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Friday 4:00pm - 12:00am
Saturday 4:00pm - 11:00pm
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A Message from Your Exalted Ruler,

Paul DeLand

It is ***CRUNCH TIME!***

By the time you read this we will be ending, or have ended, the 2021 Florida State Elks Association (FSEA) convention in Orlando. This important event is what we look to as the beginning of many Lodge year activities.

However, this year is DIFFERENT!

This year we host the Grand Lodge 2021 National Convention. The gathering of the thousands of Lodges from across this great country **RIGHT HERE IN TAMPA**. Oh My!!! How great is that...and you can be a part!

YOUR LODGE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We are the Lodge named for the city hosting the convention, and it just so happens that we are also the Lodge that is geographically the closest to the Convention site in downtown Tampa. Consequently, we will be visited from a couple of days before the convention begins, until a couple of days after it ends! We are planning to have food, music and activities each day from July 2nd until July 9th. There will be shuttle buses arriving from downtown each hour from noon until 8pm for three days from July 4th thru the 6th. UBER will be busy as well.

YOU CAN HELP BY SIGNING UP!

There will soon be sign up sheets around the Lodge for help of all kinds, from hosting and greeting, to helping deliver food, serve as a bar back to help keep the bar(s) going, and more. Please do your part and make this happen! It will be work, but fun as well, and you will be part of a Grand Lodge activity, something very few Elks get to say!

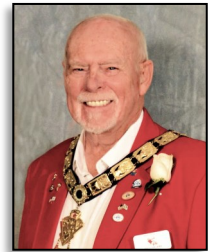
You, my Brothers and Sisters, are some of the hardest working Elks I know anywhere, and that effort is needed now more than ever before. I am confident that you will each rise to the occasion and seek something you can do to help! By the time I send out my next message it will be into Convention Week...yes, it is that close.

See you at the Lodge, and if you do not see a signup sheet...ask or see Convention Chair Rita Smith or any BOD member, all of whom will be involved...and

YES! WE WILL BE PIRATES FOR THIS!



**THIS IS THE TIME FOR TAMPA
LODGE #708 TO SHINE!**



Your 2021-22 Committee Chairs

- ◆ Americanism Committee To Be Determined
- ◆ 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
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- ◆ Interlodge Visitation Committee..... Rita Smith..... apwurita@hotmail.com
- ◆ Ladies Of The Elks Jacquie LoCicero..... pjlocicero@gmail.com
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- ◆ 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..... Kristie Mathews fanoftampa@hotmail.com
- ◆ Youth activities Committee To Be Determined



WIN THIS ELK TOOTH \$10.00 DONATION

1" x 1" Tooth - 24" Gold Chain
and Gold Cap donated by

Pat Fennel a 48yr 708 member, paid
\$400 to have it made over 20yrs ago.

Donations accepted until July 6th
Need not be present to win.
The tooth will be shipped to you
if you are not at the drawing

Get your ticket from a
Lodge Officer or at the Lodge



Tampa Elk \$20.00 REVERSE DRAW

Win up to \$2000!

6 Winners drawn July 7 at 8pm
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 for the
list of winners. Grand Prize odds are 300:1.

All winners will be notified by mail NLT 7/15/21

*IRS form W2G is required prior to payout.

A Warm Welcome To Our Newest Elks



Victor Belcore
Sponsor:
Gerard Storms
(Brooklyn Queensborough Elks 898)



Kellie Mitchell
Sponsor:
Julie Wooley



Glenn Sharoky
Sponsor:
Julie Wooley



June Elk Recognitions

ELK OF THE MONTH...ED LESSARD

Ed Lessard is known for making announcements on Queen night urging folks to come for Monday night Bar Bingo. Fewer know he is assistant to Dee Cisneros on Bar Bingo nights, and that he is a help whenever needed. As 22 chairs were being assembled for the new look around the bar Ed showed up and took on the daunting task of clearing out the many boxes and hundreds of pieces of cardboard left after assembly. When you need help he is there! Thanks Ed!



