



LODGE OFFICERS:

EXALTED RULER - Dee Cisneros

LEADING KNIGHT - Laura Jones

LOYAL KNIGHT - Tommy Moore

LECTURING KNIGHT - George Hilficker

SECRETARY - Rick Schneider, PER

TREASURER - Rita Smith, PLP

ESQUIRE - Sharon Ford

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TILER - Robert Bordonaro

CHAPLAIN - Betty Orcutt

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1 YEAR TRUSTEE - Chris Miles

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

Fri 4:00pm - 12:00am

Sat 4:00pm - 11:00pm

Sun 4:00pm - 9:00pm



It is February and it's great to see that so many made it through the holidays, and through a Pirate Invasion, and through a less than exciting to watch Super Bowl.

As Elks, we like to have our fun and eat it too. We had some great parties and great fun around the lodge, even outside our lodge. This is a great place to be and to be with our members, a great time to be a member. Tampa Elks 708 has a strong history with many great accomplishments and well known celebrities. Have you ever stopped to read the names of some of our past leaders that are displayed in the back hall? Abe Maas, Dale Mabry, Al Lopez. Yes - We ARE Tampa 708

My article for this month will be short, but that's not because I don't have anything to say, it's just the fact that I'm so excited to see where this Lodge of ours is going. We're looking towards the future, build with promise, and just like Karen Carpenter sang, We've Only Just Begun. And with that beginning, build a bigger and better Lodge. So with that being said, let's continue the brightness of the lodge, bringing more members in and sharing with them what Elksdom is all about.

**In Fraternal Brotherhood,
Exalted Ruler, Dee Cisneros**

Please see the important notice on page 10 about the nomination of officers on February 13th.

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

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Dee Cisneros

Americanism
Flag Day

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Web Calendar

Jacquie LoCicero

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Jodi Allison Ryan

Youth Activities

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Athena House
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JROTC

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Ritual Coach

Theresa Matthews, PER, PDVP

State Major Projects
FSEA Hospitality Room
Gasparilla Chairman

Tommy Moore

ENF Chairman
Drug Awareness

House ♦ Committee:

Courtney Weil, PER

Chairman &
Bar Manager

Jacquie LoCicero

George Hilficker

Laura Jones

Sue Moore

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February Elks Recognition

OFFICER OF THE MONTH:



Theresa Matthews, DDGER: This very busy lady maintains close ties with her home lodge while traveling all over the state and country in her various Elk leadership roles. This year she chaired our two biggest committees - State convention and Gasparilla. Her attention to detail is well known,, and leads to success. Theresa has also intervened on our behalf numerous times when dealing with maintenance issues and outside contractors - another of her specialties. She is talented and fun, and knows how to get things done. Thanks, Theresa! We couldn't have done it without you!

ELK OF THE MONTH:



Candace Suhrheinrich knows her way around the kitchen! In the last few months, she has proved it time and time again. She turned a head or two with her Chicken and Rice dinner in December, then fed the sixty students at Club Chivalry her famous Cuban sandwiches in early January. Later in the month, she put her sandwich making crew leader skills to the test again getting the bag lunches made for the Gasparilla invasion party. For all three events she ordered the supplies and recruited the help herself, which saved others a lot work. Thank you Candi for taking on these big tasks, and doing them so well! Please use your parking space - we love to see your smiling face at the lodge!

“VOLUN “ ELK OF THE MONTH :



Bonnie Gilcrest is a familiar face to many Elks - She used to be one of our bartenders. She recently reached out looking for volunteer opportunities. She has some health issues, has quit drinking, and is looking for ways to keep busy. She sure came to the right place at the right time. So far this month she showed up at 9 AM on a Friday morning to help make hundreds of Cuban sandwiches, and then the next week showed up at 4 PM to help work in the kitchen but ended up serving the customers in the dining room. She loved that! We loved having that extra pair of hands. It looks like Bonnie might stick around for a while. Thank you for all your help. WE are glad you are here!

The Domiciliary Vets helped the Lodge feed the homeless at Open Arms on 1/20/18, then were treated to a breakfast buffet at the Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel. The Freedom Grant was written to have them help at the Children's party and then go to dinner, but they were not available on that date. (They were scheduled to work in the big toy tent at Metropolitan Ministries.) With Grand Lodge's permission we substituted the Beacon Grant project in January instead, and it worked out quite well! Over 200 men, women and children were served that morning. Open Arms was glad to get so much help from the Elks again, and the Veterans were glad to sit down to a nicely set table in a luxury hotel afterwards. It was quite a juxtaposition. Thanks to the all the Elks who volunteered to serve the needy, and to those Elks that joined us for breakfast at their own expense!

