



## **LODGE OFFICERS:**

**EXALTED RULER** - Paul DeLand  
**LEADING KNIGHT** - Rita Smith  
**LOYAL KNIGHT** - Paula Rousselle  
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**ESQUIRE** - Melissa Bertoch  
**INNER GUARD** - Edie Hanley  
**TILER** - Richard Florance, Per  
**CHAPLIN** –Wendy Hall  
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**4 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Bob Orcutt  
**3 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Tommy Moore  
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**1 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Shelah Gombarcik, PER

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## **A Message from your Exalted Ruler, Paul DeLand**



THANK YOU!, the members of Tampa Lodge #708, for placing your faith in me to lead this Lodge during the 2021-22 year! I will do my utmost to deserve that faith. CONGRATULATIONS! To the elected and appointed officers of Tampa Lodge who deserve your support for taking on the task of making this Lodge go!

My Motto for the year, “1 New Member” is explained in an article elsewhere in this issue. Past State President Frank Palladini stated in a recent Lodge meeting that to be sustainable a Lodge like ours should have 500 members. We are 170 below that level but growing! Can you bring “1 New Member?” to the Lodge. Each of us knows at least one person we would like to have join us in this mighty effort to serve our youth and veterans and enjoy the fellowship and social sides of Elkdom as well.

We have major events ahead of us, falling in the 1<sup>st</sup> few months of the Lodge year; a sizeable group will be initiated into the Order Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. May 27-30<sup>th</sup> is State Convention in Orlando (details on the state web site: [floridaelks.org](http://floridaelks.org)); and finally the crowning activity as Tampa hosts the 2021 Grand Lodge downtown. Your Lodge can use your help for the few BUSY days from July 2<sup>nd</sup> through July 7<sup>th</sup>.....Check the future Elksize articles and watch for sign up sheets to help as we have MANY visitors. We have already been visited by the incoming Grand Exalted Ruler, and 4-5 state delegations preparing for July!

So I say to my fellow Pirate Lodge members, “Fasten your seat belts, hang on, and get involved for an exciting, fulfilling and great year for our Lodge!”

Paul DeLand, Exalted Ruler, Tampa 708

*(1 New Member Moto explained on page 4)*

# Your 2021-22 Committee Chairs

- ◆ Americanism Committee ..... Bob Orcutt..... borcutt43@hotmail.com
- ◆ Army of Hope ..... Shannon Wheatley.... .shannonwheatley1@gmail
- ◆ Community Projects & Activities ..... Camden Lynn ..... camdenlynn07@msn.com
- ◆ Drug Awareness Education Committee.. Tommy Moore..... tommoore4109@gmail.com
- ◆ Elks National Foundation Certificates .... Bob Suhrheinrich .... bob.suhrheinrich@gmail.com
- ◆ Elks National Foundation Scholarships... Rita Smith..... .apwurita@gmail.com
- ◆ Elks Training Committee ..... Christine Harris ..... charris709@gmail.com
- ◆ Government Relations..... Jake Slater ..... slater51@me.com
- ◆ Harry-Anna Trust Fund Committee ..... Camden Lynn ..... camdenlynn07@msn.com
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- ◆ Interlodge Visitation Committee..... Rita Smith..... .apwurita@gmail.com
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- ◆ Lodge Activities Committee ..... To Be Determined .....
- ◆ Membership Committee..... Christopher Miles..... .legalmiles@gmail.com
- ◆ Orientation Committee..... Camden Lynn ..... camdenlynn07@msn.com
- ◆ Co-Chair ..... Shelagh Gombarcik ..... shelaghg1@yahoo.com
- ◆ Public Relation Committee ..... To Be Determined .....
- ◆ Ritual Committee..... To Be Determined .....
- ◆ Soccer Shoot Committee ..... To Be Determined .....
- ◆ Sports Committee..... To Be Determined .....
- ◆ Veterans’ Service Committee..... To Be Determined .....
- ◆ Youth activities Committee ..... To Be Determined .....



