

PIRATES



FISH & CHIPS

Tampa 708 "Lets Make Like
Pirates" Pre-Convention
 Fish Fry & Warm Up Party

With Barnacle Bill, Pirate Bob O & Tommy

Fried Fish and all the Fixins

Saturday 11th May 2019

6:00PM TO 8:00PM

Price of Dinner + \$12 each



Join Us for a Fun Night
 Of Good Grub
 Great Grog

Tunes and Shanties
 And Lots of Merriment

Proceeds to the Convention Committee

A BUSY MAY...and don't forget
 our Florida Elks State

Association Convention



Details & more events
 inside the covers...

Mother's Day Tea

Tampa Elks Lodge 708

Annual Mothers Day

Ceremony @ 3:00pm 12th May 2019

Followed by

Afternoon Tea @ 3:30pm

Mothers Free

Guests \$6.00

Proceeds Go To Elks ENF



Caraoke Party

Sat. 18th May 2019
 6:30pm

Pot Luck & Good Times



LODGE OFFICERS:

- EXALTED RULER** - Chris Miles
- LEADING KNIGHT** - Bob Orcutt
- LOYAL KNIGHT** - Taylor X. Taylor
- LECTURING KNIGHT** - Camden Lynn
- SECRETARY** - Rick Schneider, PER
- TREASURER** - Laura Jones
- ESQUIRE** - George Hilficker
- INNER GUARD** - Shannon Wheatley
- TILER**— Nikki Murphy
- CHAPLAIN** - Betty Orcutt
- 5 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Tommy Moore
- 4 YEAR TRUSTEE**—Courtney Weil, PER
- 3 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Shelagh Gombarcik, PER
- 2 YEAR TRUSTEE**—Theresa Matthews, DDGER
- 1 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Bob Suhrheinrich
- DISTRICT LEADER** - Frank Palladini, PSP, PDDGER
- LODGE ADVISORS** - Steve Harmon, PDDGER
- THERESA L. MATTHEWS** - DDGER, WCD

HOUSE COMMITTEE:

- CHAIR**—Shelagh Gombarcik
- Members:** Wendy Hall, Candy Venable, Courtney Weil, Sue Moore, Shannon Wheatley, Jim Dreby

LODGE COMMITTEES:

- Hall Activities**—Jacquie LoCicero
- Auditing Committee**—Chair, Melissa Bertoch, Bonnie Atwood
- Elks National Foundation**—Shelagh Gombarcik
- Harry Anna Trust Fund**—Taylor Taylor
- Entertainment**—Linda Reid
- Veteran Services**—Patty Jankiewicz
- Elksize Editor**—Paul DeLand



Easter Homeless Breakfast!



Volunteers from Tampa Elks #708 serving breakfast to the homeless on Easter morning.

To what more worthy cause could Elks dedicate themselves?



The homeless, including many vets, come for the food, clothing and personal hygiene items offered through the Hyde Park Methodist church, and supported by the Elks and other groups who volunteer. The weather also cooperated!



Compute This!

Tampa Elks, with the help of a \$5000. 4th year Impact Grant, provided 20 new laptop computers to be utilized in Ms Chowning's classroom for the benefit of the Club Chivalry for Success Students members who don't have technology available at home. These computers will be utilized for the mandatory online class requirement and to research and apply for scholarships, as well as ordinary schoolwork.



Impact Grant

Tampa Elks 708 members Tony Marino, Patty Jankiewicz, Rita Smith(Program Director) Christopher Ragusa, Bonnie Atwood, Nikki Murphy, Bob Suhrheinrich (front row) Jacque LoCicero and Club Chivalry school sponsor Kristina Chowning

OFFICER OF THE MONTH:

This month's winner is the recently-retired Shelagh Gombarcik, PER. Many folks retire and take a lot of time to find their new direction. Not Shelagh who waded right in to help in the kitchen, and just the past week gathered volunteers and gave the kitchen a much-needed deep cleaning. She is always there for help and to pitch in for the Lodge. An Elk salute to Shelagh Gombarcik!

ELK OF THE MONTH:

Elk of the month is Rita Smith, another dedicated Elk who is always there, having been an editor of this newsletter, Treasurer of the Lodge, and constantly performing what long-time members are best at....Helping new members with knowledge and advise. An Elk salute to Rita Smith!