OFFICERS OF THE MONTH: EDIE HANLEY & CRYSTAL JOHNSON

I am selecting two this month for the honor! But as they are officers, Mother and Daughter, and known to all, that should be no surprise. Edie Hanley and Crystal Johnson have joined us as Inner Guard and Chaplain respectively. Both jumped right in and when we needed new operators for the Queen of Hearts they took on the job. Both are at the Lodge often as they also put together all that is needed for games and prizes for the State Convention. Congratulations to this dynamic duo continuing a history of generations of Elks at 708. Edie's Father and Crystal's Grandfather was Dick Dayes, a PDDGER of our Lodge. Many thanks Edie and Crystal!



Meet our new bartender, Paul

Paul is a Tampa native and has been a bartender for 5 Years. He spent the last 6 years in Houston and has returned to care for his ailing mother.

Please make him feel welcome, he's a keeper!

Supporting Reports



Ladies of the Elk:

I don't know about you, but I am exhausted! The Ladies have been busy in the short two months of our new year. What have we done you ask? Well, we have had a successful Kentucky Derby Horse, gathered for our annual Walk A Thon, raffled off a basket of pirate jewelry at State Convention and had a Pop-Up Shop to help our members represent the pirate lodge at State Convention. Are the Ladies slowing down.... I do not think so. We have some exciting events coming up over the next few months.

Father's Day is fast approaching. On Sunday, June 20th at 5pm the LOE will host a Father's Day Picnic. Come to your lodge and enjoy a picnic style dinner. Feast on fried chicken, pasta salad, baked beans, and Sue Moore's famous potato salad. Topped off with a dessert buffet courtesy of the Ladies.

Calling all seafood lovers! Friday, July 30th the LOE will be in the kitchen cooking up a Low County Boil. Dinner starts at 6pm and Greg White, Jr will take the stage at 7pm. Sign up is a MUST! See the LOE board for the sign-up sheet. This has the fixings of a night to remember, good food, good music, good company!

Some tidbits to take away from our May meeting: A follow up on the fireplace: it is still a work in progress. Looking at our options, new fireplace vs purchasing an insert. Restriping the parking lot: there is some progress as the holes will be filled within the next two weeks. This will allow us to restripe the lines in the parking lot.

Our next meeting is June 2nd, dinner at 6:15, meeting at 7pm. Hope to see you there!

June Birthdays

June 14th, Barbara Huffman

Executive Board

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

Please Note: Please do not drop any more suitcases off at the Lodge. Shannon Wheatly is no longer accepting suitcase donations. Thank you

Committee Communications



"How do I donate to ENF?" Obviously, I am asked this often enough that it warrants information in the Elksize. Here are some easy steps to follow:

Go to elks.org. This site will also give you an opportunity to gain valuable Grand Lodge BPOE information. You will find a banner toward the upper right indicating *Members Only*. Name, lodge number, and member number are entered next. Have your membership card handy. Once you are into the Grand Lodge website, go to the *ENF Banner*. Go to the donate button where you will find a choice: **one time** or **monthly**. Of course, monthly is preferred, remembering ENF will accept a monthly donation as small as \$5 via your credit card.

Bob Suhrheinrich, ENF Funds Chairman



DAP Drug Awareness Program:

Hooray...School is out for the summer. Be careful and enjoy the time off. Remember : Be A Hero, Just say NO to drugs.



Good company can mean the difference between progress and total collapse. Spend your free time with folks who draw the magic out of you, not the madness. Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” 1 Corinthians 15:33
 Crystal Johnson, Chaplain

Grant Reports

A warm, heartfelt “Thank You” from one of our scholarship winners!



