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**TREASURER** - Debbie Brennan  
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**INNER GUARD** - Edie Hanley  
**TILER** - Richard Florance, PER  
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**4 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Bob Orcutt  
**3 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Tommy Moore  
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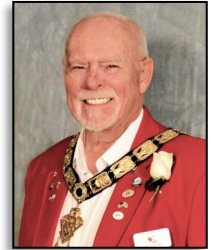
## **Club Hours:**

Mon - Thursday 4:00pm - 11:00pm  
Friday 4:00pm - 12:00am  
Saturday 4:00pm - 11:00pm  
Sunday 4:00am - 9:00pm

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



When this Elksize hits your email or mail box many of you might not see it for days...You will be too busy working the Grand Lodge Convention! I have quite high expectations for the level of activity, visitors and so forth we will have from beginning of July until July 9. The actual convention will be July 4 thru 7.

If you get this at any time from July 1 to July 6th, please contact the Lodge or Chairman Rita Smith (813-431-3020) and volunteer for at least one shift to help as we host hundreds of Elks from across the nation. This is, perhaps, the largest event this Lodge has ever handled and we NEED HELP! Hands on, doing everything from greeting visitors in pirate gear to serving food, helping back the bartenders, and cooking! That will be followed by a clean up when the Grand Lodge has ended. Donate some time and enjoy the biggest party we will see for many months. Your Lodge needs YOU! Please show us your Elks Spirit!

The 1<sup>st</sup> stage of our bar renovation is complete. The outer bar face has been replaced with paneling, the new chairs are being hailed as quite comfortable, the new flooring around the bar is in place as well. Many of our folk have spent LOTS of hours, raised lots of money and worked hard to get to this point. Following the Grand Lodge Convention, and after a rest, we will continue with the renovation.

From a large anniversary party to a highly successful Member Mingle, planned and executed in excellent fashion by Candi Suhrheinrich, you can see we are a busy Lodge, with more to come. The Grand Lodge Convention is only a blip on the scale of developing things at 708...come on down and join with us in the celebration of Elkdome!



*Paul DeLand, Exalted Ruler*

# Your 2021-22 Committee Chairs

- ◆ Americanism Committee ..... To Be Determined .....
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- ◆ Interlodge Visitation Committee..... Rita Smith..... apwurita@hotmail.com
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- ◆ Lodge Activities Committee ..... To Be Determined .....
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- ◆ Orientation Committee..... Camden Lynn ..... camdenlynn07@msn.com
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- ◆ Sports Committee..... To Be Determined .....
- ◆ Veterans’ Service Committee..... Kristie Mathews ..... fanoftampa@hotmail.com
- ◆ Youth activities Committee ..... To Be Determined .....

## IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS AT THE 2021 STATE CONVENTION



### STEVE HARMON, PDDGER RETIRES FROM THE FESA

A member of 708 since 1990, Steve has done much to enhance our Lodge and the FESA over the past 31 years. He established our *Partners in Progress Fund*, which continues to grow to this day and has been our Lodge advisor since 2015. Though he retires from

FESA, he will continue on as 708’s Lodge Advisor.

Few of us know that Steve, while a member working on a contract basis, wrote the program that tracked certificates and donations for FSEA from 2009 to 2015 and later put together the first system that allows us to register and pay for events and fees online.

In Carl Siebert’s retirement email to Steve he wrote: *“Suffice it to say your contributions were many and your successes without equal. You were often the only Elk in the crowd that could see the big picture with me and together we built an infrastructure for growth and longevity! I cannot thank you enough.”*

To say the least he has put his mark on Elkdom and especially on our Lodge. We are proud to count him among the members of Tampa Lodge 708.

*Article submitted by Georgia Hilficker*



### Awards bestowed at State Convention

Our Lodge was proud to accept the Harry-Anna Trust Award for highest per-capita donations for the 2020-2021 Florida Elk year.

We were also awarded 1st runner up for All State Lodge, in our size category, loosing to Gainesville by a mere 45 points.