Tampa 708's Two WWII Vets, Tony and Manny serve cake to youngest vet

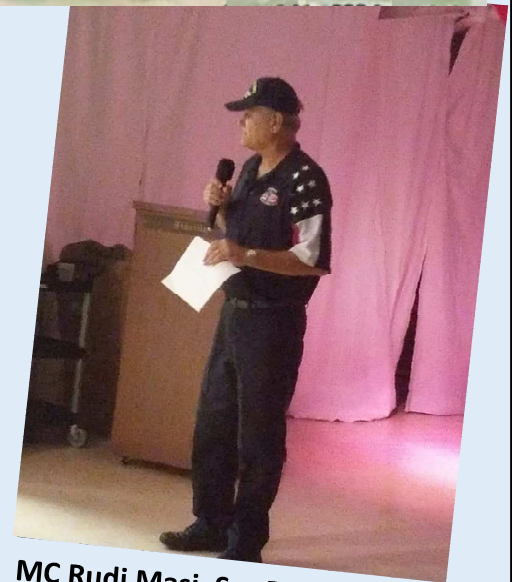
The event was a fund-raiser for Rudy Masi, Sr., Endorsed VPAL, to help fund his coming year as State Elks President.



A fun night for all with music & laughter!



UNCLE SAM!



MC Rudi Masi, Sr., PER, PDDGER, Endorsed VPAL



Flags from all five services, plus the Merchant Marine and POWs were displayed and honored.

A large crowd saluted our military and enjoyed a fine fare!



Committee Communications



The new Elk year is off to a big start. Our Installation of the new officers for the Lodge year was very nice and the food was great. It is nice to see some new faces as Officers of the Lodge. Great to have you with us. As we go along during the year we will be doing Drug Awareness Program thru out the Lodge and to reach out to our friends and neighbors, and the Schools that we have partnered with over the years to get the word out about doing drugs. Our Motto is " Be A Hero - Just Say No"

Fraternally,
Tommy Moore
Chairman



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

LOVE AND FORGIVE

Taking the high road is bigger and more powerful than holding a grudge. It's not always easy to like or love someone you perceive as having hurt you, but it's better for you in the long run if you practice forgiveness. Negativity blocks our positive efforts and can form walls or division, so be kind, forgive and you will find more good manifesting in your life.

Ephesians 4:31-32 ³¹Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

³²Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Compassion and forgiveness bring us together. Be the change you want to see.

As our Exalted Ruler Chris Miles has said, " for this Lodge to succeed we have to work together."

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Respectfully, Betty Orcutt, Chaplain

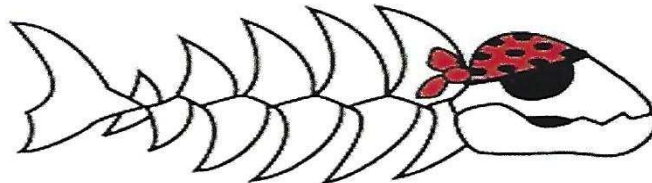


May LOE Birthdays from Carolyn Breit:

5/5 Bob Orcutt, 5/12 Rita Smith,
5/19 Bill Edwards, 5/28 James Harlow
5/31 Janette Bennett



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*Calling All
Epicurean Elks...*

*2019 Gourmet Club
Muffin Tin Meals*



Sunday May 19th, 5:00 PM

Bring us your impressive *Muffin Tin* dishes,
or just come with an appetite and a donation

Come see our new Cook Book!!!!

..trivia...trivia...trivia...trivia...



Sat. 18th May 2019

6:30pm

Hot Luck & Good Times

Honorary Life Membership Nomination!



April 10, 2019

To: Exalted Ruler and Members All Tampa Lodge 708
 From: Susie Harlow
 RE: Nomination for Life Membership for Bonnie Quire

I would like to nominate Member, Bonnie Quire for Honorary Life Time Membership. Bonnie became very active in Tampa Lodge 708 over 35 years ago when her husband, Larry Quire, PER became a member. Bonnie volunteered right beside Larry and was very active in the Ladies of the Elks (LOE). Once the Grand Lodge voted to allow women to become members, Bonnie was one of four brave ladies who stepped up and became a member of the B.P.O.E. Bonnie, along with ALL the members of her family have devoted themselves to the prosperity of Tampa Lodge. She was constantly working on new ideas and fund raising to make our Lodge a better place for members. All three of her children and their spouses became members and then three of her grandchildren have become members as well. Bonnie has always been well respected in the Lodge and has provided great counsel to many a member or a Lodge Officer. She loves what the Elks stand for and continues to do everything she can to make this Lodge great even when her health has caused her to slow down. I take great pride in nominating Bonnie Quire for Honorary Life Time Membership. Please stand with me and vote yes.

