



## **LODGE OFFICERS:**

**EXALTED RULER** - Dee Cisneros

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**LECTURING KNIGHT** - George Hilficker

**SECRETARY** - Rick Schneider, PER

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**TILER** - Robert Bordonaro

**CHAPLAIN** - Betty Orcutt

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**LODGE ADVISORS** - Steve Harmon, PDDGER

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**PARLIAMENTARIAN, F.L.O.E.** - Susie Harlow, PLP

**Chaplain, F.L.O.E.**—Betty Orcutt

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

Fri 4:00pm - 12:00am

Sat 4:00pm - 11:00pm

Sun 4pm - 9:00pm



Well it has been a year since taking on the position of Exalted Ruler. I must say, it has been an interesting year, and with that, one I will never forget. It was fun, not only to be in a position, but I learned A LOT in helping me in my growth in ELKdom. Although my work schedule was so incredibly demanding, it was a great ride. Something I liked with being ER, which excited me (both inside and outside the lodge), was meeting so many amusing, helpful, courteous, energetic, interesting people. It was a great RUSH. This is what I admire so much about being an Elk...THE MEMBERS. Its these types of members who spark the organization to make it better. Who want to see its growth and who believe in the organization. These are the people I would like to see more of. GET EXCITED! And that excitement fuels the success of the lodge. The message for this past year was not so much of diversity, but more (with the chant), "Exposure, Exposure, Exposure"! For with exposure, we can get the name of Tampa Elks back out into the community. Coming into 2019, so many changes in society and the community has left the organization un-noticed in the minds of possible future members to what we do as an organization. We are now the "Heartbeat" of our lodge, of our organization, and its up to us to get our message out to new members.

Thank you all for an outstanding and successful year.

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

# Congratulations to the 2019-2020 Tampa Elks 708 Officers

Exalted Ruler—Chris Miles  
 Leading Knight—Bob Orcutt  
 Loyal Knight—Taylor Taylor  
 Lecturing Knight—Cam Lynn  
 Secretary—Rick Schneider  
 Treasurer—Laura Jones  
 Esquire—George Hilfiker  
 5 yr Trustee—Tommy Moore  
 4yr Trustee—Shelagh Gambarcik  
 3yr Trustee—Courtney Weil  
 2yr Trustee—Theresa Matthews  
 1yr Trustee—Bob Suhrheinrich

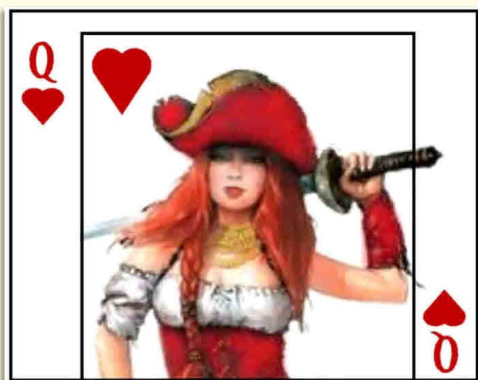
## Installation of Officers:

**Saturday March 30 @ 6pm**

## Dress:

**Hawaiian Shirts and Khaki pants**

Menu: **Pork tenderloin or roast chicken with an orange/pineapple glaze, coconut rice & veggies, salad, roll, Dessert: Hummingbird and Hawaiian cake.**



## SHE'S BACK AND SHE'S READY TO PLAY!

### THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH

6:45PM ENDS TIME FOR DONATIONS

DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT 7PM

POT IS OVER **\$15,000**

There will be **SPECIALS** to welcome the Queen back, so don't miss your chance to play and win!

Rita will be working the hot grill for hungry players from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

# A Warm WELKome To Our New Elks



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.

## LADIES OF THE ELKS PRESENTS A FASHION SHOW BY RESORT WEAR BY TIFFANY

March 31, 2019  
2pm

Come and see Tiffany's latest collection of fun resort wear. Lunch will be provided.

Tickets available from the FABLOUS Patty J or see your bartender

Proceeds to Benefit Children's Therapy Ser-



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

## March Elks Recognition

### OFFICER OF THE MONTH:

Rick Schneider has done a great job with getting things situated in the front office. Keeping the flow of correspondence between lodge, Grand lodge, and all the other entities in between. As secretary, he knows the bones of the lodge and how to keep the right pace of the lodge. Not too many see what Rick does and not too many know what he does. His great expertise and knowledge of lodge business, coupled by his decision making helps us comply with Grand Lodge, marks success in the office. Keep doing what you are doing, because what you are doing is something we need to keep doing.



