

Friends of 708 February 1st & P.I.P. Dinner See Page 3



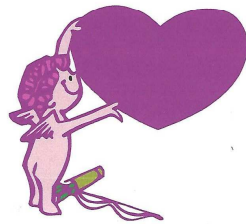
Valentine's, Feb. 14th

Steak Dinner
6:30-8:30pm



Come, enjoy....the time for our
Valentine's.....Marvelous food, and
great sides to make a fine evening!

RSVP
Please!



Calling All
Epicurean Elks...



2020 Gourmet Club
Kick-off

APPETIZERS

Sunday, February 23rd
5:00 p.m.

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

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

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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 -

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,
Rob Loryea

LODGE COMMITTEES:

Hall Activities—Jacquie LoCicero

Auditing Committee—Chair, Melissa Bertoch,
Bonnie Atwood

Elks National Foundation—Shelagh Gombarcik

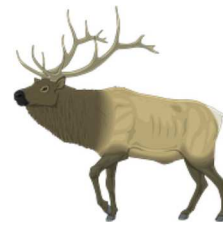
Harry Anna Trust Fund—Taylor Taylor

Veteran Services—Patty Jankiewicz

Elksize Editor—Paul DeLand

Elk of The Month

Candy Venable is our Elk of The Month. She has been the primary drive behind our much-loved Gourmet Club. In addition Candy also handles quietly a little-known, but important job as Editor of our online 708 Calendar. In addition she provides her beautiful singing voice for many Lodge activities.



Officer of The Month

Theresa Matthews is a Lodge Trustee and our “Queen of Pirates!” She helps to organize what is known throughout our WCD as the largest Pirate event held each year, our Gasparilla Invasion and bus trip. She serves as a Lodge Advisor and a PDDGER.





Tampa 708
says



THANKS!



Tampa Elks 708 will be holding a Partners in Progress & Friends of 708 dinner Saturday February 1, 2020 with cocktails at 5:00 PM and the program to begin at 6:00 PM. Dinner will be served immediately after the program. As an active member of either program you are cordially invited to attend. The purpose of the dinner is to recognize current Lodge Partners and Friends of 708 and to provide information to anyone in attendance that does not currently belong to either program. There will be no pressure to join.

If any attendee joins either PIP or Friends of 708 before 6:00 PM on the night of the event, their dinner will be comped. If they decide not to join, then the dinner will be \$18 per person.

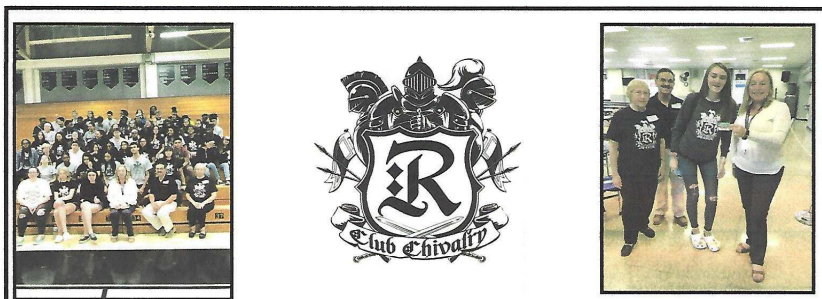
Rita Smith and crew will be providing a Surf & Turf dinner and her crew did a tremendous job last year. So, plan on spending a nice evening with your lodge friends and having a great dinner. Be sure to register so we will have a correct dinner count.

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND YOU MUST RSVP IN ADVANCE USING A REGISTRATION LINK ON TAMPaelks.com NO LATER THAN JANUARY 30, 2020.

If you cannot register online then contact Steve Harmon, PDD at steve@floridaelks.org or 813-508-2315.

Hope to see you at the dinner.

Steve Harmon



CLUB CHIVALRY FOR SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

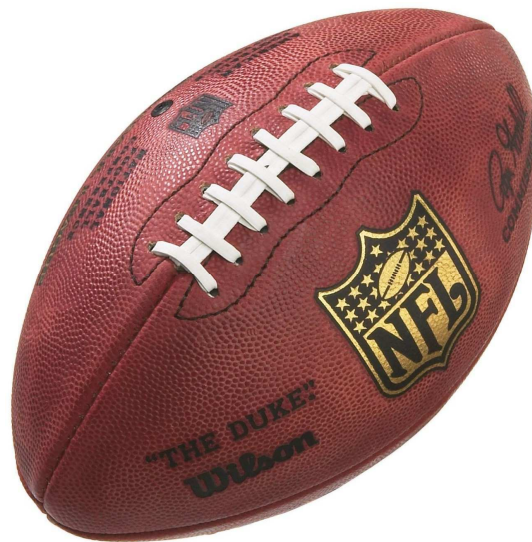
It's a new year for the Impact Grant- our fifth year sponsoring Club Chivalry at Robinson High School. We have weathered a lot of changes, but what doesn't change is Tampa Elk's commitment to seeing these students graduate. Our success rate had been very good, and we have become part of the fabric of our local high school. You should each be very proud of this accomplishment.