Sincerely,

 Susie Harlow
 FLOE Parliamentarian

365 Article

This year the LOE continues to support Children’s Therapy Services. Last year, with your support we were able to donate \$2500. Let’s keep that momentum going! This year, with your continued support, we can make (or maybe exceed) our goal. Please consider taking home a Little Green House to fill up with your loose change. No Little Green House at home, no problem, we have placed houses around the bar for your convince. No donation is too small, it all adds up.

For those of you who may be new to our lodge and not familiar with Children’s Therapy Services, here is a brief overview. Florida Elks Children’s Therapy Services provides in-home physical and occupational therapy to Florida children. Priority is given to children in need whose families have limited financial resources and would not otherwise have ready access to these therapy services. Services received by patients who meet eligibility requirements are absolutely free. Funding is received from Florida Elks Charitable Trust Fund, Elks Lodges, Florida Elks Ladies Organizations and the Elks National Foundation.

In the last few months we have received Little Green Houses and donations from Bonnie Quire, Bill Edwards, Donna Halsey and Patty J. I am sure I have missed some of you, but your donation does not go unnoticed.

To those that have continued to support our cause, THANK YOU!

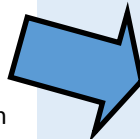
Jacquie LoCicero

Fashion Show

On Sunday, March 31st the LOE hosted a Resort Wear by Tiffany fashion show to benefit Children’s Therapy Services. To get things started off we enjoyed a delicious lunch and a few glasses of sangria. Then the fun began, with several of our Ladies strutting down the runway to show the latest in resort wear fashion. There was something for everyone. After a brief intermission and a chance to do a little shopping, The Men of the 708 stepped out in their thrift store finest. Now that was a “fashion show”! A fun time was had by all.

Thank you to all who attended, we hope that you enjoyed your afternoon. To the Ladies who worked hard to make lunch, help set up and clean up, I am truly grateful for all you did to make this event happen. Without you, this event would not have been the great success that is was. And last but not least, to the men who humored us, THANK YOU! You guys ROCKED!

Jacquie LoCicero



Welcome to our new members...

Jan-Michael Quire (L)

&

Joshua Reid (R)

A new generation of
Two long-time #708
families



CINCO DE MAYO SOPA Y DISPAROS!

(Sunday, May 5 Soup and Shoot!)

Starts at 4:00 pm

Come out for a fun night of Mexican drinks, food, music, games and SOUP in honor and memory of Ben Venable.

For only \$6 you can fill up on soup and sides, including tortilla chips and homemade salsa.

Carnival games will include a special

"Ben's BB Gun Shootin' Range"

where you can see if you will be named the "Best Shot of 708"! (10 tries for

only \$1.) Proceeds will go to Ben's favorite charity and the lodge. Please consider making soup and/or donating items for our "Mexican" auction.



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May Live Entertainment

As we went to press the band schedule was still being completed. .. May is an unusual month as State Convention offers a change in days and hours. ..for the updated schedule Please check the Lodge bulletin board or online at:

tampaelks.com



LADIES OF THE ELK HORSE RACES May 4th

BUY AND ENTER YOUR HORSE
TODAY ONLY \$10.00

BETTING WINDOWS OPENS AT 6PM
START TIME 7PM

Family Friendly Event

Ladies and Gentleman's hat contest

See Bartender, Sue Moore or Jacquie LoCicero

To Purchase Your Horse

Dinner at 6pm

Come and support your LOE, hope to see you there

All Welcomed

Your Elksize Editor Sez: I have been asked by our Exalted Ruler to insure delivery of the Elksize in time for the 1st of each month! That means I must stick to a HARD AND FAST monthly deadline for articles of the 15th of the month. Please help me keep this time by submitting your articles thru the Elksize email.

tpaelksize@gmail.com

I do not want our members to miss any Elks News! Thanks!

Paul DeLand, Editor

On-Going Calendar

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



Monday LETS 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 Norton & Brenda Stoking 12/19
- Palladini, Frank 1/20
- Suhrheinrich, Bob & Candace 1/20
- 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.

May Lodge Meeting Schedule

May 2019 - Tampa Elks Lodge #708



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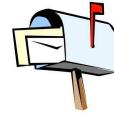
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All members are encouraged to sign up for the "Eleventh Hour Pledge". Your recurring pledge of \$11 a month will help maintain our lodge.

