



## LODGE OFFICERS:

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Mon - Thurs 4:00pm - 11:00pm  
Fri 4:00pm - 12:00am  
Sat 4:00pm - 11:00pm  
Sun 12:30pm - 9:00pm



Who likes change... very few of us! Change brings in the unfamiliar and the uncomfortable. However, without it there would be only caterpillars and no butterflies. Our lodge is such a special place! It has created friendships and memories, and become a second home and family to many. It provides for the veterans, children and the homeless. I'm sure we all agree that our tradition of caring and sharing should go on into the future. Growth and renewal is the only way for us to make this happen. Those were words spoken from Courtney Weil PER, from two years ago. This message reigns true even today. Change is hard to accept as many are so drawn to do the things they have always done, or as we have done in the past. Bringing in new ideas and new ways of thinking not only is scary, but it also disrupts some ways of life. Effective leaders know that the first step to bring change is to show people that you like their current way of life, and the second step is to gradually add changes to this way of life. We can make a positive change in our lives and in our lodge if we are all willing to look outside the box and be willing to take a leap of faith in those who want to make the change, support them and see if their ideas grow in to something positive. Just something to think about. As our society grows into a more singular way of thought, our virtues as Elks can be a positive to others.

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

# Your 2017-18 Committee Chairs

**Vacant**

Hoop Shoot & Soccer Shoot

**Bonnie Atwood and Melissa Bertoch, Lisa Hayes**

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**Rufus Hawkins**

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**Dee Cisneros**

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Flag Day

**Georgia Hilficker**

Advertising Materials  
Web Calendar

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LOE Liaison  
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**John Wayne, PER**

Youth Camp

**Marty Quire**

Web and Online Communications

**Patty Jankiewicz**

Lodge Veteran's Committee

**Jodi Allison Ryan**

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**Rita Smith**

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**George Hilfiker & Betty Orcutt**

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**Steve Harmon, PDDGER**

Ritual Coach

**Theresa Matthews, PER, PDVP**

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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

Tony Cruz

**Shelagh Gombarcik**

John Boelhower

**OFFICER OF THE MONTH:**

Courtney Weil has stepped up and shown that she is a woman of many hats. Just like so many of our other outstanding Lady Elks, Courtney saw things needed to be done and worked to get things done. She calmly and proficiently managed the lodge bar, working the analytics and finding ways to boost sales with interesting and refreshing ideas. Courtney was an intrical part in bringing in Saturday events and interests to the lodge, which has brought in younger members. Her advancements in the lodge has brought on a positive momentum. Your efforts at strengthening our culture are not unnoticed.



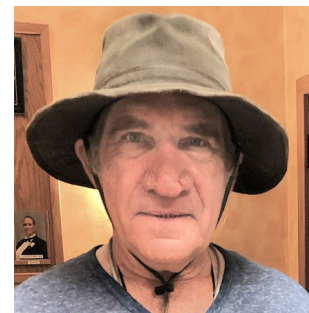
**ELK OF THE MONTH:**

Nan Quire, even though she is not in the lodge as much as she used to be in the past, she is still a voice you can recognize. Her voice carries leadership, action, and direction. She stepped up for the New Year's Eve party and she ran with it to its final success. Her devotion to the lodge and the event exemplified how much she cares about the lodge and being an Elk. The event was a success because of her and we are grateful. Its Elk members like here that keep us in a constant reminder that "Charity" and "Brotherly Love" is a virtue we stand by.



**VOLUN "ELK" OF THE MONTH:**

Steve Kraft is a man of mystery, many do not know who he is. He is a very reliable volunteer when it comes to helping in the kitchen. He is our unsung hero who washes dishes and cleans the kitchen after events. He is very humble and a hard worker. When asked to help, he is readily available to help. Steve does a good job but is commonly forgotten. Keep up the good work as for what you do will come back to you.