**Go 708!**

## Your Lodge Needs You Now!

### **IT'S NOT TOO LATE..THE NATIONAL CONVENTION IS HERE AND WE NEED YOU!**

As you probably know by now, Tampa is hosting the Elks National Convention. Our Lodge is the closest of the west central district Lodges to the event and hotels, so we expect to receive lots of visitors throughout the convention.

With that in mind please consider volunteering a few hours of your time for the dates July 1st to July 9th to help make our visitors welcome. There are all types of shifts available from hosting and selling to serving...there are seated shifts and some with standing and sitting so you should find something that fits your needs.

You'll find all types of fun things going on so you'll probably want to stick around once your shift is over so come hungry, thirsty and ready to play.

There will be pirates everywhere, live music, great 708 souvenirs and specialty drinks galore. There are tons of 708 volunteers working behind the scenes to make this happen...all we need is you to help us ensure 708 is remembered as the friendliest and most hospitable Lodge around.

**As always there are sign-up sheets in the Lodge, or you can text Rita Smith at 813.431.3020.**

*More information on page 9*

## July Elk Recognitions

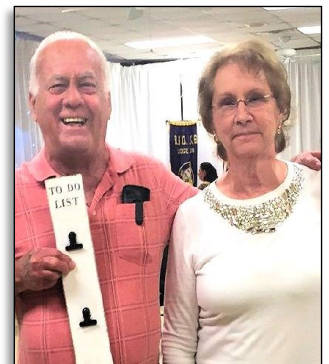
### **ELK OF THE MONTH..VICTOR BELCORE**

Some folks are just natural-born workers for the cause...This month's Elk of The Month is Victor Belcore. Many have not yet met Vic who joined as a member just two months ago. His 1<sup>st</sup> effort was joining with Shelagh Gombarcik,PER in her project to cover the exterior of the bar. Shelagh rushed out and purchased the "used" paneling when new became suddenly hard-to-find in Tampa. Vic jumped in and brought tools, saws, etc. and proceeded to work with Shelagh on getting the bar covered. Be sure to stop by and take a look at all the wonderful, on going alterations. A BIG ELK Welcome to Victor Belcore!



### **OFFICERS OF THE MONTH..SUZANNE & TOMMY MOORE**

Again I must depart from a single person and recognize two of the hardest-working Elks in our Lodge this month. Tommy Moore, Trustee and Suzanne Moore, Lecturing Knight are constantly at the Lodge, cleaning, cooking, sorting out and storing convention materials, and much more. Holding an event....Sue will be there with hot food or cakes....Kitchen cooking going on, Tommy is most likely there helping make the meal. They have both served for years, this year Sue has taken on the Lecturing Knight role for the 1<sup>st</sup> time....Tommy continues his term as Trustee. Congratulations and well-done to both of them!



## Supporting Reports



### Ladies of the Elks:

The BIGGEST event of our lodge is here! This is our moment to SHINE! Where does that leave our LOE? Well...the LOE needs your help. The Ladies will be displaying their pirate jewelry during the Lodge's activities, and we need volunteers to collect donations. It's not too late to help out. No amount of volunteer time is too small. Only have an hour to spare, no problem! You can contact me via email ([loetampa708@yahoo.com](mailto:loetampa708@yahoo.com)) or call/text (813-245-6458). Your participation and support of your LOE is integral to its success.

It is **LOW COUNTRY BOIL TIME!** Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm the Ladies will be hosting a Low Country Boil. The cost is \$25 per person and reservations are a MUST! There is a sign-up sheet on the LOE's bulletin board, or you can call/text (Jacquie 813-245-6458) to reserve your spot. Last day for reservations is Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Come join your LOE for good food, the music of Greg White Jr, and most of all good company. Hope to see you there.

Before our monthly meeting, we like to gather, have a meal, and enjoy the company before we get down to the business at hand. If you would like to make (or order) a dinner for the LOE, please see the sign-up sheet on the LOE board. As always, you can also call/text me to sign up.

**Our July meeting has been cancelled** due to our extensive lodge events for the Grand Lodge Convention. Our next meeting will be August 4<sup>th</sup>. Dinner at 6:15 and meeting at 7pm.