### ELK OF THE MONTH:

Lisa (not Hayes) has done much for the lodge and out in the community. AS everyone knows, she is not with us for the entire year. When she came back to Tampa, she had so many ideas about getting the lodge involved with activities that she took on the trivia game and has now incorporated her talents with another lodge/post. She also helped bring on a great Superbowl party. Lisa is active in her own way around the lodge, but she still makes an impact, even when speaking her ideas and how she would like to push the lodge forward. Keep pushing the good ideas.



**You and your guests are invited to attend the  
Tampa Lodge 708  
2018 - 2019  
Appreciation & Awards Dinner**

**Sunday, March 3, 2019**

**Cocktails & Appetizers 4pm - Dinner at 5pm**

**Members are Free, Guests \$10.00**

**Presentations to follow the dinner**

**Menu: Lasagna, red meat, or white chicken sauce,  
Italian Salad and Garlic Bread -Dessert: Cannoli & Coffee**

**Music by F & R Music Project**

**For your dancing pleasure to complete the evening.**

**RSVP by signing up in the Lodge or by texting Courtney Weil at 813-484-0123**

## Beacon Grant Helping out the Homeless

We feed the homeless once a month at Open Arms Ministry and it is a great experience. If you would like to help us, please come to Hyde Park Methodist Church, 500 W Platt St. (parking behind church )at 7:45 on March 17th. You will go home with a bigger heart.



## Club Rivalry Reaching Kids

Every Club Chivalry Meeting is a lunch and learn since our meetings take place during the students lunch break. To economize, Tampa Lodge members have been making the lunches. In February it was turkey bacon ranch wraps. The February Motivational speaker was Esque Dollar, teacher, author, and motivational speaker. The kids are in the Media Center at Robinson High School.



## The Gratitude Grant Recipients are Grateful

ENF awards lodges that make their per member contribution goals to the Elks National Foundation Trust Fund receive a gratitude grant. We have been eligible and make good use of it each year. This grant has very few restrictions. Here in Tampa, we try to pick a local Charity and have some fun with them!

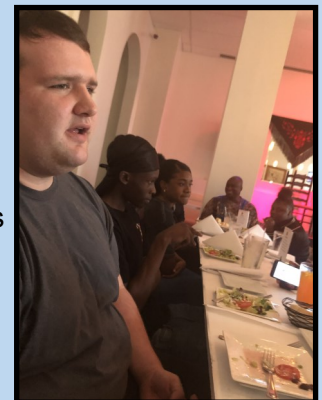
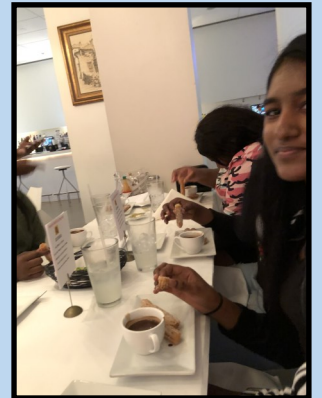
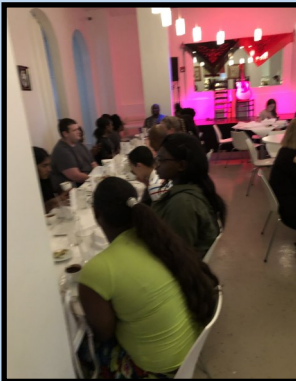
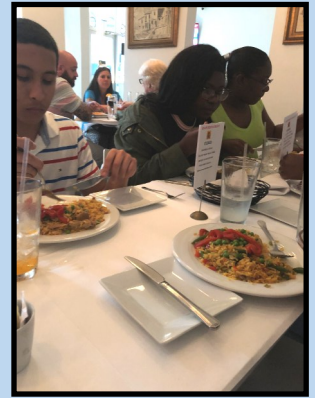
This year, at the suggestion of new member Walter Seward, we chose to partner with the Dream Center of Tampa. The Dream Center is a faith-based youth program and facility that offers programming for grade k-12 after school and on no school days. It is located in North Ybor on N 15<sup>th</sup> Street – right around the corner from the Athena House. They bought and renovated an old Boys and Girls Club building. The Dream Center emphasis service to God, family and your neighborhood. The Dream Center is associated with Grace Family Church.