## Florida State President Rudy Masi will visit the West Central District this month.

On April 16th to the 18th President Masi tours the west central district Lodges. His homecoming celebration will be held at the St. Petersburg Lodge on Saturday the 17th at 6pm. Information and reservations can be found on our website. Reservation must be received by 4/3/21.

### In his recent article, President Masi quoted the FSEA District Vice President’s message to our leaders:

- Know it’s amazing what you can accomplish when you don’t worry about who gets the credit.
- Communicate effectively and frequently.
- Have fun.
- Never forget to say thank you. Continue to give praise and show appreciation.
- Always remember we represent the Elks and our actions speak volumes.
- Work together as a TEAM — Together Everyone Accomplishes More.
- Accept constructive criticism and be willing to change.
- Make amends promptly and move on when wrong.
- Stay on task, keep calm and move forward.
- Delegate, trust and advise.
- Be innovative and provide good leadership.
- Lead by example, being Warm, Friendly and Active.



As we herald a new year, I believe we can all agree this is a meaningful message for 708.

## A Warm Welcome To Our Newest Elks



*From Left to right:* Julie Wooley (Sponsor), Justin Houston, Paula Rousselle, (Group Friend) Katie Sullivan, Alex Sullivan, Hugh Connerty, Christine Houston, Reynold Watkins, Jermiah Busten, Gregory Stevens, Efi Ruffolo (Group Friend)

## April Elk Recognition

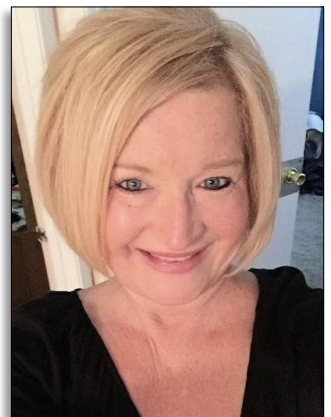
### **ELK OF THE MONTH...CHRIS MILES, PER**

April's Elk of the month is Chris Miles, PER. Just ending two long, difficult years as ER, there is no sign Chris will be slowing down in his dedication to Elks and Lodge #708. In the last days of his time in charge, Chris could be seen climbing ladders, replacing the damaged giant TV screen, *which he donated to the Lodge in the first place*, as well as other productive projects. He also offered up his 2<sup>nd</sup> \$2,000 donation to match funds from Lodge members during this trying time for the Lodge. His efforts are never-ending. Next time you're at the Lodge, offer a heart-felt Thank You to this Elk who proves he cares every day!



### **OFFICER OF THE MONTH...WENDY HALL**

Wendy Hall has taken the job as Chaplain for this Lodge year. In addition, she continues her efforts, mostly unseen to members, as Co-Bar Manager with Courtney Weil. This job involves receiving all bar funds, delivering them to Secretary Rick Schneider, and involvement in stocking and ordering. As if this isn't enough, she handles the pull tab and other machines taking in funds and handling payouts to winners. Wendy also serves as an active member of the House Committee and the 2021 and State Convention committees. When something needs doing she is usually there. Thank Wendy next time you see her!



## Supporting Reports



### Ladies of the Elk

Spring is in the air and a new year is on the horizon. As we begin our journey into our 2021/2022 year, I look forward to working with our board and members to keep our LOE viable and relevant to the lodge.

Our annual Walk-A-Thon will be Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. This is our largest fundraiser for Children's Therapy Services. Come out and walk with us, it's a nice leisurely walk on the Bayshore, nothing rigorous. We meet at Ballast Point Park at 10am, so, see, you don't even have to get up early. Can't make it to the Walk-A-Thon, no problem, you can make a donation to any of our Ladies that are walking. This is an excellent cause that everyone can get behind. With your help I know we can meet our goal of \$2000 for this year. Flyer and signup sheets are located on the LOE board. You can also speak to our 365 and Walk-A-Thon chairperson, Sue Moore, PLP, if you have any questions.