**Upcoming happenings for the LOE.** Save the date (September 12<sup>th</sup>) for a members (or non-members) fashion show and tea. In October Candi Suhrheinrich is coordinating a dinner for the families at the Ronald McDonald House at TGH. We are tentatively scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup>, pending their reopening to volunteer groups.

**Some tidbits to take away from our June meeting:** A follow up on the fireplace: I believe the fireplace has been fixed! Restriping the parking lot: awaiting Step 1 (fill the holes!) to be completed. We can then progress to restriping. A motion to revamp the bathrooms in the social quarters was passed. Expect to see some changes coming very soon. Pop-Up shop on 5/20 was successful. Thank you to all who gave their support.

Hope to see you at our August 4th meeting.

Jacquie LoCicero, LOE President

### July Birthdays

7/2 Alice Ferrari, 7/8 Candi Suhrheinrich, 7/15 Jackie Appel, 7/21 Nancy Dudney,  
7/25 Elma Kelly, 7/30 Edie Hanley

## Committee Communications



### COMING SOON TO YOUR ELKS LODGE

Thanks to an idea from Laura Jones, in collaboration with Candi Suhrheinrich, with artwork by Georgia Hilficker, there will be, prominently displayed, in our Lodge an *ENF Tree of Life* showing all members who are giving to the Elks National Foundation. Names of those donating will have their own leaf displayed on the tree for the rest of our fiscal year.

If you need assistance for signing up, call me and I will walk you through it. No computer? I have envelopes!

Bob Suhrheinrich, ENF Chairman





"Bitterness is drinking poison in hopes that it'll kill the other person." -Anonymous  
 Enemies don't deserve your attention nearly as much as your friends do.  
 Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Ephesians 4:31  
*Crystal Johnson, Chaplain*

## Charity Report



### Meet Andrew Finn, FSEA Employee and Happy Camper Hero

Andrew Finn is an IB Student at Robinson. He has been to the Florida Elks Youth Camp 3 times as a camper, and this year he was hired to work as a Counselor-in-Training. Prior to his employment, he started a project to collect toiletry items for the camp. This is especially important to him as the camp had provided what he had unfortunately forgotten to bring when he was a camper. He called his campaign the "Happy Camper Hero". This was a very personal mission for him, so when he failed to reach his goal, after soliciting his friends and family to contribute through a designated Amazon account, he reached out to Lodge Secretary Rick Schneider. He asked if his wish list could be distributed to the Tampa Elks Lodge members in the hope he could complete his mission.

After a brief investigation to make sure this Andrew Finn was legit, Rick decided that it would be more expeditious to just give him the cash to shop for the items locally. Rick made the motion at a Lodge meeting to donate \$250 from charity funds towards his mission. The motion passed, and Andrew was asked to appear at the Lodge to pick up the check. On May 16<sup>th</sup>, Andrew received the check from Secretary Richard Schneider and Exalted Ruler Paul Deland. We all enjoyed meeting this nice young man and were happy to have helped him achieve his goal.

To our surprise, on June 8, Secretary Schneider received another email from Andrew, this time he was asking how to give us a refund since he met his goal and had money leftover! He was instructed to donate it to the camp, which I am sure he did. This is the kind of character that spending time at the Elks Youth Camp instills in children. The Harry Anna Trust fund is what funds both the camp and the Florida Elks Children's Therapy services. Tampa was proud to accept a plaque for the highest per capita donations to Harry Anna at the recent convention.

*You can learn more about the camp and contribute to Harry Anna at FLELKS.org. I am sure you will hear more about Andrew Finn in the future!*  
*Article submitted by Rita Smith*

### Christmas in July at the



Christina Sanchez spends every Wednesday afternoon working with the children at Community Stepping Stone Center. This center is just a couple of blocks from the Sulphur Springs Park and Pool, on North Nebraska. Last year we split our spotlight pandemic aid between two community centers, but this year we will focus on just this one to have a greater impact. The plan is to hold a Christmas in July event on July 27th, for 40 children. Each of these 40 kids, selected by the staff at the center, will receive a new pair of shoes, a package of socks, and some small toiletries. The children and their families will receive a meal at the center, and an additional meal to take home for another night. Gifts other than food, clothes and hygiene products are not allowed under the grant. We hope that our lodge members will donate small toys, candy, and other gift items for children. A collection box will be set up at the lodge on July 10<sup>th</sup>.