After meeting with the Director, Chris Davis, we decided to plan a field trip for the teenagers that are in the leadership training program.

These teens are being utilized as mentors for the younger children and aspire to be future community leaders. Since every other organization that comes in to help wants to work with the young kids, they were quite agreeable when we suggested doing something with the teens. When I mentioned taking them to an escape room, the die was cast. Mr. Davis had been to an escape room as part of team building in the past, and he was fully aware of how much it could help his teens and his program work more cohesively. We sweetened the pot by including a nice dinner where they could show off their newly learned etiquette skills.

On Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, we set off in the bus owned by the Dream Center. We arrived at Spain Restaurant on North Tampa at 5:00. They had prepared a table and a price fixed menu for us. In total, there were 19 at the table. PER Courtney Weil and new 21-year-old Elk Christien Elkins joined me as chaperones. Each person had a non-alcoholic beverage, a salad, and entrée

and dessert. Tax and gratuity were also included so we were able to settle the bill and get out of there just in time at 6:30. We walked to the Great Escape room, but we walked the long way because I was giving backwards directions. Luckily, they were young and healthy and the extra 10-minute walk through downtown did not faze them. We arrived at the Escape room before our 7:00 appointment, then after signing releases we divided the group in half and off they went to two game room themed escape rooms. I did not Participate in the escape since there was an uneven number. Both teams had a great time, but only one team made the escape. We were back at the Dream Center in time at 9:00.



# Anniversary Grant two-part project completed



During the 2018 – 2019 Elk year we were again offered the opportunity for an Anniversary Grant as the BPOE continued our 150<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration. This Grant encouraged lodges to actively pursue a project but did allow Lodges to simply donate to a local cause if they preferred. In Tampa, we split the grant and did both!



First, at new member Shannon Wheatly's suggestion, we partnered with the local charity, "It's My Bag." This charity collects luggage, backpacks and other supplies for children in Foster Care. It is not just a joke, but a harsh reality, that most of foster children enter the system with all their belonging in a big plastic trash bag. That tends to send a message that their belongings, and their lives are worthless. We hope to change that message.

We chose the dates of January 19<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> and hooked up with the Dr Martin Luther King Jr Day of Service website. We also advertised on the South of Gandy Facebook page. Of course, Tampa Elks were our biggest contributors, but those other sites did garner quite a bit of attention and a lot of donations.



In total we collected 110 pieces of luggage; 6 cases of school binders; 22 bars of soap, 7 body lotions 4 body wah 2 shampoos, 1 conditioner, 5 facewash, 3 toothpaste; a twin sheet set, and 13 luggage tags. We consolidated the collection by packing the smaller bags into the larger bags, and two vehicles showed up to haul them to the Joshua House, a local facility that has a never-ending stream of foster children filling their 35 beds.



Thank you to each person that donated, and a special shout out to Shannon Wheatley, Bonnie Atwood, Patty

Volpe, and ER Dee Cisneros for taking on extra duties to make it all happen.

The second part of the Anniversary grant was a large \$1000.00 donation to the Medal of Honor Society Convention Tampa Bay 2019 Fund. Linda Reid hooked us up with this auspicious committee in November, and we were glad hat ENF could help us help them make their convention successful. Medal of Honor Recipient Gary Litrell, who is the official Host of this year's Tampa Convention, came with his team to the Lodge for a photo op with the Lodge Officers and Linda Reid. We hope to expand on this relationship with future donations. If you would like to contribute, the office will accept checks made out to Medal of honor Society Convention Tampa Bay 2019. We will forward them for you. They are a 501C3charity and the tax number is available in the office.



# March Live Entertainment



## Friday Live Music – 3/01 No Live Music

ER Spaghetti dinner / Town Hall meeting



## Friday Live Music – 3/08 from 6:30pm—10pm

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 – 3/15 from 6:30pm—10pm

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



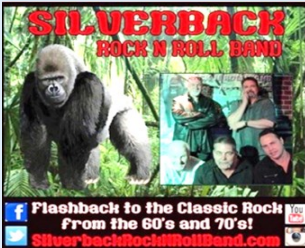
## Friday Live Music – 3/16

The Fabulous Debbie Lett Band / Live 6-pc dance band. Green beer & drink specials, corned beef and cabbage and Luck-o-the-Irish games. (See Flyer)