Rita Smith



February Live Entertainment



Friday Live Music – 2/1 from 6:30 to 10 pm in the Lounge

The Southern Knights Band has been playing locally for over 20 years, and the band members have toured nationally. They love to please their crowds with Country, Classic Rock, and Oldies



Friday Live Music – 2/8 from 6:30 to 10 in the lounge

Back by Popular Request – The JK Crum Duo are so entertaining, and will entertain us all night with all types of dance music, beautiful ballads, as well as some fun interactive games!

Friday Dance Party Music– 2/15 in the Lounge

Get ready to Rock the Night Away with DJ Mike, who will light up the lodge with Dance Party Music all night long! Best Wishes go out to our very own Shelagh who will be partying with us this night to celebrate her long awaited **RETIREMENT! Yay!!**



Friday Live Music – 2/22 from 6:30 to 10 pm in the Lounge

Back by Popular Request - The Retro-Vibes Trio are fronted by a husband and wife team who perform locally and nationally for over a decade, expressing their love of Blues, Jazz, Swing and music from all Eras. Their blending of harmonies and individual styles have produced a refreshing sound for an easy going night of entertainment.



February LOE Birthdays from Carolyn Breit:

2/05 Sharon Ford, 2/09 Susie Harlow,

2/11 Bernie Turpin

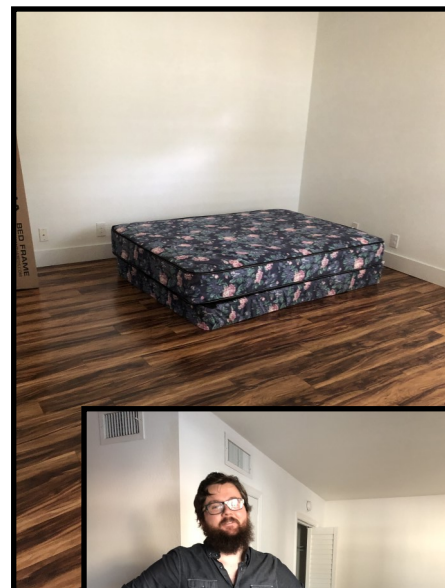
February Birthday Party Feb 2nd@6pm



Meet Chris!



Chris is a veteran exiting the James A. Haley Domiciliary. Chris served in the Navy from 2008-2012 on the U S S Enterprise, a nuclear powered submarine stationed at Norfolk. He was deployed twice. Chris currently has no transportation, so he is pleased to have found decent housing that is very convenient to the job he is about to start. But as you can see, his cute little studio is very bare. Tampa Crossroads gave him a bed, and a few days later the VA provided all the bare essentials for the kitchen and bath. Now his main needs are some small furniture items. He would like a small computer desk and chair, a TV, and some kind of chair -a lounge, recliner, or rocker - to sit in while watching it. He could also use a very small dinette or even an outside patio dinette set. He also had a bedframe, but no tools. He will be starting a good job soon, but we all know it could be a few weeks before he gets a paycheck. He could also use some non perishable food items, or a gift card to Dollar Tree or Walmart for groceries, too. (Those are the two stores within easy walking distance.) If you have or can get any of the items Chris needs. Please let me know. Please ask before bringing other items, as I have no storage available.



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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Roger Trudell

Roger has been independent for over a year now. He is always looking for odd jobs to perform, and he is a good worker. He is somewhat of a regular at our monthly birthday parties, and loves the many friends he has made at the Lodge. Keep him in mind if you need a spare pair of hands.



Mike Sexton

Mike has settled into his trailer, and is working part time with his step father. He remains grateful for all that has been done to help him settle in, and wished me to thank Helen Stanton, especially, for the \$100 gift card. and the Sullins for the TV. He is content.



From the LOE President:

Our “year” may be winding down, but the LOE is still going strong! The Ladies have a few happenings on the horizon that we hope to see many of your smiling faces attending. Children’s Therapy Services will benefit 100% from all proceeds and donations from both events. Our goal is to raise \$2000 for our annual donation this year. With your help and support we CAN make this goal!