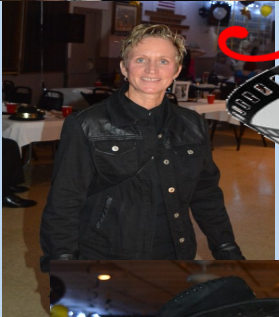


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Tampa 708 Stars

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## Committee Communications



Hello everyone, I hope you all had a wonderful and safe holiday season. In 2018, we had a great year developing the ENF Foundation and Drug Awareness programs and I want to thank all of you who had a part in making this year a success. Again, we as Elks were able to reach out to our community and let them know



what Elkdom is all about. Lets continue to make these programs special and expand their richness. Remember to give as you can to the Elk National Foundation. It helps us all. And remember, "Just Say No to 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](mailto:lodge708secretary@outlook.com)

Happy New Year to my fellow Elks and Ladies of the Elk. I pray that everyone had a very merry Christmas!

We begin this new year in great anticipation for a Lodge that can work together, share together, and grow together for the good of Elkdom.

Let there be peace on Earth and good will toward man. Ask yourself each day; What does God teach me? What does God teach me about how I should live my life?

We are a special, select people of an elite Order. We joined this Lodge to serve God, our service members, our children and our community.

So, I ask, can God help you become a better Elk? What can we do to make our Lodge better? Reach out your hand, help on a committee, lead a committee.

Just reach out your hand. **Respectfully, Betty Orcut, Chaplain**



The Florida Elks Youth Camp will be accepting applications for the 2019 season on line @ FLAELKS.com, then proceed to "Youth Camp". The camp starts immediately after the school year ends and goes eight consecutive weeks, with seventh week slated solely for children to military parents. The ages for camp are boys and girls 9 to 13. For more information or if you have questions, call P.E.R. John Wayne at (813) 837-4252.

Thanks and Fraternaly,

John Wayne PER, Lodge 708 Youth Camp Coordinator



### January LOE Birthdays from Carolyn Breit:

1/3 Robert Bordanaro, 1/11 Raymond Huffman,  
1/15 John Flowers



# Club Chivalry Visits Elks Youth Camp

## Club Chivalry News

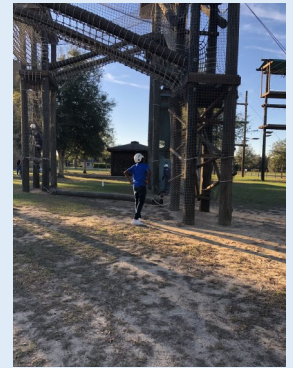
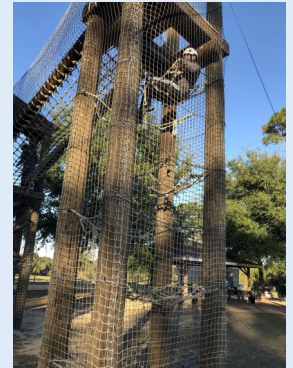
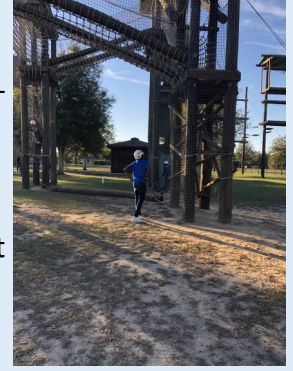
On December 6<sup>th</sup> we had our annual team building field trip to the Florida Elks Youth Camp. The day started early – we were loading the bus with drinks and supplies by 8AM. It was quite cool in the morning – about 40 degrees- and windy. Once loaded with the supplies and the kids, we hit the road. The students were offered pastries and breakfast beverages to enjoy as we left town. We were on the road for about 2.5 hours, arriving at the Camp just before 11. The temperature was much more comfortable up at the camp, especially after we treated the students with a long sleeve T-shirt for their Christmas present. After posing for a few group pictures, our school sponsor, Elk, and Avid Instructor Kristina Chowning led the students to the baseball field for a rousing game of kickball. Team sports build teamwork, too. We broke for a lunch of BBQ Chicken Sandwiches salad and fries, which the camp provided to us and also to another large group of teens that were using the camp.

