



**Our Snowy-Palm,  
Winter Edition!**



It's time to Party like a Pirate and JOIN the Fun as we celebrate  
 The Legendary 2020 **GASPARILLA Invasion Adventure** with Tampa Elks 708  
**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 waterfront
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  - 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 [www.tampaelks.com](http://www.tampaelks.com)  
 Look for the "Buy Tickets for Gasparilla" Link  
 Or checks made out to *Tampa Elks 708* or Booty (cash)!

**DECORATE LIKE A PIRATE  
 MAKE A  
 GASPARILLA  
 WREATH  
 WITH SHELBY**

**Sunday, January 5th  
 1pm-3pm  
 \$35 per wreath**

Join us after your pancake breakfast!  
 Shelby will supply lots of options for your wreath.  
 However, if you have something you like to add to your  
 wreath, **BRING IT!**

Reserve a spot today.  
 Sign up sheet on the LOE bulletin board.

A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE LOE.

**Lots more inside!**

**START YOUR NEW YEAR  
 OFF RIGHT WITH THIS  
 ALL YOU CAN EAT  
 PANCAKE  
 BREAKFAST  
 WITH A KETO TWIST!**

**Support your Lodge and stick to your  
 New Year's Resolution or enjoy a  
 decadent breakfast!**

Benefiting "Friends of 708" for Lodge sustainability.

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 Regular or Decaf Coffee,  
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 Butter and syrup, or 2  
 Keto Omelet Stuffed  
 Pepper Halves both with  
 3 strips of Bacon. (Extra  
 Bacon can be purchased  
 upon request.)

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



### **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

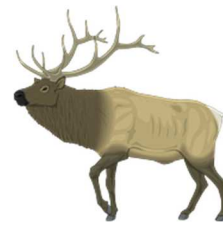
**Harry Anna Trust Fund**—Taylor Taylor

**Veteran Services**—Patty Jankiewicz

**Elksize Editor**—Paul DeLand

## **Elk of The Month**

Serving as LOE President Jackie Locicero is busy enough, however she also finds time to work for the Lodge in numerous ways. She provides delicious food from our kitchen and handles hall rental, providing income for the Lodge. Say “Hi!” and thank Jackie as this month’s Elk of The Month!



## **Officer of The Month**

A fairly new member, Nikki Murphy has begun involvement by jumping in on several Lodge areas. She is Chair of the New Years event, and helps with other activities in the Lodge. A Salute to this month’s Officer of The Month, and give her a thank you when next you see her.





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*Welcome Our New Members!*



*Coming to 708 in February!*

**PIP Renewal Event - February 1, 2020**

**Superbowl and Chili Cookoff - February 2, 2020**

**Valentines Steak Dinner (RSVP) - February 14, 2020**

*Check the bulletin board for details of these events and put them on your calendar NOW! Fun and good times at Tampa Lodge #708*

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## Chaplain's Message

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)

## January 2020

### CHEER IN THE NEW YEAR WITH A LITTLE PRAYER

**"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful." Colossians 3:15**

As the new year is upon us, let us pray we always remember our Lodge family and to know in our hearts and minds we are one, and grant us the strength that we may tolerate, love, and support each other as we fulfill our endeavors and obligations.

## Chaplain

**Melissa Bertoch**

## Gourmet Club Returns

I can hardly believe it! Gourmet Club starts up again next month!! (February) We have some fun themes planned for 2020, and, as always, good eats... Our first meeting will be Sunday, February 23rd at 5:00 pm. Our first theme: Appetizers and Starters. Be watching for Flyers. Oh, and there will be trivia...

## Candy Venable

## DRUG AWARENESS

Hello everyone. Hope all had a good Christmas and a Happy New Year. We start the new year with an Elks Drug Essay Contest. It is open for all 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Participants must write their essay themselves, but may get help from teachers, parents, or friends in the form of ideas. Length. no longer than 250 words. Paper size 8 1/2 x 11 inch. Typed computer generated text, hand written or hand printed. Each entry must have the following information on the back of the essay: Students full name, School, location, grade, Elks Lodge name and must attach a Hold Harmless agreement. Essays to be given to the Tampa Elk Lodge 708. You can call me for more info at 813 831-1017 if interested. Essays must be at the Lodge by February 15th. We also have an Elks Drug Awareness Poster Contest. The contest is open to all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. Poster paper should be submitted on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper. However posters submitted on paper up to 11 x 14 inches will be accepted. Please contact the Lodge for more info or call me at the number above. The Poster contest must also have the student's full name, School, location, and grade, Elks Lodge name on the back of the poster. Also the poster must be accompanied with a Hold Harmless agreement. The Poster should also be at the Lodge by February 15th. Remember be a Hero; Just Say No to Drugs