Coming up fast and furious is our annual Walk-A-Thon. We will be meeting at Ballast Point Park Sunday, February 24th at 10am. The walk will be a leisurely 3-ish miles. Don’t think you can make it to the Walk-A-Thon, no problem, you can support any LOE member who will be participating in the Walk-A-Thon.

The second event we have is the LOE Fashion Show on Sunday, March 31st at 2pm. Resort Wear by Tiffany will be bringing us her latest spring fashions. A light lunch will be served to all who attend. This should be a fun afternoon for all. Tickets are \$10 a person. You may purchase them from the fabulous Patty J or your bartender. Hope to see you there.

I’d also like to thank all who have supported the LOE’s charity by filling up our Little Green Houses. The generosity of those who place their change into the houses add up faster than you think. Children’s Therapy Services is the major charity focus of the LOE. With a lofty but attainable goal of \$2000, support from our members is greatly appreciated.

Jacque LoCicero, President

Ladies of the Elks Auxiliary

Tampa Lodge 708

Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 10am



Please join us on Bayshore Boulevard for a great cause!

We will meet at Ballast Point Park and leisurely make our way down Bayshore and back. Ladies of the Elks, Elks, friends and family members, children and pets are all welcome to join us for this annual event.

If you cannot join us, please sponsor a member of the Ladies of the Elks to help us reach our goal. **ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF YOUR DONATION WILL GO TO CHILDREN’S THERAPY SERVICES.**

This will allow physical therapists to give in-home therapy services to children across our great state of Florida.

Need more information: contact Sue Moore at 813-390-2930 or email msnana7@verizon .

LADDES OF THE ELKS



March 31, 2019

2pm

\$10.00 includes Lunch

Come and see Tiffany's latest collection of fun resort wear.

Tickets available from the Fabulous Patty J or ask your bartender

Proceeds to Benefit:

Fl Elks Children's Therapy Services

Tampa Elks Lodge 708
3616 W Gandy Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33611



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 February everyone!

February is the month of love, so I ask you, What is love? In the Old Testament "love" had different meanings; affection, benevolent, strong liking, or romantic. We are taught early in our life to "love the Lord your God with all your soul and with all your strength". (Deuteronomy 6:4-5) We show that love by serving God and obeying His commands. The new testament adds to the meaning of love; goodwill, high esteem, concern for the welfare of the loved one, charity and brotherly love. Love is one of the attributes of God and an essential part of His nature. John 4:16 says, God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. God's word says, "you shall love thy neighbor as yourself". There is no other commandment greater than this. (Mark 12:31). So, as I and others say, love is the essence of all the commandments. I ask that you love and forgive yourself, be kind and compassionate and practice kindness. May God's "arrow" of love find you this month and always. Respectfully submitted, Betty Orcutt, Chaplain, Tampa 708



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Platinum Investors \$100+

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

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

Silver Investors \$21-\$50
 James, Howard 3/2019

Bronze Investors \$10 - \$20

Bertoch, Mellissa 2/2019

February LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

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.

- 4th—House Committee Mtg 7:30pm
- 5th—LOE Board Mtg 6:45pm
- 6th - LOE Mtg 7:30pm
- 9th - House Committee Mtg 6pm
- 12th – BOD Mtg 7:15pm
- 13th— Gen. ELKS Mtg 7:30pm
- 18th— 2021 Convention Mtg 6:30pm
- 19th—VA Committee Mtg 6:30pm
- 27th— Gen. ELKS Mtg 7:30pm

Tampa Elks Almost Famous Annual

St. Patrick's Day

CELEBRATION FUNDRAISER

The Fabulous "Debbie Lett Band"!



- Green Beer & Drink Specials
- Corned Beef & Cabbage
- Live 6-Piece Dance Band
- Luck o' the Irish Games/Prizes
- Shamrock Auction
- Pot o'Gold 50/50



Cocktails
(Cash Bar)
5:30-6:30

Dinner
6:00-7:30

Live Music
& Dancing
6:30-10:00

\$20

March 16th, 2019

Tampa Elks Lodge, 3616 W. Gandy Blvd.

Tickets sold in the Lounge 813-839-8928 • for additional info 813-503-3204

A portion of the proceeds to benefit Tampa Elks Charities: homeless, veterans, and youth at risk.