After lunch – it was off to the ropes course to harness up! The Camp provided activity directors for the afternoon, and they started the teambuilding with what they refer to as “low exercises.” Eventually the students were divided into two groups, added helmets to their gear, and took to the air! One group did the “High swing,” The entire group had to participate in each turn, with one person at a time actually swinging after the other team members raised them into the air. Major teamwork! The second group climbed a very challenging tower and then catapulted back down. After their turn, they moved to the rock wall., with mixed results. Some student got quite high up that wall, though I didn’t see anyone reach the top. When everyone on the first team was finished with the swing, the teams switched places. Each student had the opportunity to experience all three gravity defying activities. We left the camp around 5:00, and then stopped at a local Subway Restaurant to pick up our sandwiches for dinner.

The bus was really quiet while everybody ate, but about an hour outside of Tampa, Ms. Chowning, took over the microphone and led the group in a rousing chorus of Christmas carols and other well-known tunes. We arrived back at the school in high spirits around 7:30, where, luckily, most of the parents were waiting. The bus was unloaded and the students dispersed in record time. I know they all slept well that night!

Thank you to our Elk chaperones that gave up a day of their life to spend with the students. DDGER Theresa Matthews, Loyal Knight Tommy Moore, Accounting Committee Chair Bonnie Atwood, new member Christien Elkins and me, Treasurer and Grant Coordinator. It was a pleasant day, but exhausting.

Rita Smith



# Beacon Grant Children's Christmas Party



The Children's Christmas party took place on December 22nd and was a huge hit. There was pizza, cookie decorating, wonderful entertainment by Miz Daisy and lots of presents donated by very generous South Tampa residents at their local Walgreens. The children also made incredibly sweet cards for the Paradise, CA Elks Lodge that was recently destroyed by the CA fires. We made lots of children, and their parents, very happy. A big THANK YOU goes out to all of our generous volunteers and everyone who donated their time, money and/or supplies. We could not have done it without YOU!



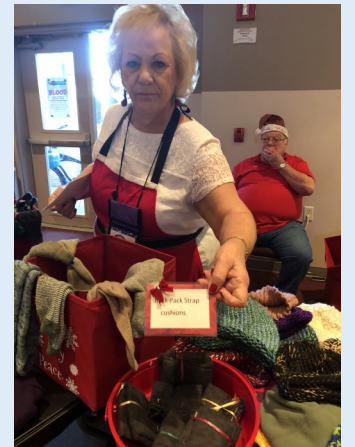
# Open Arms—The Beacon Of Hope for the Homeless



On December 23rd Tampa Elks provided and served a Christmas Brunch for about 170 homeless men and women at the Open Arms Ministry at Hyde Park United Methodist Church. In addition to the brunch, clients were offered free haircuts and there were intake counselors from the VA and from Metropolitan Ministries on hand. Our partners at Open Arms had the room decorated beautifully with poinsettias, plus they had a table full of home-made gifts like scarves, mittens, and beanie caps to distribute to the homeless.



The Elks had purchased the food in a marathon shopping spree a week earlier but were unable to set up a prep date due to schedule conflicts. The challenge would be to have the food ready by 8 AM. The Tampa Elk's team of Courtney Weil, PER, and Elk family members Adrian Higgins and Douglas Grant exceeded expectations by arriving very early and staying on task. The food, as attested to by the clients, was delicious and plentiful. There were more than 15 offerings on the table, and each client could go through the line and custom design their own plate, and they could also come back after everybody had been served and get seconds or food to carry out. The Elk's were fortunate to have plenty of staffing: Elk legacy scholars Evan and Andrew Wyatt joined us, as did several parent/child teams that had been to the Children's Christmas party the day before. Elma Kelly took her spot as a greeter, and the Suhrheinrichs had been recruited to work the gift table. Donna Halsey was the lead handing out silverware, and Patty and Mike Volpe brought along their son Jeremy Elkins and good friends Heidi and Paul Simone. Rita was so grateful to have enough help and be freed up to take a lot of photographs.



The two Holiday meals of Thanksgiving and Christmas, along with some purchases of briefs and boxers for the clothing closet, finish up our ENF Beacon Grant, but not our commitment to Open Arms. We will continue to serve on the third Sunday for the rest of the year, and in the summer, when the schools are closed and donation are down, we will utilize the matching funds we hope to receive from FSEA to supplement the food and clothing in the 2 bedroom house they call a clothing closet. Each Elk is welcome and encouraged to join us at least once throughout the year. You might lose a couple of hours sleep – but you will be amazed at how good you feel.