And they're off.....to the races. Horseraces that is. On Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, the LOE will be having their annual family friendly Kentucky Derby Horserace. This is a great event! Dinner starts at 6pm. Betting windows will also open at 6pm, with the first race at 7pm. Horses are a only \$12 donation, see any LOE board member or your bartender.

I'd like to end my article with thanking the LOE for allowing me to be your President. I am honored and humbled by your faith in me. I look forward to a wonderful, fun-filled and productive year with the LOE.

### April Birthdays

Melissa Bertoch 4/1, Jim Shimp 4/5, Jacquie LoCicero 4/6, Carolyn Williams 4/7,  
Carolyn Breit 4/19, Barbara Miller 4/25,

#### Executive Board

Jacquie LoCicero - President  
Shelagh Gombareik - Vice President  
Bonnie Atwood- Secretary  
Laura Jones - Treasurer  
Suzanne Moore - Chaplin  
Robert Bordonaro - Parliamentarian



### My Motto for Lodge Year 2021-22

You will see much of this logo/banner during the coming year. While we, as a lodge face many challenges, none is more daunting than that of a sustainable membership level. I will be asking each member to find one person they can bring into Tampa Lodge for a visit, to introduce them around to both members and our many programs for charitable causes. I will help you at any time to host someone for a visit. **HELP ME GROW THE LODGE!** - Paul DeLand, ER

## Committee Communications



**NO REPORT THIS MONTH...**  
**WATCH FOR THE MAY REPORT**  
**IN THIS PUBLICATION.**  
**HAVE A GREAT APRIL.**

**Bob Suhrheinrich**



### DAP Drug Awareness Program:

This past month, the Drug Awareness Program donated 100 DAP coloring books and book marks to BridgePrep K-8 Charter School in support of the FSEA Grant "Family Literacy Program." It was a very successful evening for all and we were proud to be part of the event. Thanks to Rita Smith for allowing the Drug Awareness Program to be part of such a worthwhile program. As always, remember to say No to Drugs. Tommy Moore, Chairman

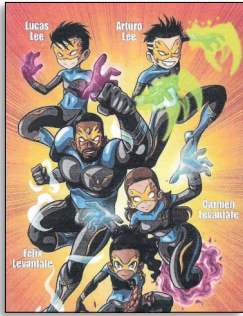


As we begin the new Lodge year and hope for cooperation and efforts together supporting each other, let us read and follow: *Psalms 133:1 A song of Ascents. Of David. Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!*

*Wendy Hall, Chaplain*

## Grant Reports

# FAMILY LITERACY AT BRIDGEPREP K-8



On February 24th Tampa Elks 708 partnered with the private charter school BridgePrep K-8 to have a Family Literacy night. This project was funded by FSEA matching grant funds. Author David Green was hired to bring his children's comic books and read them to the students. This event took place in two phases; at 3:00pm all the middle school students were issued books and spread out on the lawn to read along with the author. They also received posters, bookmarks and autographs from the author himself. At 4:00pm, the elementary school families were invited to attend a similar, safe, outdoor event. Twenty-eight families were present with their student and the children attending the after-school care program also joined in. Each child received a book package, a drug awareness (DAP) coloring book as well as a bookmark and participated in the read along with the Author. Autographs were given upon request. In addition, Tampa Elks #708 provided cardboard picture books for the toddlers that came with their families.



The Elks' participation included the purchase of all the books and supplies, the refreshments, and of course the volunteers to make it all come together. Thank you to *Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, Laura Jones, Treasurer, Bonnie Atwood, Patty Volpe, Richelle Nickle, Mike Volpe, and Christien Elkins* for giving up their afternoon to help these children develop a love of reading. *Christine Harris* is the principal of BridgePrep and a long time Elk herself. She and her assistant *Suzanne Mizzi* made sure everything ran smoothly.