# Charity Report

## Memorial Day on the River

Several months ago, we received a solicitation from Non - Profit Liberty Manor for Veterans to act as a sponsor for a canoe during the “The Greatest Race Ever” to be conducted on the Hillsboro River on Memorial Day.

Liberty Manor provides homes and services for veterans, but receives no direct aid from the Federal Government. These are usually Veterans who have fallen through the cracks. They live mostly independently, but under the one roof provided by Liberty Manor.

The Veterans Committee agreed to support it with \$500 from their reserved funds, and the Lodge chipped in \$500 of their charity funds, so we were in! Elk member *Joe LoCicero*, agreed to man the canoe for our team, and a Veteran from Liberty Manor was to be chosen to join him in the canoe.

*Joe Locicero* is a licensed mental health counselor who owns Green Fields Mental Health Services, an agency that is a state mental health provider and behavior analyst for the developmentally disabled. He was introduced to our Lodge through our scholarship program when his niece, Kendall Runyon, was a top 20 MVS scholar. She is now in graduate school. Joe is a faithful member of our Veteran’s committee, and sometimes even a volunteer in the kitchen. His wife, *Jacque Locicero*, is his office manager and the President of Tampa’s Ladies of the Elks.

The Veteran paddling with Joe was John France. John is a Vietnam era Veteran who was determined to go to Vietnam. Though that was not his first station, he did eventually go and towards the end of his tour he was shot down. John was awarded the Bronze Star, Soldier Service, and the Purple Heart Awards. He has been diagnosed with Agent Orange related cancer in several organs, and but for Liberty Manor would be homeless. I suspect by next year he will be one of the soldiers remembered on Memorial Day.

Unfortunately, The Bay Area was in drought conditions on Memorial Day, so the Hillsborough River was way to low to safely accommodate planned launch site.

Connie and David Lindsay, who run Liberty Manor, are members of the Brandon Elks Lodge. They own some property which is not 501C3 and one of those properties is a large tract in Seminole Heights on the Hillsboro River. It was the planned finish line, but since their boat launch was still in the water, they changed plans to start and finish the race there.

We were blessed with a beautiful day, warm but with a breeze, and there was plenty of shade available. There were a couple of food trucks including one with salad options & Checkers French Fries-Free! They were grilling hot dogs and hamburgers - Free! Buckets of sodas and water - all free. Snacks, nuts, cookies, - whatever you could consume -Free.

All in all, it turned out to be a really nice afternoon. Even though our canoe did not win a prize, we were recognized for sponsoring the canoe. We raced in the nicest canoe on the river, too. If this becomes an annual event, I think we should stay with it! Next year, bring your family!

*Article submitted by: Rita Smith*



# Last Month's Festivities & Events




*First let me say, if you missed convention this year...you don't want to miss it next year!! We had a Blast! It was a lot of work for those that volunteered, but even those of us that worked the event had a great time.*

Our hospitality suite "ROCKED", it was spacious and comfortable and even had room to dance, which many people did. The hotel did a great job of organizing the placement of the suites, which were all down one hallway. This made it convenient for the 900+ Elks attending to sample all the varied offerings of each suite. The 708 pirates were out in force, representing us well as they "Invaded" all the other suites, and were well received by all.

Don't let anyone tell you we weren't the hospitality suite to beat, with live music by Kris Pierce, great food, (*Cuban Sandwiches, Mojo Pork, Rice, Black Beans, Cuban bread and Laura Jones's addictive Chex Mix to nibble on*) and nightly visits from our state President Rudy Maci and his wife Dolly, we rocked the place! We entertained our visitors late into the night with a South Tampa "Pirate Party", closing with a rounding chorus of God Bless America led by Kris Pierce and the 11 o'clock toast.

I'd like to take this time to formally thank the many volunteers that made this year's convention such a roaring success. I'm sure I'm going to miss someone because everyone there contributed in one way or another. So let me say here, if I've missed your name, please accept my sincerely apologies because without each and everyone of you this would never have come off as well!