Hello Elks, my name is Andrew Watts. I am Elks National Foundation Legacy Awards Scholarship winner and I recently graduated from Florida State University. I am so thankful for all the support that the Elks have given to me, helping me pay for college with the Legacy Awards Scholarship. The annual Legacy Awards Scholarship has helped me to be able to focus on school and not worry about the stresses that come with paying off college. Being a part of the Elks has been such a great opportunity, and it is one of the highlights of my college experience. I am so thankful for the memories I have made with volunteering, and I plan to stay connected with the Elks in my future endeavors as I begin my professional career this summer. Additionally, this summer I will begin my graduate degree in Management Information Systems. I have learned so many values like helping the community and what it truly means to be and Elk. Thank you for welcoming me into your community and for making such a positive impact in my life!

708’s Freedom Grant assists Veterans again!

Tampa Elks Lodge #708 used their Freedom Grant to offer community support for two programs at the James A Haley VAMC. One project is the creation of a lactation room for new mothers. The other project is the annual “Make A Difference Day” which provides gifts and comfort items to Veterans being housed in licensed private homes. Normally the Make a Difference Day is run like an angel tree, but with the VA being on Covid Lockdown they requested financial assistance only at this time.



James A Haley did allow some team members to participate in an outdoor check ceremony. Pictured L-R: Angela Reinhardt, Program Support, Tammy Tennace, Women’s Maternity Care Coordinator, Brian Brantley PER, Diane J Meleen, Dep VAVS and Janeth Lopez, Voluntary Service Specialist.

WHETHER ATTENDING THE STATE CONVENTION OR NOT, BE SURE TO GET YOUR TICKET TO WIN THIS INCREDIBLE HIGH STAKES LOTTO BOARD



ASK FOR EDIE OR CRYSTAL, THEY’LL BE HAPPY TO HELP * YOU DON’T HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN! *



Showing our support!

Did you know that 708 consistently supports our community schools? Recently we posted these banners at BridgePrep Academy K-8 Charter School in Hyde Park, Coleman Middle School in Culbreath Heights and Robinson High School, south of Gandy, letting folks know about our commitment to the community. Banners composed and designed by our Elksize editor, Georgia Hilficker.

Grant Reports



Club Chivalry Report

The last regular Club Chivalry meeting of the 2020-2021 school year was held on Monday, April 26th. Besides the refreshments and motto, at this meeting we skipped the guest speaker and instead held a ceremony in which we presented the Seniors with their Avid/Club Chivalry Honor Cords. Thank you to *Tommy Moore and Carolyn Miller* for assisting. We only had time for a few announcements about the Field Day we had planned for Friday, and the meeting was over. Then on Tuesday, I got a call from Ms. Hand, fellow Elk and Club sponsor, which said the field trip was cancelled due to an increase in Covid Cases. All she could get approved was the Pizza Party for 6th period. And only 2 Elks could attend. (I also got an email from Westshore Elementary cancelling our upcoming events on that same day.) It was disappointing, to say the least. I recruited *Dee Cisneros*, PER, to join me and used the Slice the Price card from Domino's Pizza that Dee bought for the Lodge. I was not sure what to expect when I arrived at the school, but it turns out it was "Just" a pizza party and free time- there were no expectations for anything but full bellies from the 18 pizzas we provided. Mission accomplished! This year, we expect all the Seniors to graduate apart from one who disappeared from Virtual School the first few weeks of the school year. We assume her family moved to a new district. Rita Smith. Impact Grant Manager



THINKING OUT OF THE BOX... THE SOAP BOX THAT IS! 5821 LAUNDRY PROJECT

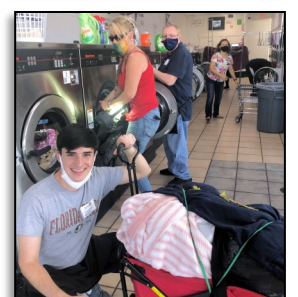
Remember Suds and Stories? That was the 2019 Spotlight Grant that was scheduled for March 18, 2019.