Rita Smith-FSEA Grant Manager



# Grant Reports

## Happy New Year to Club Chivalry!



Tampa Elks Lodge #708 has been granted our 6<sup>th</sup> Impact Grant to be used by Club Chivalry for Successful Students. The Impact Grant year runs January to December, and all expenditures are reported directly to the Elk's National Foundation for verification and approval. This year the amount of the grant was only \$4000. In the ENF

Midday Minute, a weekly U-Tube production by ENF, they explained that Impact Grants in existence more than 3 years are expected to find other means of support for the program, and the amount of the grants will be steadily reduced until the programs are self-sufficient. You know what that means? Fundraising time. In a normal year this program, with the field trips, school supplies, and T-shirts, costs about 11K. Luckily, or not, this has so far not been a normal year, so our current expenses are much lower. That is expected to change quickly as the Covid situation improves. Donations are always welcome, and in March there was a special meeting of Club Chivalry supporters to brainstorm fundraising ideas for the year.



We had our first meeting of the Impact year on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Our motto for the Month of January was, "Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it." *Lecturing Knight Paula Roussele* was our guest speaker, and she kept the students interested in how she developed her career as a Civil Defense Trial Attorney. Our other volunteers, *Shannon Wheatly, Bonnie Atwood, and Carolyn Miller* were also appreciated as they helped with the refreshments and clean up. The kids took a Valentine's quiz to fill in the few minutes left before the final gift card drawing.



At our February 22nd meeting, *Bonnie Atwood, Carolyn Miller, and Elma Kelly* were our volunteers. The students were shocked to hear that Elma was 90 years old and still volunteering! Our motto for the month was, "The fastest way to achieve success is to first help others succeed," *Shannon Wheatley* was our guest speaker. She told the children about her winding path to her current career as a small business owner. The students were surprised to hear that Shannon is the owner and operator of The Fun Boat. After some announcements, the students, and Elma played an elimination game that requires quick reflexes.



At both the January and February meeting the Club Chivalry president could not attend due to being quarantined due to contact tracing. Please keep our students and teachers in your prayers.



Rita Smith, Impact Grant Manager

# Grant Reports

## MAKING MUD PIES AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL



On Saturday, January 23rd at 9 o'clock in the morning Tampa Elks assembled at Coleman Middle School to embark on a landscaping project with the students in the Beta Club, courtesy of our Elks National Foundation's oversized 2021 Beacon grant. These students are required to earn 10 hours of community service, retain a GPA of 3.5 or higher and get two teacher recommendations to even join the National Beta Club. These were highly motivated and well-disciplined students, and a real treat to work with. While Coleman is not a particularly impoverished school, the county's budget for maintenance has necessarily been cut due to the increase cost of maintaining Covid precautions. The school was looking rather shabby. Fellow Elk *Kristina Chowning* is the

Beta Club sponsor, and she was able to determine the scope of the project and the supplies needed. She also knew exactly how to organize the morning, and assigned each Elk to a different point in the schoolyard and set us to work. In total 75 students signed in! We had 11 Elks: 2 food runners, a photographer, 2 hydration station/lunch helpers and 6 that really rolled up their sleeves. They all had to have applied online to become a school volunteer in order to participate. There were also a couple of other teachers, a couple of PTA parents, and the Principal on board that morning.

Projects varied: *Tommy Moore* drew the pressure washing job, which included supervising students who were applying sod to the picnic area grounds. *Jerry Reid* spent a couple of hours with a rake in his hand.

*Elma Kelly, Laura Jones, and Linda Reid* transformed planters into works of art. I never did find *Shannon Wheatley*, but I heard she was way out front with a group of kids. It was my first time on campus and I really didn't know where out front was. However, Shannon was done early also, and luckily had an extra case of water in her car. It was quite warm for January!

Other adults supervised students planting shrubs along the walkway and weeding out a bed of ferns. With that many students, all the projects were done early, so we went across the street and tackled the track and basketball court too!

