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GET ON THE BUS FOR THE KIDS



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12THCoffee Served at the Lodge at 7:30am

Board a Luxury Chartered Bus at 8am
Juice and Muffins provided on board the bus.
The drive will last 2.5 hours
(Electrical outlets available at each seat so feel free to bring your tablets and chargers.)
Tour and Lunch at FLORIDA ELKS YOUTH CAMP
Leaving the camp at 1pm/1:30pm
Free Drink at the Zepherhills Elks Lodge



Upon Returning

you will enjoy a free drink, and should you wish to stay, a buffet dinner and October Birthday Bash starting at 6pm



All proceeds benefit

Club Chivalry **F** for Successful Students

Tickets can be purchased on tampaelks.com or at the Lodge.

(Small coolers are allowed but it is suggested they be stored until we leave the camp.)





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 - PDDGER. WCD

HOUSE COMMITTEE:

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

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



Officer of The Month

OOTM is Shannon Wheatley. Despite running the family business (Tampa Fun Boat) with her husband, Shannon donates lots of time for Elks. Whether she's driving to VP Visits, helping with State Convention, running quarter auctions (including helping at other Lodges), Shannon is always there to help. So much so that she even brought her family in on HER BIRTH-DAY to help with Tampa's WCD VP Visit! Thank you for all you do.

Elk of The Month

EOTM Doug Grant. It must be genetics because Rita's kids and grand kids are always there to help. Doug not only works full time as an electrician, but after a long day on the job comes in to the Lodge and helps cook great steaks and wings in the kitchen. He recently upped the ante by volunteer bartending helping the Lodge keep costs down and stay profitable. So next time you see Doug make sure and give him a Thank You.



Breast Cancer & Domestic Violence Awareness mix & mingle Happy Hour







Girls Hanging Out For Girls An Evening of Caring and Sharing

Wednesday 16th October 5:30-8:30

Specialty Cocktails. Lors D'Oeuvres.



Raffles, Door Prizes and More!

Activities

Bra Decorating Contest



(Bring a bra and your own bling or use ours) ~~~~~~

Diffuser Bracelets



Bring a Box of Branded Cereal Drive



\$5 Donation



Proceeds To Benefit

my Hope Chest

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Beer Tasting

Sunday 20th October 2019
4pm till 7pm
Blind Tasting---Decide your Favorite Beer
Snacks and Small Plates Available
\$12

Reservations
Sign Up Sheet (OR)
Call Lounge @ 813 837-4246

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365 Club

Did you realize that the children who are receiving occupational or physical therapy from the Florida Elk's Therapy Services are not required to pay anything, nor is their insurance? Florida Elks Therapy Services also does not receive funding assistance from any level of Government. Instead, the money comes entirely from donations made from the Florida Elks Charitable Trust Fund (Harry Anna), the 98 Florida Elk Lodges, the 25 different Ladies of the Elks Auxiliaries, the Elk's National Foundation(ENF), Florida Ladies of the Elks(FLOE), and sometimes from generous public donations.

This makes the 365 collection, and all the Tampa LOE fundraising activities, a very important part of keeping the wheels rolling on the 26 mobile units covering the 67 counties in Florida. Thank you to all who attended a fundraise or put money in a bank. Next month we will know just how much money was raised and turned in.

This month I received a full house from Richard Florence, and the equivalent of 4 full houses from Donna Halsey, who remains our most loyal supporter. There was very little n the houses scattered around the lodge this month.

Feel free to take one of those houses home with you and bring it back when it is full!

Rita Smith - 365 Chair





It's time to Party like a Pirate and JOIN the Fun as we celebrate The Legendary 2020 <u>GASPRILLA invasion Adventure</u> with Tampa Elks 708

Saturday 25th January 2020

- Busses will pick up from selected lodges at 7.00am

- You will enjoy all you can eat breakfast when you arrive

- Lunch and boat invasion viewed from Davis Island water front

- Pirate Beads

-All you can eat Dinner back at the Lodge

- Live Music and Loads of fun Activities

-Big Screen TV's to watch the Pirates on their floats parading Down The Historic Bayshore Blvd.

All this for \$65.00 per person (Bring a lawn chair)

Tickets may be purchased <u>www.tampaelks.com</u>
Look for the "Buy Tickets for Gasparilla" Link
Or checks made out to *Tampa Elks 708* or Booty (cash)I



QOH

Thursday 31st October
Numbers in by <u>6:45pm</u>
Jessica's Bloodylicious Drink

Specials

Killer Grub 6pm-8pm



HOE DOWN



Everyone who attended the August 31st HOE DOWN had a rootin' tootin' good time and as a result of everyone's generosity, almost \$1,000.00 was added to the coffers of the Veteran's Committee which will go a long way towards monthly dinners for both the James A. Haley & the Domiciliary veterans.