In accordance with the BPOE Statutes, and the Constitution and Bylaws of Tampa Elks #708, **nominations of officers** take place at the first meeting in February. Any contested positions will be decided at the following meeting by secret ballot. Every member in good standing is eligible to run for any position. You may obtain more information from the Lodge office, or the BPOE statutes, which include the basic officer duties, are generally available online.

Nominations will be called for the following positions:

Exalted Ruler, Esteemed Leading Knight, Esteemed Loyal Knight, Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Lodge Secretary, Lodge Treasurer, and 5 year Trustee. (The other 4 Trustees move up one year.)

The New Lodge Officers will be installed on March 30th. Please consider serving your Lodge in one of these positions, or by letting the elected Exalter Ruler know you would be willing to accept an appointed Officer position or Committee Chairmanship. *It's YOUR Lodge, Come have your say!*

Sizzling Steak Night

Feb 17 - 4-7

BY RESERVATION ONLY

\$20 includes Salad, Bread & Butter,

Cooked to Order Ribeye Steak, Baked Potato

813-839-8928

To reserve

Sweet Deal!



And an Ice Cream Sundae Bar!





TAMPA ELKS LODGE #708

Feb 2019 Calendar of activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<p>1</p> <p>6:30pm - 8:30pm Dinner 6:30pm - 10:00pm Southern Knights Band</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00pm February Birthday Party</p>
<p>3</p> <p>4:00pm SUPER BOWL PARTY! CHILI COOK-OFF AND THE BEST APPETIZER CON- TEST</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:30pm House Committee Meet- ing</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5pm Delana's Eats 6:45 LOE BOD Mtg 7:30pm Movie</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:45pm LOE Dinner \$4 7:30pm LOE Mtg</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30pm - 7:30pm Rita's Hot Grill Night</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6pm Pot Luck 6:30- 10:00 JK Crum Band</p>	<p>9</p> <p><i>Quarterly FSEA Conference at Youth Camp</i></p>
<p>10</p> <p>5:00pm Gourmet Club and Trivia 7:00pm- Help make lunch for Club chivalry</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6pm BBQ chick- en sandwich, baked beans, slaw \$7.50</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5pm Delana's Eats 7:15pm BOD Mtg 7:30pm Movie</p>	<p>13</p> <p><i>Weinie Wed</i> 9-10:15am MGM Network- ing Mtg 7:30pm Elks Gen Mtg</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:30pm - 7:30pm Rita's Hot Grill Night 7:00pm Valentin e's Day Massa- cre Trivia and Costume Event</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Picadillo by Jacqui LoCicero Shelagh Gom- barcik retire- ment party with DJ Mike 7PM-?</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>7:30am Open Arms Minis- try...feed the homeless 1:00pm New Mem- ber Initiation 4pm Sizzling Steak night by Dee</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7pm 2021 Con- vention Mtg 5pm Meatloaf Sliders, Mashed potatoes or fries</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5pm Delana's Eats 6:30pm VA Com- mittee Mtg 7:30pm Movie</p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>Plan something fun tonight!</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p>5:30pm - 7:30pm Betty & Bob O Pork Roast or Chopped Steak</p>	<p>22</p> <p><i>Bob and Betty Orcutt present Roast Pork or Chopped Steak 6:30-10pm Retro Vibes Hospitalized Vets</i></p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>LOE Walk-A- Thon Lodge opens 4PM- 9PM</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5pm Meat ball subs and potato salad. \$7.50</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5pm Delana's Eats 7:30pm Movie</p>	<p>27</p> <p><i>Weinie Wed</i> 7:30pm General Elk Meeting ELECTIONS</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5:30pm - 7:30pm Rita's Hot Grill Night</p>		

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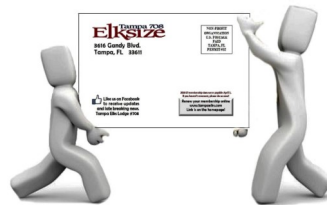
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OUR CURRENT SUPPORTERS

Rebecca Sullins - 2/2019
Debbie Osterbrock - 4/2019
Donna Halsey - 6/2019
Jerrye & Patrick Fennell 6/2019
Robert Bordonaro 7/2019
In Memory of Tom Stanton
Mrs. Helen Stanton, 9/2019
Bonnie Atwood - 9/2019
Brenda Stokking and Bob Norton 11/2019

Bill Deen - 6/2020
Deborah Cassels 6/2020
Berni Turpin,
In Memory of Robert Connor 7/2020
Bud Cash 11/2020
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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Thank you!