All the club meetings fall on Mondays, and this spring it is on the second Monday of each month. We meet in the school office at 12:15, and we are finished by 1:00. *It would be nice to have some new volunteers join us- there is no such thing as too many, and I like to demonstrate our diversity as much as possible.* The basic duties are simple – set up and distribute refreshments, pack up the leftovers, and answer questions about the Elks if the kids ask any.

In January, we did not have a guest speaker because it was Club picture day. Instead, we held an extra raffle for students who wore their club T shirts. This was successful – the percentage of students in their T shirts was much higher than in previous years. If you look closely at the picture, you will notice that 2 Elk volunteers - Jose Ramon and Carolyn Miller, are in the photo with the students. The other picture shows that Ashley Conley was one of three winners of a \$25.00 gift card. Our February 10th meeting will have a special guest speaker from the American Cancer Society.

The Club is having a HUGE Field trip on February 12th. They will be touring two colleges in Orlando, dining at Dave and Buster's, then they have front row seats to an Orlando Magic practice and tickets to a game. They will be leaving about 8:30 in the morning and returning about midnight! And yes, it is a school night! Some school staff were begging for chaperone positions, so we only need a couple of Elks. We will be providing some refreshments.

Our Florida Elk's Youth Camp Field Trip is on the books for March 3rd. I will need at least 2 male and 2 female chaperones. We will leave from Robinson at 8:30AM and return before 7:30 PM. This is a fun day and a chance to see why we are so proud of the Youth Camp and our Club Chivalry students! *You must be screened by the Hillsborough County School Board before you can chaperone, so contact me at apwurita@hotmail.com and I will send you that link.*





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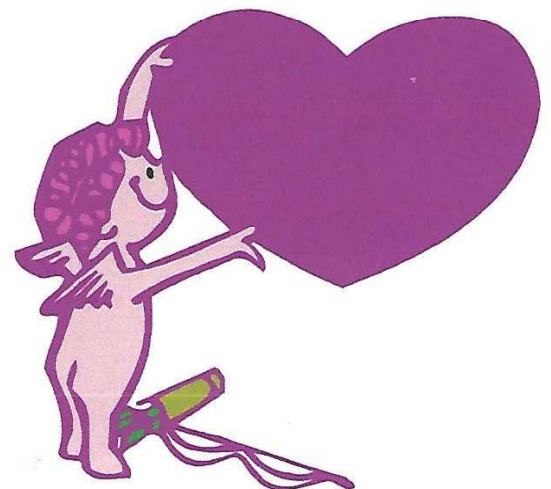
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6:30-8:30pm*

Come, enjoy a time for Valentines.....

Prefix dinner with 3 Course Meal
(Salad-Steak dinner-Dessert)

\$19.95

*RSVP
Please!*



TAMPA ELKS 708 PRESENTS...

SUPERBOWL LIV



& CHILI COOKOFF...



**NO
DUES
BEFORE
2**

ALL ENTRIES FOR CHILI (& APPETIZER)
CONTEST MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:00PM
WHEN JUDGES COMPLETE THEIR JOB THERE
WILL BE PEOPLE'S CHOICE JUDGING!
HOT DOGS AVAILABLE FOR \$1.00 AND CHILI
TOPPING OF YOUR CHOICE.

KICKOFF AT 6:30PM

PRIOR TO THE GAME, AND DURING THE
COOKOFF COMPETITION THERE WILL BE
GAMES....CORN HOLE, FOOTBALL TOSS

&

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND TIME WITH
"THE BEST PEOPLE ON EARTH!"

ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancake or French Toast Breakfast

and back by popular demand

A KETO TWIST!

Support your Lodge while you enjoy a
decadent breakfast!

Benefiting "Friends of 708" for Lodge sustainability.

SUNDAY, FEB 2ND
9am - 12pm
\$8.00



BREAKFAST INCLUDES:

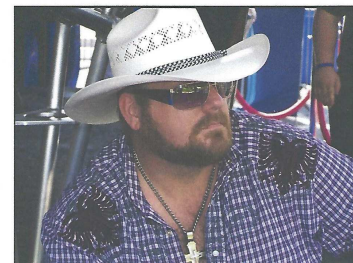
Regular or Decaf Coffee, all you can
eat Pancakes or French Toast, Butter
and syrup, or 2 Keto
Omelet Stuffed Pepper
Halves each with 3 strips
of Bacon. (Extra Bacon
can be purchased upon
request.)