Tommy Moore

# *Downton Abbey*



Members join the excitement, dressing for the period, as the movie

## *“Downton Abbey”*

Was shown at Tampa Lodge on December 17th



**TAMPA ELKS LODGE  
TEAM**



**7:30PM, MONDAY, JAN 13TH**

**Trivia Mistress Candy Venable  
Come out and Support Your Lodge**

**TAMPA ELKS LODGE**



**January 11th-6:30pm**

**Music by KJ Dec**

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



### CLUB CHIVALRY FOR SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

On Thursday, November 21, club chivalry for Successful Students held an all day "On Campus" field trip.

Because we were going to be at the school, Ms Hand, the school sponsor and AVID teacher, made the caveat that students who did not have an A or B in each class would have to attend those classes where they had a C or less. The number of students participating ebbed and flowed all day. We had about 35 for breakfast, after which we spent the morning exploring careers in the Great American Teach In career expo at the school. Thank you to Dee Cisneros, PER, Tommy Moore, Trustee, and Laura Jones, Treasurer for chaperoning in the morning. We had less students for lunch, which was 5<sup>th</sup> period, but the sixth period the tables filled back up. The afternoon was spent in team building activities. Thank You to Lisa Snyder for putting on a challenging game of Team Trivia for the students- they loved it! Jose and Michelle Ramon were the other chaperones. Ms. Hand taught a game of Head & Shoulders that the students also enjoyed. It was a good day for the students, and therefore a good experience for the Elks that participated.

Our December Club Chivalry Meeting was on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, we did not have any grant funds left this year and could not provide Christmas gifts, but we did treat the students to Pizza. Jose Ramon, who is himself a Robinson Alumni from 1961, was our guest speaker. He cleverly incorporated the term Chivalry, and the Elks, and Robinson High into his speech about his own successful career in the military. Other volunteers included Carolyn Miller, Elma Kelly, Linda Peterson and Michelle Ramon. Special shout Out to Slice Pizza for the price break and allowing us to use your insulated bags.

That concludes the 2019 Impact Grant, which runs by Calendar Year. I am proud to announce that we did obtain another Impact Grant in the amount of \$5000,00 for the 2020 grant year – our fifth with the school! The program is expected to cost about twice that amount, so please expect and participate in our fundraisers this year. The first meeting is on January 13<sup>th</sup>, and they will be taking the Club Chivalry picture for the yearbook. The school will be back on early release, so check with me on the exact time.

Rita Smith



## 365 Club Report –



Have you heard of the Harry Anna Trust Fund? That is the charitable fund that supports the Florida Elks Youth Camp and the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services. The trust fund was started in 1951 and is named after Harry and Anna Miller, who donated the original land and building that became the Florida Elk's Hospital for Crippled Children. This fund collects the donations and endowments for the state major projects. The Harry Anna Trust Fund is restricted, so that only the income it generates can be used to support the projects. The land the Millers donated became the Florida Elk's Youth Camp, and the hospital services segued into the Florida Elk's Therapy Services which provides in home occupational and physical therapy. No government funds or insurance funds are used for either project. Your donations make both possible!

This month I received a full house of change from Bonnie Atwood and Jacqui LoCicero, and the equivalent of about 4 houses from Donna Halsey. The donations from the dining room and lounge are on the upswing, too. Thank you for each and every penny- it makes a difference in the life of a child!

Rita Smith

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### LOE JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

1/3 Robert Bordonaro

1/11 Raymond Huffman



# 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**

# JANUARY



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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 Betty Orcutt Sharon Ford Richard Schneider  
Christopher Miles Robert Suhrheinrich Susie Harlow Steve Harmon  
Lisa and Bob Snyder Pat Fennel Bill Deen**

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.