## Special and Upcoming Events



**It's time to  
Party like a Pirate  
with Tampa Elks 708!**

**Saturday, January 26th**

**Buses will pick up from selected Lodges at 7am**

**You will Enjoy:**

- . **All you can eat breakfast**
- . **A bagged lunch and a great view of the Boat Invasion from the Davis Island waterfront**
- . **Pirate Beads**
- . **Games, Activities & Prizes**
- . **Big Screen TVs to view the parade as it marches down historic Bayshore Blvd.**
- . **Live Music**
- . **All you can eat dinner**
- . **And More**

**All this for \$65 per person!  
(Bring a Lawn Chair)**

**Tickets may be purchased at  
[www.tampaelks.com](http://www.tampaelks.com)**



# January Live Entertainment



**Friday Live Music – 1/47 from 6:30 to 10 pm and Food Truck Friday**  
 Cristi Vale is a national touring and recording artist and one of the hottest entertainers in the Tampa Bay area. She has opened for some impressive artists like Charlie Daniels, Dwight Yoakem and Sara Evans. She puts on a great show and her duo will entertain us with some of the best Country, Rock n Roll, Pop, Oldies and Blues you have ever heard!

A promotional graphic for 'Food Truck Friday' featuring a food truck and the text 'FOOD TRUCK Friday'. Below it is a poster for 'Tree Dog ROOTS' with a vegetable illustration and contact information: '813-831-9924', 'TREEDOGROOTS.COM', and 'See menu at www.treedogroots.com'.

**Jan 4 -Food Truck  
 Opens at 5:00  
 Live Music  
 from 6:30 – 10 pm  
 ALL WELCOME!  
 3616 GANDY BLVD  
 SUPPORTING TAMPA ELKS CHARITIES**



**Friday Live Music – 1/11 from 6:30 to 10 and Friday Food Truck**  
 Gene Cannon is one of the most versatile and talented solo entertainers in the area. He plays the Sax, Flute and Guitar and will entertain us with some awesome musical styles of Big Band, Jazz, R&B, Blues, Motown, Dance, Country, Reggae and songs of today. Gene is also a recording artist with 100's of recordings with local and national artists!



**Friday Live Music – 1/15 in the Lounge**  
 The Retro-Vibes are 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. They've performed in Las Vegas, San Diego, and New Orleans and at events such as the Florida State Fair, Clearwater Jazz Holiday, Spring Jazz Fest Ybor City and they opened for The Rockets. Their blending of harmonies and individual styles have produced a refreshing signature sound that is unique and original.

**No Friday Live Music – 1/25**

Setting up for the Gasparilla Invasion – Music will be played on the JukeBox

An advertisement for the band 'Magnum Opus' with the tagline 'Greatest Achievement!'. It features photos of the band members and their names: Carol Dorby Serrao (Keyboard, Vocals), Fred Chandler (Guitars, Violin, Cello, Vocals, Band Leader), Leah Ordert (Lead Vocalist), John Provenzano (Saxophone), and Joey Intonaco (Drums, Vocals). Contact information includes a Facebook link, email, and phone number.

**Saturday Gasparilla Invasion Live Music – 1/26 from 1 to 5pm**  
 Magnum Opus is the most sought after premier band in the Tampa Bay area! Fronted by the very talented Fred Chandler, who plays 6 different instruments, this band will keep you entertained and dancing all night long!

The band includes Carol on vocals and keyboard, Leah the lead female vocalist, Joey on drums, and John on the Saxophone. Fred is a national recording artist, and has opened for famous artists like Blake Shelton, Foreigner, Willie Nelson and many more. He played as the lead fiddle player at the Woodstock 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion concert and his band is booked at most of the popular night clubs throughout Tampa all year long.