Thank you to: **Suite manager/food assistant:** Rita Smith, Leading Knight. **Bar co-chairs:** Wendy Hall, Trustee and Laura Jones. **Decorations:** Shelagh Gombarcik, PER **Fundraising:** Edie Hanley, Inner Guard and Crystal Johnson, Chaplain, **Treasurer:** Debbie Brennan. **Preloading and Breakdown:** Suzanne Moore, Lecturing Knight and Tommy Moore, Trustee. **Main Bartenders:** Patty and Mike Volpe, Kara Hayes, ER of the Seminole Lodge, Kelly Mitchell, Georgette Harrell, Becca Dietrich and Doug Grant. **Transport and Setup:** Chris Miles, PER, "Whiz" Whisenhunt, and Nikki Murphy. **Signage and Advertising:** Georgia Hilficker. **Overall Helpers:** Melissa Bertoch, Esquire, Jan Bertoch, Alyssa Anderson, Sammy Weil, Paul DeLand, ER, Sherrel Jorgensen and Kris Pierce for volunteering his talent. I'd also like to say thanks to the folks that stepped in to bartend when needed. You saved the day a few times.

Hope to see everyone at next year's convention...we at 708 always struts our stuff and believe me, you want to be part of it.

*Courtney Weil, State Convention and Food Chairman*



# Last Month's Festivities & Events



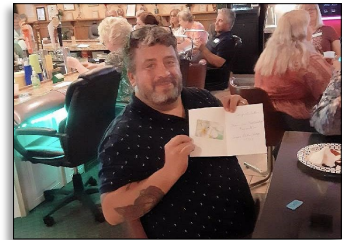
## LOE'S 2021 WALK-A-THON

On a sunny Saturday morning in May, the Ladies of the Elks had their annual Walk-A-Thon to benefit Children's Therapy Services. Shelagh, Sue, and I started our trek at Ballast Point Park and bumbled our way through the neighborhood. The day was ripe for reminiscing as we walked by the Yacht Club and passed homes of people we knew. Along the way we chatted, enjoyed the fresh air, and tried to keep up the pace with the energizer bunny, Sue Moore, Lecturing Knight. In the end, our goal was met and surpassed! All proceeds collected benefits Children Therapy Services. Thank you to all who donated and made this one of our most economically successful Walk-A-Thons ever! *Article submitted by, Jacquie LoCicero, LOE President*



## MEMBER MINGLE CELEBRATING NATIONAL 'YOYO' MONTH

What a perfect Sunday afternoon! A wonderful time was had by all in attendance. We had a large variety of delicious hors d'oeuvres to choose from and libations were served by our talented bartender, Paul Sierra. A fun Elks Trivia game was played and won by Mike Volpe. We all learned at least one new tidbit about Elksdom! The fun and laughter really started when seven members' tickets were drawn for a door prize. Much to everyone's surprise, six of them had yoyos and one had a Walmart gift card, won by Susan Bruno. Off to the races we went as they all competed to be our Lodge's #1 Yoyo! After thoughtful consideration by our judges, Chris Miles and Bob Suhrheinrich, Buzz Bruno was chosen, crowned, and bannered. Our next Member Mingle will be announced. Be sure to join us in fun, laughter, and camaraderie. *Article Submitted by Candi Suhrheinrich*



## LOE'S FATHER'S DAY PICNIC

Following the lodge's Flag Day Ceremony, the LOE hosted a Father's Day Picnic. Many of the Boys and Girls Scouts and their families joined us in celebration. Everyone ate and laughed and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon honoring their fathers. The fried chicken, baked beans and Sue's potato salad were a complete success and due to the Scout Master, Frank Smith's generous donation everyone ate free. This year's picnic came together with the help of Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, Sue Moore, Lecturing Knight, Laura Jones, Bonnie Atwood and Kathryn Hall. Thank you, Ladies, for making this day special.