## Friday Live Music – 3/22 6 from 6:30pm—10pm

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 – 3/29 from 6:30pm—10pm

Back by popular request, come enjoy the famous Silverback Band! This is a great 5 piece band playing your favorite 60's and

## March Birthdays from Carolyn Breit:

3/6 Tommy Moore, 3/8 Sandra Bramtley, 3/13 Debbie Osterbrock & Ziggy Ziegler,  
3/16 Steve Harmon, 3/26 Cynthia Ullen, 3/26 Frances Salter

March Birthday Party 6pm, Saturday 2 March







# Spaghetti Dinner

**Tampa Elk Lodge 708  
will host the  
2019 INCOMING  
ELK TOWN MEETING**

**March 1st - 7pm**

**Dinner Free to  
Elk members**



**Spaghetti,  
Salad & Bread**

**Must RSVP...  
Name, Phone Number,  
and email to  
legalmiles@gmail.com**

# USA Show

## Menu

**Choice of  
1/2 Baked Chicken or  
Parmesan Encrusted  
Swai (fish)  
Both include  
Salad, Twice Baked  
Potato, Asparagus  
& Cake**

**TICKETS  
\*\$15<sup>PP</sup>**

**Contact Rick in the Office  
(813) 831-4280 for tickets**

**TAMPA Lodge #708  
3616 W Gandy Blvd, Tampa**

**Saturday, April 20th, 2019**

***"A Walk Through the 1940's"*  
Dinner at 6:00 • Show 7:15**

\*All Proceeds Benefit FSEA Endorsed VPAL Rudy Masi, Sr. Fundraising

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.

# Partners in Progress or PIP

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.

## Platinum Investors \$100+

- 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

## 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

## March 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.

- 1st—Incoming ER Town Hall Mtg 7pm
- 4th—House Committee Mtg 7:30pm
- 5th - LOE Board Mtg 7:30pm
- 6th—LOE Mtg 7:30pm
- 12th - BOD Mtg 7:15pm
- 13th— Gen. ELKS Mtg 7:30pm
- 18th— LOE Fashion show Mtg 7pm
- 27th— Gen. ELKS Mtg 7:30pm



# TAMPA ELKS LODGE #708

## Mar 2019 Calendar of activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7pm Incoming ER Town Meeting...Free spaghetti dinner.	2 6:00pm March Birthday Party
3 4:00pm Appreciation & Awards Dinner	4 6pm Fish Sandwich/Fries \$7.50 7:30pm House Committee	5 7am- Mayor Elections 5pm Delana's Eats 6:30 LOE BOD Mtg/7pm Movie	6 6:45pm LOE Dinner \$4 7:30pm LOE Mtg	7 5:30pm - 7:30pm Rita's Hot Grill Night	8	9
10	11 6pm Hot Open Face Pork Sandwich \$7.50	12 5pm Delana's Eats 7:15pm BOD Mtg 7:30pm Movie	13 9-10:15am MGM Networking Mtg 7:30pm Elks Gen Mtg	14 5:30pm - 7:30pm Rita's Hot Grill Night	15 OFFICER'S TRAINING-ORLANDO WORLD CTR MARRIOTT 6:30pm - 8:30pm Steak and Seafood by Rita and Doug	16 OFFICER'S TRAINING-ORLANDO WORLD CTR MARRIOTT St Patrick's Day Bash
17 OFFICER'S TRAINING-ORLANDO WORLD CTR MARRIOTT	18 7pm LOE Fashion Show Mtg	19 5pm Delana's Eats 7:30pm Movie	20	21 5:30pm - 7:30pm Rita's Hot Grill Night	22 6:00pm Dinner for hospitalized Vets	23
24 1pm New Member Orientation/Initiation 5pm Gourmet Club	25	26 5pm Delana's Eats 7:30pm Movie Night	27 7:30pm General Elk Meeting	28 5:30pm - 7:30pm Rita's Hot Grill Night	29 6:30pm Silver-back band	30 6pm Installation of New Officers

# Elks Tampa 708 size

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## OUR CURRENT SUPPORTERS

In Memory of Tom Stanton - 9/2018  
Rebecca Sullins - 2/2019  
Debbie Osterbrock - 4/2019  
Donna Halsey - 6/2019  
Jerry & Patrick Fennell 6/2019  
Robert Bordonaro 7/2019  
Mrs. Helen Stanton,  
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!