Tampa Lodge 708, 3616 S. Gandy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33611



He's coming back!!!



Join us January 30th and
February 6th for the music of
Kris Pierce.

Fun, Food and the QUEEN!

Kris will be entertaining us from 6:30 to 10.00

Tampa Elks Lodge #708

3616 W Gandy Blvd

Tampa FL

ER's Notes

On behalf of all the members I want to thank the ladies and gentlemen who helped to make Gasparilla happen. Last year we didn't have the numbers we've had in the past. Well I guess we doubled down because with guests and volunteers the building was bulging at the seams with over 300 pirates running amok!

I'll leave it to Frank and Theresa to thank the individuals who helped by name, but I want to thank both Frank and Theresa for their organizational and marketing efforts which just blew last year's numbers right out of the water.

Gasparilla is by far the largest income event of the year for Tampa Lodge, second only to Dues in April. It is also one of the most time intensive and all day events of the year for the 30-40 volunteers who help, plus the preparation in the days leading up to the event. Without that 10-12% of our membership Gasparilla wouldn't float. Further by bringing in new money from outside of the Lodge, as we have for coming up on 20 years, we lessen the burden to members who would otherwise all need to start bailing water to keep Tampa 708 afloat financially. So Thank You to everyone who put in the effort to keep us on smoother waters. Miles



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**TAMPA ELKS LODGE
TEAM**



7:30PM, MONDAY, FEB. 10

Come out and Support Your Lodge

TAMPA ELKS LODGE



February 8th-6:30pm

Music by KJ Marty

**BRING A DISH TO SHARE
Come Out and Support Your Lodge**

365 Club Report –



Did you know that through the country the Ladies' Auxiliaries are known by different names? While Ladies of the Elks is the most prevalent, there are also auxiliaries called the Elkettes, The Does, and the Anna Miller Circle. One thing we all have in common is the desire to help children, and the 365 Club is the top vehicle in Florida to do just that! Started on the principal that every member can afford to donate a penny a day, the 365 Club was able to make enough donations to purchase the first vans for the Children's Therapy Services.

The amount of change flowing through our lodge has slowed way down, mainly because of the increased use of plastic and the "tax included" pricing. Meanwhile, the need for donations has only increased. If you would like to contribute but never have change in your pocket, feel free to fold up a bill or two and put them in the house, or write a check made out to LOE 708 and put 365 in the remarks line.

This month I received very full houses from Jackie Apple and Robert Bordonaro, and another very generous cash donation from Donna Halsey. I also had an almost full bank that I added to the donations in the houses around the bar. Special Thanks to Sharon for reminding patrons those houses are there.

Rita Smith

LOE JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

2/5 Sharon Ford

2/9 Susie Harlow

2/11 Berny Turpin

A GIFT TO TAMPA #708!

15% of Every order placed online or by phone with Stunning Flowers By Shelbie during February will go to Tampa Elks! Just insert or say the magic word:

ELK

In the promotion code space! Thanks Shelbie!



On-Going Calendar



Monday
LET'S GET SOCIAL!
 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
- 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
- Miller, Scott & Beth 10/20
- 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

Gold Investors \$51-\$99

- Bordonaro, Robert 12/2019
- McLaughlin, Susan & Mark 10/20

Silver Investors \$21-\$50

- James, Howard 3/2019
- Lena L. Farris 9/2019
- Lake, Sandra (Member) 10/20
- Lake, David & Carol 10/20
- Tuttle, Peggy 10/20
- Bertoch, Melissa 10/20

Bronze Investors \$10 - \$20

- Bertoch, Mellissa 2/2019
- Buikema, Douglas & Carol 10/20
- Piser, Carol 10/20

Elks Care - Elks Share



February



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Tampa Elks Lodge #708



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lodge708secretary@outlook.com

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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 Wright-
In 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

**Marty Quire Bonnie Quire Linda Reid Theresa Matthews Bonnie Atwood
Nanette Quire Mr & Mrs Orcutt Sharon Ford Richard Schneider
Christopher Miles Mr & Mrs Suhrheinrich Susie Harlow Steve Harmon
Lisa and Bob Snyder Pat Fennell Bill Deen Candy Venable Chris Ragusa
Mr & Mrs Hilficker Shannon Wheatley Camden Lynn Laura Jones**

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.