# Upcoming Events and Projects



## TAMPA LODGE #708 GRAND LODGE NATIONAL CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**JULY 1ST TO 9TH - 12PM TO 8PM**

Cuban Sandwiches, Spanish Bean Soup,  
Deviled Crab, Chicken Salad Sandwiches

**JULY 4TH - CAN'T TOP THIS - 12PM TO 8PM**

Custom Burger Bar with Sides  
See page 9 for more information

**JULY 3RD, 5TH & 6TH LATIN FOOD 12PM TO 8PM**

Mojo Pork or Chicken and Yellow Rice, Black Beans,  
Plantains & Cuban Bread

### ACTIVITIES

50/50, Booty & Booby, Lotto Board, Reverse Draw, Pop Up  
Shop w/Custom 708 Tee shirts, Shot Glasses & More

### LIVE MUSIC DAILY!

#### BAND SCHEDULE

7/1 KENDALL & CO. 3PM-7PM, 7/2 FR MUSIC PROJECT 4PM-8PM  
7/3 KRIS PIERCE 5PM-9PM, 7/4 KENDALL & CO. 1PM-5PM 7/5 KRIS PIERCE 2PM-6PM  
7/6 KENDALL & CO. 2PM-6PM, 7/7 KRIS PIERCE 2PM-6PM,

**The Lodge will be Open 12pm to 11pm July 1st thru July 9th - Food, Music & More**

# Upcoming Events and Projects

## 4TH OF JULY Burger Bar



**Can't Top This!**

Serving from

**12pm to 8pm**

**Burgers served with a slice of watermelon and 2 sides**

**\$10.00**

**Sides: Mac & Cheese  
Potato Salad, Baked Beans**

**Load it to your liking:**

**Cheese, bacon, mushrooms,  
grilled or raw onions, peppers,  
lettuce, tomatoes & all condiments.**

### 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

July 21st

Italian Sausage Penne Pasta

August 18th

Pasta Bolognese

September 22nd

Puttanesca

Your pasta dish is free to members.

Donations GLADLY accepted.

## ETHNIC NIGHT



Join us

July 27, 2021

For Pizza, Pizza, Pizza!

**Anthony's Coal  
Fired Pizza**

Carpool from Lodge at 6pm  
or meet at Anthony's at 6:30pm  
Please RSVP (Text or Dial)

813-410-1873



*Calling All*

*Epicurean Elks...*

### 2021 Gourmet Club



**BUY ONE**



**GET ONE**



*Create a Dish Using  
One or More BOGO  
Ingredients!*



*Sunday, July 25th at 5:00 p.m.*

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

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

# Upcoming Events and Projects

## Low Country Boil



### Ladies of the Elk Low Country Boil

Friday, July 30, 2021

6pm-8pm

\$25 per person

Dinner includes:

Low Country Boil

Dinner salad

Bread

Pineapple Coconut cake

50/50

Half to the winner  
Half to GTS

Reservations a **MUST**... sign-up sheet in the Lodge or you can  
call or text **Jacquie** at 813.245.6458

50% of dinner proceeds benefit the  
Children's Therapy Center



## GREG WHITE JR.

ENTERTAINS US WITH HIS  
FLORIDA COUNTRY MUSIC  
7PM TO 9PM

# Upcoming Events and Projects



**TEXAS HOLD'EM**

**BLACKJACK**

**21**

**ROULETTE**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**  
**COME TRY YOUR LUCK**  
**SATURDAY,**  
**OCTOBER 2ND**  
**GAMES, DINNER AND MORE**

## NATIONAL CONVENTION LOTTO BOARD



**TICKETS JUST \$5.00**  
**Drawing to be held on July 6th at 8pm**

**Save The Date**



Ladies of the Elk are proud to offer  
*A Sunday Afternoon Fashion Show and Tea*

Presented by:  
 Resort Fashions by Tiffany  
 Sunday, Sept. 9th

**Save The Date**

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## LUCK of the Draw

REVERSE DRAWING

**TAMPA ELKS \$20.00 REVERSE DRAWING**

Win up to \$2000!  
 6 Winners drawn upon sell out.  
 Need not be present to win!  
 How does a Reverse Draw Work?  
 The first ticket drawn wins nothing, the last ticket drawn wins \$2000, there are 5 other payouts:

- Draw 50 - \$50
- Draw 100 - \$50
- Draw 150 - \$100
- Draw 250 - \$500
- Draw 300 - \$2000\*

Text 813-431-3020 or check [Tampaelks.com](http://Tampaelks.com) for the list of winners. Grand Prize odds are 300:1.  
 All winners will be notified by mail NLT within 7 days of drawing  
 \*IRS form W2G is required prior to payout.