By noon, the students were tired, dirty, and hungry. Unfortunately, Subway Sandwich Shop let us down that day. I made arrangements with two Subways in advance. I talked to the manager and verified they had all the ingredients I had listed on the form from which the students would choose. *Jan Bertoch* took the orders to the Subway Sandwich Shops right at 10 o'clock when they opened. When *Shelagh Gombarcik* arrived at 11:30 to pick them up, they hadn't even started on the orders. At 12:50pm about half the sandwiches arrive. By then many students had left after filling up on chips, cookies and fruit. By 1:00pm all the students had been picked up and all the Elks needed a shower!

Rita Smith, Elks National Beacon Grant Manager



## Last Month's Festivities & Events



### THE QUEEN WAS CAPTURED AND WE HAVE A WINNER!

On March 11th the Queen was found by our very own

### SUSIE HARLOW

who walked away with a whopping \$4,547.

Come join us every Thursday Night and for a mere \$2 donation you may get Lucky too!



## 2021 St Patrick's Party



If an event is judged by the quality of the food, we aced it! Thank You so much to *Bob Orcutt* and his right-hand man *Tommy Moore* on the Corned Beef and Cabbage, and to *Candy Venable* on the Bailey's Brownies. The excellent food service was provided by our Club Chivalry members from Robinson High School - *Ismene, Angelina, and Isaac*. If an event is judged based on the quality of the music, we aced it! Thanks to the *Linda Reid family* who located and cosponsored the fabulous dance band. If you judge by decorations, it was not too shabby! Thank you to *Bonnie Atwood, Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, Christien Elkins, Dee Cisneros PER, and Monty Hendrix*. If you are all about winning fabulous prizes,



thank *Patty Volpe, Susie Harlow, Linda Reid, Shannon Wheatly, Shelbie Martinez* and the LOE for their donations and *Betty Orcutt, Suzanne Moore, and Shannon Wheatley* for their time. Those hoping to win a Pot of Gold should thank *Wendy Hall, Edie Hanley, and Crystal Johnson* for making that happen. *Suzanne Moore* won the Pot of Gold. If you are amused when an Elk gets that "Deer in the Headlight" look when a microphone is handed to them, you had 10 opportunities to laugh. *Josh Reid* won the Limerick contest, but when you see *John Brennan* ask him to recite his limerick. *Shelbie* came up with some great drink specials. Everybody there loved the fun factor! Most stayed later than they intended. We also enjoyed great advance advertising facilitated by *Paul Deland, Chris Miles, Jerry Reid, Marty Quire, Becky Sullens* and the Bartenders: *Shelbie, Taylor, Delana and Jessica*. If I forgot to mention you, I apologize. As I always say, "It's not just me - It takes a village!"



The one thing we did not ace was high attendance. Please support Lodge events. We don't have as much FUN without U!





## Upcoming Events and Projects

### *Easter Brunch*

*Easter Sunday, April 4th*

*Buffet open...*

*12:00pm to 3:00pm*

*Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage,  
Quiche, Biscuits, Gravy, and Fruit  
All for just \$8.00*

*• Plus Mimosa & Bloody Mary Specials*

## LUAU

**Join us April 24th at 6:30 for  
a warm tropical evening  
a little early this year...**

**HAWAIIAN MUSIC, A TROPICAL BUFFET,  
SWEET SUMMER DRINK SPECIALS**

**A LEI FOR EVERYONE  
HULA HOOP CONTEST  
\$20.00**



# Upcoming Events and Projects

## COME CHECK OUT MONDAY NIGHT

# BAR BINGO

### 6:30PM

With a \$3 donation you can enjoy a night of fun, good company and maybe even be a Winner!  
Bob Orcutt was a big winner



# LOE MINI Pop up shop

Get your Pirate on...

Thursday

## May 20th

### 6pm-7:30pm



Let the Ladies  
up your  
Pirate game.



It's not  
just for the  
Ladies  
we have men's  
items also.

Feather hair  
pieces,  
necklaces,  
bracelets and  
more.

Prices range  
from \$5 to  
\$25.