First & foremost I must thank the members of the Veterans Committee for preparing and donating all the side dishes. (Special thanks to non-committee-member Jacquie LoCicero.)

A big <u>thank you</u> to BB&T (that would be Betty, Bob & Tommy!) for procuring and preparing the ribs. They were awesome and received MANY compliments.

I am grateful for all the donations for the Chinese auction and to Richard Florance for his donation to the event.

Shelagh Gombarcik and her team did a rip roarin' job with the decorations which added much to the event.

The Hoe Down was attended by several veterans from the Domiciliary thanks to donations from generous Elks. The veterans loved the food and said they NEVER miss a chance to come to 708. (They've even been known to cancel other plans that conflicted.)

Dessert was provided in the form of a pie contest. Many thanks to all who donated pies and kudos to Suzanne Moore for walking off with 1st place.

This successful event could not have happened without the cooperation of many AND the support of all 708 members. **Thank You ALL!**

Respectfully submitted, Patty Jankiewicz





A new addition to our monthly articles...
One to give you a heads-up and help you plan ahead your Elk activities.

Any Chairperson with an upcoming activity or project, get us a flyer or the info about the activity and we'll make you a flyer...

SAVE THE DAY! MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND JOIN US!

Quarter Auction....

Paddles up Nov. 10th

(Shelagh's in the Kitchen)

Mid-Year Convention
(In Tampa!)
Nov. 14-16th

Thanksgiving Dinner at the Lodge
Nov. 28th

New Years event is in the works...

Check this column every month for future events!

SEE YOU AT THE LODGE!



If you are submitting articles/flyers to Elksize here are few guidelines that will help make your item more readable....especially for those who have less-than-perfect eyes!

- 1. Keep your info/story clear and brief....crowding and trying to include too much info results in a message so small many cannot easily read it.
- 2. If you include artwork or pictures make them fairly light as intense pictures, or those dark result in almost unrecognizable items...remember many read this in black and white, not the color newsletter you see online.
- 3. Remember the old adage: KISS....Keep It Simple (Smiley). Complicated flyers or articles will lose most readers.

If you want help with a flyer or article, I am available.....email me:

Paul DeLand, Editor at tapelksize@gmail.com



Welcome Home Taylor Boutin

I recently participated (for my first time since becoming a member of Elks Lodge # 708) in the Welcome Home Program that provides home supplies to local Veterans transitioning into a new home/apartment. This Grand Lodge program provides reimbursement to local lodges who provide this service for our nation's veterans.

The Veteran that I worked with is Taylor Boutin who served in the United States Army and recently relocated back to the Tampa Area. Taylor had been living at the Domiciliary Care Facility, a residential treatment program for Veterans that are Homeless. He has now moved into his own apartment located in the Central Part of the City of Tampa and is living on his own for the first time in his young life. Taylor is currently working part time at Publix in South Tampa and relies on public transportation to travel to and from work.

Taylor and I arranged a time to go to the Ikea Store located in the Ybor City section of Tampa and purchased a fivedrawer dresser, a TV stand and several kitchenware items as that is what Taylor identified as his greatest needs. Taylor has an efficiency apartment and these two furniture items that we purchased were needed to help him get started

He was extremely appreciative of the support and generosity that the Tampa Elks Lodge provided to him.

Based upon my observations and discussion with Taylor. . .

He could still use several folding chairs and either a small circular table or several folding snack tables. He also mentioned a desire for a coffee maker.

Contact me before bringing in items not specifically mentioned as storage in his apartment is very limited and non-existant at the Lodge.

It was a distinct pleasure meeting with Taylor and helping him transition into his new apartment.

I am glad to be a part of the Welcome Home Team from Tampa Elks Lodge # 708 and I have said many times before: "Time Well Spent".

Jake Slater Tampa Elks Lodge #708





• Friday Live Music - 10/4 from 6:30 to 10 pm in the Lounge



The Big City Duo with Craig Singleton - award winning professional musicians, vocalists, and entertainers performing the music you know and love from the Roaring Twenties to today's biggest hits!

Friday Live Music – 10/18 from 6:30 to 10 pm in the Lounge



The Boomer Band plays the greatest hits from all decades, and they will keep you entertained, dancing and singing along all night long!

Friday Live Music – 10/25 from 6:30 to 10 pm in the Lounge



• The keyboard and vocal stylings of Brad Siegel. A diverse playlist featuring a mix of country, a little bit rock n roll and some of your favorite ballads from the past and today. Sing a long, dance a long or just tap your foot to these favorites.