# On Going Calendar

**Gourmet Club is Back!! 3rd Sunday of every month. Watch for themed parties. Have you bought the cook book yet?**



**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

*Weenie WEDNESDAY*  
**Its Baaaack!**  
**(Only Meeting nights)**

## Lodge Business and Programs



# Partners in Progress or PIP

### Platinum Investors \$100+

- In Memory of Tom Stanton from Mrs. Helen M. Stanton 9/19
- 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
- Connors, Barbara 12/19
- Rick & Jan Schneider 12/19
- Gombarcik, Shelagh 12/19
- Smith, Rita 12/19
- Moore, Tommy & Sue 12/19
- Quire, Kim & Marty 12/19
- Snyder, Robert & Lisa 12/19
- Robert Norto & Brenda Stoking 12/19
- Florance, Richard 11/2021

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 12/2019

### Silver Investors \$21-\$50

James, Howard 3/2019

### Bronze Investors \$10 - \$20

Bertoch, Mellissa 2/2019

**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.**

### January Lodge Meeting Schedule

- 1st—LOE Board Mtg 6:45pm
- 2nd—LOE Mtg 7:30pm
- 7th— House Committee Mtg 7:30pm
- 8th - BOD Mtg 7:15pm
- 9th – Elks Gen. Mtg 7:30pm
- 12th— House Committee Mtg 6pm
- 15th— VA Committee Mtg 6:30pm
- 21st—2021 Convention Mtg 7pm
- 23rd—Elks Gen Mtg 7:30pm

# TAMPA ELKS LODGE JANUARY 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 5:00pm Food Truck Friday! "Tree Dog Roots" 6:30pm - 10pm Christi Vale - will entertain us!	5 6:00pm January Birthday Party
6	7 7:30pm House Committee Meeting	8 5pm Delana's Eats Potluck Dish until gone, donations welcomed. 7:15pm BOD Meeting 7:30pm Movie Night	9 9am-10:15am MGM Networking Meeting - All Welcome 6:30pm Wennie Wed. 7:30pm General Elk Meeting	10 Bingo at James A Haley 6pm - 8pm Rita offers us Country Fried Steak or Cobb Salad \$8 7pm - Team Trivia with Lisa Snyder	11 Gene Cannon will entertain us on Sax, Flute & Guitar!	12 1pm to 4pm Cub Scout Pine Box Derby 6pm - House Committee Meeting
13 3rd MGM Quarter Auction	14 6:30pm LOE Fashion Show Meeting ALL MEMBERS WELCOME	15 5pm Delana's Eats Potluck Dish until gone, donations welcomed.	16	17	18 Domiciliary Vets join us for dinner 6:30pm - 8:30pm Doug is in the kitchen "STEAK NIGHT" 6:30pm to 10pm Retro-Vibes will entertain us.	19 Its My Bag (drop you luggage off at lodge) 3-9pm
20 7am Open Arms Ministry...Feed the Homeless 2pm LOE Craft Day	21 7pm 2021 Convention Meeting Meatball Sandwiches & potato Salad \$7.50	22 5pm Delana's Eats Potluck Dish until gone, donations welcomed. 7:30pm Movie Night	23 6:30pm Wennie Wed. 7:30pm General Elk Meeting	24 Hot Grill Night 6-8pm Gasparilla Mtg 6pm	25 KITCHEN CLOSED NO BAND	26 GASPARILLA 2019! All you can eat breakfast, bag lunch, bus to boat invasion, games, Magnus Opus to entertain, all you can eat dinner \$65
27	28 Meatball Sandwiches & potato Salad \$7.50	29 5pm Delana's Eats Potluck Dish until gone, donations welcomed.	30	31 Hot Grill Night 6-8pm		

# Elks Tampa 708 size

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## **OUR CURRENT SUPPORTERS**

### *Friends of 708*

**Mary Quire Bonnie Quire Linda Reid Theresa Matthews Bonnie Atwood  
Nanette Quire Betty Orcutt Luann June Sharon Ford Richard Schneider  
Christopher Miles Robert Suhrheinrich Irene Harlow Steve Harmon**

This local program focuses solely on improving our lodge through generous member donations.

All members are encouraged to sign up for the "Eleventh Hour Pledge". Your recurring pledge of \$11 a month will help maintain our lodge.