Donations to benefit the Ladies of the Elks Any questions, please contact Jacquie LoCicero at 813-245-6458

# Upcoming Events and Projects

**Ladies of the Elks Auxiliary  
Tampa Lodge 708**



**Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 10am**

**Please join us on Bayshore Boulevard for a great cause!**

We will meet at Ballast Point Park and leisurely make our way down Bayshore and back. Ladies of the Elks, Elks, friends and family members, children and pets are all welcome to join us for this annual event.

If you cannot join us, please sponsor a member of the Ladies of the Elks to help us reach our goal.

**ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF YOUR DONATION WILL GO TO CHILDREN'S THERAPY SERVICES.**

This will allow physical therapists to give in-home therapy services to children across our great state of Florida.

Need more information: contact Sue Moore at 813-390-2930 or email [msnana7@verizon.net](mailto:msnana7@verizon.net)



*Calling All*

*Epicurean Elks...*

**2021 Gourmet Club**

**BORN TO COOK**

Bring a Dish  
that was Popular  
the Year (or Decade)  
you were Born



**Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.**

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

*..trivia...trivia...trivia...trivia...*

TAMPA ELKS 708

# HIMES AVE CLEANUP

**ATTIRE:**

Closed Toe Shoes  
Hat  
Gloves  
Sunscreen

**MAY 22ND 9AM - 12PM**

3616 W GANDY BLVD, SUNNY TAMPA, FLORIDA

*Help clean the debris*



**HOUSE COMMITTEE'S**

**Pasta on the 3rd**

**JOIN YOUR HOUSE COMMITTEE  
FOR A PASTA DISH ON THE  
3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.  
PASTA STARTS SERVING @ 6:30PM**

**April 21st**– TikTok made me do it  
Feta & Roasted Tomato Pasta  
**May 19th**– Chicken Fajita Pasta  
**June 16th**– Parmesan Spinach &  
Mushroom Pasta

Your pasta dish is free to members.



**Donations GLADLY accepted.**

# Upcoming Events and Projects

LADIES OF THE ELKS

Presents their annual

## KENTUCKY DERBY

HORSE



RACE

Añã Auction  
Saturday May 1st

First race starts at 7pm



Cocktail Specials

Family Frienđly Event

Kentucky Derby Hat Contest

Lãdies añã Gentlemen

Sneak Peak of Auction Items

Flower arrangement once a month for 12 months

Tampa Fun Boat Cruise

Mobile Car Detailing

Liquor liquor liquor

Eat Local gift card package

Añã MORE

Items subject to change

Dinner \$12

Hot Brown Sliders

Watermelon Salãd

Deviled Eggs

Mint Julep Cupcake

Dinner starts at 6 pm



BUY AND ENTER YOUR HORSE

TODAY ONLY \$12.00

see your bartender or any LOE board member

BETTING WINDOWS OPENS AT 6PM

First race starts at 7pm



50/50

50% WINNER

50% Children's Therapy Services

All donations benefit the Ladies of the Elks and their charities

# On Going Calendar Events

<p><b>Monday Night BAR</b></p>  <p><b>3 Dollar Donation to Play 6:30 pm</b></p>	<p><i>Happy First Tuesday</i> Light Appetizers Drink Specials</p> 	<p>2nd, 3rd &amp; 4th Tuesday (House Committee)</p>  <p>Donations Gratefully Accepted</p>	<p><b>Free!</b></p> <p>3rd Wednesday of the Month <b>6:30pm</b></p> <p><b>PASTA DINNER</b></p> <p>Brought to you from the House Committee</p> 
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<p><b>EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT</b></p>  <p><b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b></p> <p>Ticket donations taken till 6:45pm Drawing at 7pm</p>	<p><b>FIRST FRIDAY!</b> Each Month is Carl Williamson Country Fried Steak Night 6pm - 8pm</p>  <p><b>\$10.00</b></p>	<p><i>Last Sunday... Gourmet Club</i></p>  <p>Bring us your impressive dishes, or just come with an appetite and donation.</p> <p>5:00 pm</p>
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## Lodge Business and Programs