TAMPA ELKS LODGE TEAM



7:30PM, MONDAY, OCT. 14TH

Trivia Mistress Candy Venable Come out and Support Your Lodge

TAMPA ELKS LODGE



October 12th

BRING A DISH TO SHARE Come Out and Support Your Lodge



LOE October Notes from The President:

In September the Ladies had Low Country Boil as a last push to meet our goal of \$2000 for Children's Therapy Services. Thanks to all who supported us not only did we meet our goal, we surpassed it!! The success of this event would not be possible without an outstanding group of people. Thank you, Bonnie, our server extraordinaire. Patty J, who made sure our check in ran smoothly. Sue Moore for keeping the party going and helping with our 50/50. Laura Jones, that cake was decadent! The rock stars in the kitchen, Tommy Moore, Joe LoCicero and Steve, and Shelagh Gombarcik, who helped keep us all sane and on task. THANK YOU!

On Sunday, October 13th from 1pm to 3pm the Ladies are partnering up with Shelby to do flower arranging. For \$25 per arrangement we will be making a handheld flower arrangement. There is a minimum requirement of 10 participants. If interested, there is a sign-up sheet on the LOE bulletin board.

Looking into near future, the LOE will be having their annual LOE Christmas Bazaar on Friday, December 6th. If there are any members that make hand crafted items, please consider donating to our bazaar, hand crafted items always make for unique and one of a kind gift giving.

Jacquie LoCicero
LOE President

LOE OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

Patty Jankiewicz 10/10
Bonnie Atwood 10/18
Theresa Matthews 10/19
Donna Halsey 10/25

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





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



Tuesday Night Movie 7:30 pm With Free Popcorn



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 7/20 Johnson, Jack 5/19 Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 7/20 Edwards, Bill (PER/PLP) 6/19 Walbart, Mark 6/19 Appel, Jackie 7/20 Conners, 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

Waldbrat, Mark 8/23

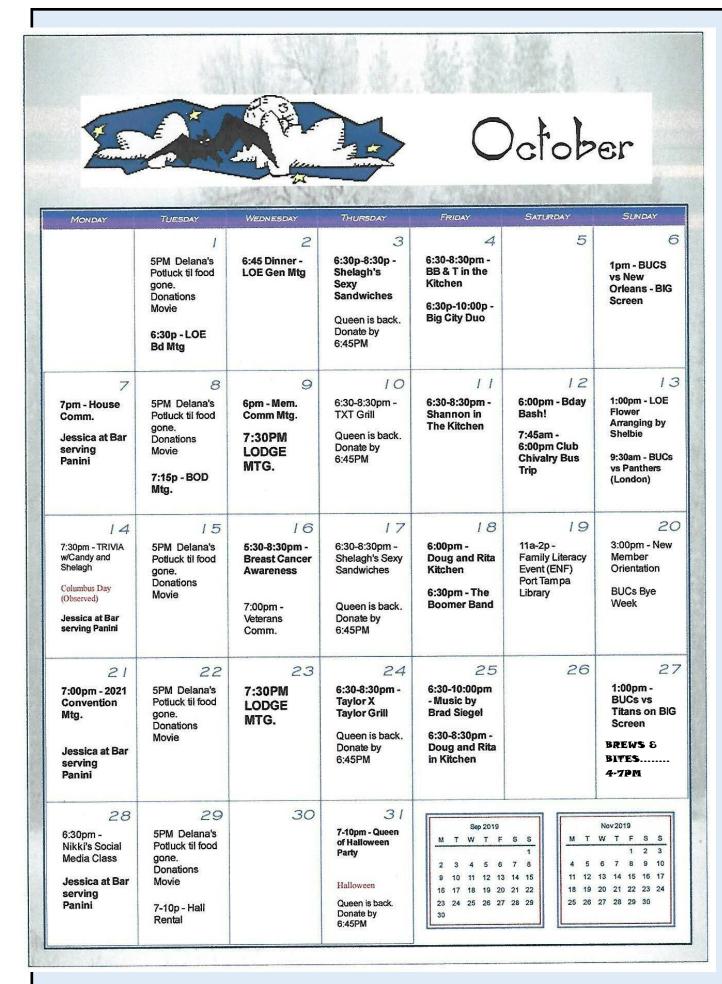
To increase the financial strength of Tampa Elks Lodge #708, ensuring that our Lodge will be around for another 100 years. We will accomplish this by rebuilding our capital through investments made by Lodge Partners who are determined to secure Tampa Elks Lodge #708 future. Interest earned on the investments 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-\$99Bordonaro, Robert 12/2019

Silver Investors \$21-\$50 James, Howard 3/2019 Lena L. Farris 9/2019

Bronze Investors \$10 - \$20 Bertoch, Mellissa 2/2019

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Tampa Elks Lodge #708



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
Suhrheinrich, Bob & Candi 4/20



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 WrightIn Memory of Harold Wright 6/2023

Support the Elksize Be an SOB - Smiling 'Ole' Booster

\$10.00 a year helps to defer the cost of our publication and allows us to direct more of our annual income to the charities and organizations we support.

Thank you!

OUR CURRENT SUPPORTERS

Friends of 708

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

Lisa and Bob Snyder

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.