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# Lodge Business and Projects

## WCD VP VISITATIONS

- 7/18 – HOLIDAY ISLES/ST. PETERSBURG AT HOLIDAY ISLES  
 8/01 ~ TAMPA/DUNEDIN/CLEARWATER AT TAMPA  
 8/15 ~ SEMINOLE/LARGO AT SEMINOLE  
 9/11 ~ NEW PORT RICHEY/TARPON SPRINGS AT NEW PORT RICHEY

## WCD VP FUNDRAISERS

- 8/01 ~ REVERSE DRAWING – TAMPA/DUNEDIN VISITATION  
 8/06 ~ SUMMER BASH AT NEW PORT RICHEY with EMBRY BROTHERS  
 9/26 ~ QUARTER AUCTION AT LARGO  
 10/02 – MYSTERY DINNER THEATER AT NEW PORT RICHEY  
 TBA ~ QUARTER AUCTION AT NEW PORT RICHEY  
 FOOTBALL POOL – ONGOING WEEKLY  
 JANUARY TBA – “RE CREATION” AT NEW PORT RICHEY

## What is a VP Visit?

In July and August, your Lodge Calendar will show VP visits at 3 different lodges on a Sunday afternoon. Then, on September 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be a VP Homecoming Visit to New Port Richey Lodge. The Tampa Lodge will be conducting a VP Visit in conjunction with the Dunedin-Clearwater Lodge on August First. You are invited and encouraged to attend all four of these visits. If you can't hit them all, please come to yours on August First.

To help the host Lodge with their plans, Tampa must call in the number of attendees on Wednesday morning preceding the Sunday Visit. There is a sign up on the bulletin board, or you can call the office during the day or the bartender after 4 to have your name added. Please come join me! Each visit starts with a social hour at 2:00, then a program at 3, followed by a light meal at 4.

Dinner is \$5.00, payable at the door. You will also be offered the opportunity to participate in a raffle or two. Your seat assignment is by Lodge, and many attendees will bring a little appetizer to throw on the table to share. Promptly at 3:00 the formal program begins. This year Thomas (Tom) Moran, a Past Exalted Ruler from the New Port Richey Lodge, has been given the honor of serving as the Vice President for the West Central District. He reports upon the health of the district to the State President, which this year is Suzi Simonelli of the Stuart-Jensen Lodge. At each meeting Tom will teach us a bit about the State President, and then introduce a guest speaker that will give a short presentation detailing an aspect of the Florida Elks Association. Next will be announcements, and then a bit of head counting. *As the Lodge Chair for Inter-Lodge Visitation, I really want your head to be there and be counted!* District and State Chairpersons for all sorts of committees will be in attendance, so you can put a face to a name and ask any questions. The official program is almost always concluded by 4:00. Dinner is on the table quite promptly. Enjoy your meal, say your goodbyes, and you can be home (or at your Home Lodge) before dark.

Attendance at the VP Visits is a great way to spend time socializing with your Lodge Officers and get to know a bit more about the Florida State Association, which undoubtable is the best in the Country!

See you there!

Article submitted by: Rita Smith, Chair, Inter-lodge Visitation

# Lodge Business and Projects



## MEMORIAL DAY WREATHS



Past State President Frank Palladini, ERESQ, has a standing arrangement to mark Memorial Day at American Legion Post 5, the only privately owned Veteran's cemetery in the country, by inviting the current Exalted Ruler to join him in placing a wreath. This year the ceremony was held a bit earlier than usual, at 10am. This change of time was enacted because it was felt that it would not be safe to invite everybody indoors for the usual light lunch with the lingering pandemic issues. This turned out to be a great decision as it was a bit cooler than usual, and there was a breeze. Many other fraternities and patriotic organizations participate in the ceremony, with a total of about 35 wreaths presented.