# Partners in Progress or PIP

### Platinum Investors \$100+

- Brennan, John 5/2021
- Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 7/2021
- Fennell, Jerrye,  
Patrick & Cheryl 7/2021
- Appel, Jackie 7/2021
- Bertoch, Melissa 9/2021
- Smith, Rita 1/2022
- Norton, Bob & Brenda 2/2022
- Edwards, Bill 3/2022
- Jones, Laura 3/2022
- Suhrheinrich, Bob 3/2022
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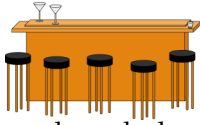
To increase the financial strength of Tampa Elks Lodge #708, ensuring that our Lodge will be around for another 100 years. We will accomplish this by rebuilding our capital through investments made by Lodge Partners who are determined to secure Tampa Elks Lodge #708 future. Interest earned on the investments will remain in the investment account and help to increase the overall financial strength of our Lodge.

**Gold Investors \$51-\$99**  
Bordonaro, Robert 7/2021

**Silver Investors \$21-\$50**

**Bronze Investors \$10 - \$20**

# Lodge Business and Projects



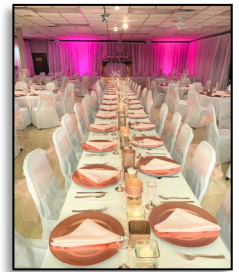
## BAR RENOVATION PLANS

The Bar Renovation Committee is continuing to develop plans, gather estimates and move toward work on the bar. Under consideration is a phased plan to address the following:

- Bar interior, including new sinks...plus hand washing sinks, replacing the center island, and addressing other mechanical needs, plus replacement of the entire “gun” system by Coke.
  - Bar top, with consideration of everything from new Formica to possible acrylic/epoxy finishes and other options.
  - Bar face redo with metal and wood finishes being considered.
  - Replace the carpeted area around the bar with either new carpet or possible vinyl or composite materials with a wood grain finish.
  - NOTICE will be given when we are set to begin the work and we will likely move to a temporary bar location in the dining area. Watch for announcements!
- Paul DeLand, ER – Bar Renovation Committee

## Keep in Mind...we have a Great Rental Hall

As most of you know our Lodge offers a large space for our events as well as being available to the community for private and club events at a reasonable cost. The funds gleaned from the rental of the hall supports our Lodge, and its potential is woefully underutilized. “Have you tried to rent an event space in south Tampa recently?” To say the least, our hall is very affordable in comparison. Please take every opportunity to tell people about the space, and to give them Jacque LoCicero’s information which can be found on pg 1 of this newsletter.



## Remember the little green houses!

We see them every time we visit the Lodge, but do you know what they are? This is a program sponsored by the Ladies of The Elks. They are there in the hope you will deposit your loose change in them when you stop by. This change is collected by the Ladies and in August it’s dispatched to the chairwoman for the Florida LOE, where it is combined with all the 365 donations from around the state. These funds are donated to the Florida Elks Children’s Charity Services or the Children’s Youth Camp as each LOE indicates. Tampa LOE has traditionally collected on behalf of the Florida Children’s Therapy Services and continues to do so.

Please pick up your own Greenhouse and fill it at home with your loose change! Help the Ladies meet their goal in September. Remember every penny adds up and helps children get the services they need. *Suzanne Moore, PLP is the 365 representative this year and she or any of the Ladies would be happy to help you with that.*



### FROM YOUR ELKSIZE EDITOR

It’s been a few years, but I’m back and will be putting this Newsletter together again. I know we are all looking forward to an exceptionally eventful year due to the Elks National Convention being hosted here in Tampa.

