BBQ meal, and the beautifully decorated cake. Thank you to my daughters for the beautifully decorated hall and especially to Debbie for the video. This was truly a fun day for our families and all of our extended Elks family and friends. Having everyone together made the day very special. A special thank to Delana and Jeanie, the bartenders, for the great service and the lodge for providing very comfortable surroundings for our families and Elks friends throughout the WCD and FSEA. May God bless all of you!

Frank J Palladini, PSP

In addition to Frank's appreciation, a special thank you to Tommy Moore, Courtney Weil PER, and Danny, the custodian, for making my job easier in setting up for Frank's Birthday Party. Thank you to all of our friends and extended family at Tampa Lodge for your hospitality, well wishes and attendance. It meant the world to both of us.

Jeanne Reinhart, PDDGER





Meet Mike Sexton

Mike is an Army Veteran who has become homeless because he spent a full year in the VA Hospital and then 6 months in a Rehab Center due to a Traumatic Brain Injury. Of course, not working for 18 months resulted in him losing everything. We met Mike through the domiciliary, where he has spent the last six months. I gave out my business card at our Brunch and Learn, and he kept it. He has been deemed eligible to live on his own but is permanently disabled and cannot hold a job that would support him. Unfortunately, the disability is not service related, and his income will be extremely low.

Mike is incredible excited that he just moved into a two-bedroom mobile home in North Tampa. These pictures were taken on the day he signed his lease, a few days before the actual move. He literally has no furniture except a folding chair I took over and a TV donated by the Sullins. I had a few dishes and pots and pans that had been donated by a friend of mine, and I am assuming that the VA will give him the "big Box" of kitchen and bath basics. He does have a mother, sister and aunt that live in S Tampa, and they are trying to piece some stuff together. **Rita Smith**







Special and Upcoming Events

TAMPA ELKS LODGE HALONEEN GRAEDARD

October 27th 6:30 'til the witching hour

- DJ R.I.P Spinning Spooktacular Tunes!
- Creepy Fun Games, with Booo-T or Booo-B Prizes:
 - Grave-Hole Tournament (corn hole with a goulish twist)
 - Bloody Brain Treasure Dive
 - Wheel of Torture
 - Ghost Buster Dart Throw
- Tombstone Photo Op

- Contests with Prizes:
 - Costume Contest
 - (Funniest, Scariest, Most Original, etc.)
 - Appetizer Contest (Halloween Theme)
- Door Prizes and 50/50
- The Grim Reaper will be taking the dead who's not having a Ghoulish time and locking them in the Graveyard Jail !!!

\$5.00 gets you in... nothing gets you out. Bring a Halloween Appetizer. The lodge is providing Sliders & MacNCheese

Proceeds Toward The Lodge General Fund

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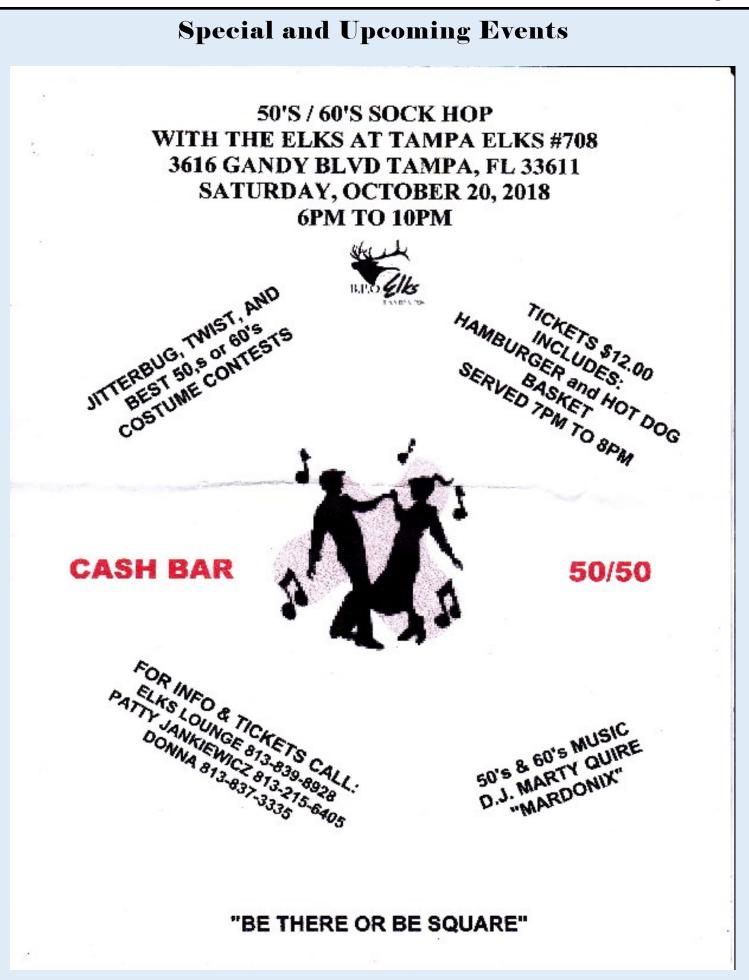
CONFETTI, NEWSPAPER, WATER GUN, FLASHLIGHT, Rubber Gloves, Noise Maker, Toilet Paper, Toast Party Hat, Bell, Playing Cards

Bring as many or a few as you'd like!



WING SAUCE COMPETITION BASKETS OF NAKED WINGS PROVIDED: 6 FOR \$7.00 - 10 FOR \$9.00 - ADDITIONAL \$1.00 EACH YOU BRING YOUR SPECIAL SAUCE. WINNER RECEIVES A \$15.00 BAR GIFT CARD SAUCE SIGNUP SHEET AVAILABLE IN LODGE!

CHECK THE WEB CALENDAR FOR PLAYING TEAMS





October Live Entertainment



Friday Live Music – 10/5 from 6:30 to 10 pm in the Lounge Bits N Pieces Band – This is a very popular band throughout the Tampa Bay area with a loyal following. Come out and rock the night away with this talented band, playing RocknRoll, Blues, Oldies and a little bit of everything in between.



<u>Food Truk Friday Live Music – 10/12 from 6:30 to 10:30 pm in the</u> <u>Lounge,</u> and gourmet Food Truck "Twisted South" Southern Food with a twist...in the parking lot starting at 5 pm.

Craig Singleton's One Man Band is an award winning professional musician, vocalist, and entertainer performing the music you know and love from the Roaring Twenties to today's biggest hits!



Friday Live Music – 10/19 from 6:30 to 10 pm in the Lounge

Back by popular request, come enjoy the famous Silverback Band! This is a great 5 piece band playing your favorite 60's and 70's Classic Rock that will keep you entertained and dancing all night long!



Friday Live Music - 10/26 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.

October

On Going Calendar

Football Is backt Watch the NFL or Big Screen Monday Thursday & Sunday. Watch for tailgate Specials



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



Tuesday Night Movie 7:30 pm With Free Popcorn





Ticket Sales til 6:45pm

Drawing at 7pm

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



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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Ted Bass - 2/2018 Melissa Bertoch - 2/2018 In Memory of Harold Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018 Rosie & Roger LaChance - 4/2018 Rosie & Roger LaChance In Memory of Hilda DeGiacomo - 4/2018 Bud Cash - 4/2018 In Memory of William (Bill) Atwood - 5/2018 Bob & Candice Suhrheinrich 6/2018 Pat & Marilyn Fennel 6/2018 In Memory of Tom Stanton - 9/2018



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 Wright-

In Memory of Harold Wright 6/2023

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