Besides PSP Palladini, Paul Deland, Exalted Ruler, and Leading Knight Rita Smith, two other Elks, Frank Smith Sr. and Christopher Ragusa, attended in their role as District Level BSA leaders. *Article Submitted by, Rita Smith*

# Flag Day

Scout Troup 1912 and American Heritage Girls 1231. It was a moving and auspicious occasion in which everyone performed their respective duties wonderfully. We were proud to have these delightful young people in our Lodge.

Where you aware that in 1907, the BPOE Grand Lodge designated, by resolution, June 14 as Flag Day. The Grand Lodge of the Order adopted mandatory observance of the occasion by every Lodge in 1911, and that requirement continues today. The Elks prompted President Woodrow Wilson to recognize the Order's observance of Flag Day for its patriotic expression. In fact, it was not until June 14, 1949 that President Harry S. Truman, a member of the Kansas City, MO Lodge #26, signed Public Law 203 designating June 14th as Flag Day in America.

We proudly continue this observance each year...please consider joining us next year.



## JULY LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

1st of the month LOE Meetings and the 1st House Committee Meeting have been cancelled due to convention

- 13th -Board of Director's Meeting 7:15pm
- 14th- Member Committee Meeting 6pm
- 14th- Elks General Meeting 7:30pm
- 20th - House Committee Meeting 6:30pm
- 18th - New Member Orientation 4pm
- 18th - New Member Initiation 5pm
- 28th--Elks General Meeting 7:30pm

## Honoring Departed Elks

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# Tampa Elks Lodge #708

## JULY 2021

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 PIRATE FEST See page 9 for info	2 PIRATE FEST See page 9 for info	3 PIRATE FEST See page 9 for info
<b>ELKS NATIONAL CONVENTION</b>						
				 <b>LIVE MUSIC</b> Kendall & Co 3pm to 7pm	<b>LIVE MUSIC</b> FR Music Project 3pm to 7pm	<b>LIVE MUSIC</b> Kris Pierce 5pm to 9pm
4 PIRATE FEST  <b>Can't Top This!</b> Info on pg 10 <b>LIVE MUSIC</b> Kendall & Co 3pm to 7pm	5 PIRATE FEST See page 9 for info	6 PIRATE FEST See page 9 for info	7 PIRATE FEST See page 9 for info	8 PIRATE FEST See page 9 for info	9 PIRATE FEST See page 9 for info	10
<b>ELKS NATIONAL CONVENTION</b>						
				 <b>LIVE MUSIC</b> Kendall & Co 3pm to 7pm	<b>LIVE MUSIC</b> TBD	
11	12 Shelagh's Panini	13  7:15PM BOD MEETING	14 <b>MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM</b>	15  Open Grill Night	16	17
	 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	 <b>TACO TUESDAY</b>	 7:30PM <b>GENERAL MEETING</b>	 <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b> DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM		
18 <b>NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION 4PM</b>	19 Shelagh's Panini of the day	20  <b>HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM</b>	21	22  Open Grill Night	23	24
<b>NEW MEMBER INITIATION 5PM</b>	 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	 <b>TACO TUESDAY</b>	 <b>PASTA DINNER</b> 6:30pm to 8PM Italian Sausage Penne Pasta	 <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b> DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM		
25	26 Shelagh's Panini of the day	27 <b>ETHNIC NIGHT ANTHONY'S COAL FIRE PIZZA 6PM AT LODGE 6:30 AT RESTAURANT INFO ON PG 13</b>	28  7:30PM <b>GENERAL MEETING</b>	29  Open Grill Night	30	31
 <b>Gourmet Club 5:00pm</b>	 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	 <b>TACO TUESDAY</b>	 <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b> DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	 <b>LOE Low Country Boil 6pm to 8pm Info on pg 11</b> <b>LIVE MUSIC!</b>		

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**The Lodge will be open 12pm to 11pm July 1st - See info inside page 9**

## 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  
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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 Hour Pledge".

Your recurring pledge of \$11 a month will help maintain our lodge.