Please take a few moments and truly look over this first month’s publication for any errors or omissions in names, dates or projects...let’s get it right from the start. Just email me at: [georgiahilficker@gmail.com](mailto:georgiahilficker@gmail.com) or text me at 813-294-6200. Thank you

## APRIL LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 5th - LOE Board Meeting 7pm
- 6th - House Committee Meeting 6:30pm
- 7th - LOE Dinner 6:15pm - Meeting 7pm
- 14th - Elks General Meeting 7:30pm
- 18th - Member Orientation - 4pm
- 18th - Member Initiation - 5pm
- 20th - House Committee Meeting 6:30pm
- 9th - Board of Director’s Meeting 7:15pm
- 28th - Elks General Meeting 7:30pm

# Tampa Elks Lodge #708

## APRIL 2021

## Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1  Dee's Open Grill Night   <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b> DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	2 All you can Eat   <b>Fish Fry</b> \$12.00 6pm to 8pm	3
4 Join us for Easter Brunch \$8.00 Mimosa & Bloody Mary Specials 12pm to 3pm Menu on page 9	5  LOE BOD MEETING 7PM   <b>BAR BINGO!</b> 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	6  HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM  Happy First Tuesday Appetizers & Drink Specials 	7  LOE GENERAL MEETING 7PM LOE DINNER 6:15PM	8  Dee's Open Grill Night   <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b> DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	9	10  <b>APRIL BIRTHDAY BASH</b> 6:30PM
11	12   <b>BAR BINGO!</b> 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	13  7:15PM BOD MEETING   <b>SOUP ON</b> Donations Accepted	14  7:30PM GENERAL MEETING	15  Dee's Open Grill Night   <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b> DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	16  State President Rudy Masi Homecoming  WCD PER Association Meeting immediately following State President's Dinner at Holiday Isles Lodge	17  State President Rudy Masi Homecoming
18  State President Rudy Masi Homecoming  NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION 4PM NEW MEMBER INITIATION 5PM	19   <b>BAR BINGO!</b> 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	20  HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM   <b>SOUP ON</b> Donations Accepted  Ethnic Night at Kojaks Car pool from Lodge 6pm or meet at Kojaks 6:30	21  <b>PASTA DINNER</b>  Brought to you by The House Committee 6:30pm See Page 11 for Menu	22  Dee's Open Grill Night   <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b> DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	23	 <b>LUAU</b> Tropical Music, Dancing, Island Food and More 6:30
25 <b>LOE WALK-A-THON</b>  10AM   <b>Gourmet Club</b> 5:00pm	26   <b>BAR BINGO!</b> 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	27 HALL RENTAL 7PM TO 9PM   <b>TRIVIA NIGHT</b> 7:30PM   <b>SOUP ON</b> Donations Accepted	28  7:30PM GENERAL MEETING	29  Dee's Open Grill Night   <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b> DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	30	

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

\$10.00 a year defers some of the publication cost, allowing us to direct more of our income to the charities & organizations we support.

In memory of John F. Morris - 3/2021  
Jerrye, Patrick & Cheryl Fennel - 6/2021  
Pat & Mariyln Fennel - 6/2021  
Donna Halsey - 6/2021  
Frances Aberle - 8/2021



Shannon Wheatley - 6/2022  
Robert Bordanero - 7/2022  
South Tampa Chamber of Commerce - 2/2023  
Vera Wright -  
In Memory of Harold Wright - 6/2023

## Friends of 708

### OUR CURRENT MONTHLY SUPPORTERS

Marty Quire - Linda & Jerry Reid - Theresa Seibert - Carl Seibert - Bonnie Atwood - Nanette Quire  
Mr & Mrs Moore - Mr & Mrs Orcutt - Sharon Ford - Richard Schneider - Christopher Miles  
Mr & Mrs Suhrheinrich - Susie Harlow - Steve Harmon - Lisa Snyder - Julie Wooley  
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H. Smith - S. Washington - R. Florance - S. Owens - S. Wheatley - K. Higgins - L. Snyder  
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This local program focuses solely on improving our lodge through generous member donations.  
All members are encouraged to sign up for the "Eleventh Hours Pledge".  
Your recurring pledge of \$11 a month will help maintain our lodge.