That was the week when Mayor Castor shut Tampa down, so we have been storing the supplies in a member's shed, but that house has been sold, it is too hot to do our planned outdoor children activities, children still don't have vaccines, and we needed a plan B. Under the circumstances, the Staff at ENF that is in charge of the Community Investments funds allowed us to shift gears and create new projects to use the supplies for a charitable purpose. We partnered with Current Initiatives – a 501C3 organization that offers free laundry events all over the country. Our local connection, Jason, made it very easy on us – just show up with the supplies and quarters and 5-6 volunteers. This we did!

On Thursday, April 29th we facilitated 13 families using 44 washers to do the equivalent of 176 single loads. We provided pre-spray, liquid fabric softener, detergent pods, dryer sheets, laundry baskets or laundry bags, and unloaded laundry from cars, bicycles and wagons, put \$315.25 worth of quarters into machines, and folded loads of clothes for the busiest customers.

Our clients ranged from a homeless man with one little bag to a single parent that had so many dirty clothes and bedding that she couldn't fit the laundry and her kids in her car together so had to make two trips.

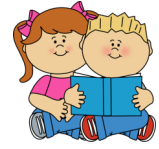
Thank you to Tampa Elks Lodge volunteers *Robert Bordonaro, Susie Harlow, PLP, Peggi Tuttle, Betty Orcutt, PLP, Bonnie Atwood, Paula Rousselle, Loyal Knight, and Andrew Watt, ENF Legacy Scholar and grandson of Ted Bass.* The remaining quarters and all the leftover supplies were donated to the Current Initiative Laundry Project to hold another laundry day.
Rita Smith, Reporting



Grant Reports



Tampa Elks Lodge #708 Celebrates Elks Youth Week



The Tampa Lodge had plans to celebrate Elk's Youth Week with several activities at a local public elementary school, but at the last minute the Hillsborough County School Board shut all the schools down for visitors again due to a sharp increase in Covid related absences.

With all the supplies already on hand, we were thrilled to be able to pivot to a private school that employs one of our officers. Sue Moore was able to take the lead and set up an extraordinary outdoor activity at Holy Trinity United Methodist Church.

We held a "free" book fair for the students from the Pre-k 2 year olds to the 1st grade students on Wednesday, May 5th. The 2nd graders each picked out a craft. Sue Moore and Shelagh Gombarcik picked up the car full of supplies on Monday evening and Sue delivered them to the school on Tuesday. Christien Elkins, Rita



Smith and Tommy Moore showed up at 8:20 on Wednesday morning, where we were greatly assisted by the Holy Trinity's Preschool Administrator Cathy Douglas in setting up and organizing which students would receive what. The students came through in small groups as they were leaving church that morning. They were adorable, and excited to pick out a book. We finished up about 11 AM. The school was so easy to work with, thanks in part to the front work done by Sue Moore. All leftover books and crafts supplies were donated to the school for its summer camp program.

Last Month's Festivities & Events

An Exciting Night in Hawaii at 708



Oh! Such fun! Hawaiian Music, Specialty Drinks, a Hula (Hoop) Contest and a Corn Hole Tournament along with a delicious Hawaiian Buffet, made this a fun night for all attending. Big smiles and happy winners were the order of the evening. Folks played 50/50 and tried their luck at winning a Pineapple Basket filled with fantastic goodies. *Dee Cisneros, PER and Georgia Hilficker* outdid themselves with the buffet featuring Pineapple Chicken, Kaluh Pork wrapped in banana leaves, fried and coconut rice, roasted vegetables, pineapple glazed carrots and more.

The mood was enhanced by the decorations arranged by *Laura Jones, Rita Smith, Shelagh Gombarcik, PER and myself*. Music by Georgia Hilficker and Spotify. Thanks to all of you who bought tickets and helped to made it a great night. Thanks to you we made \$781.00 towards convention funds. Suzanne Moore, PLP



Last Month's Festivities & Events



AN AMAZING NIGHT AT THE DERBY



On Saturday, May 21st we gathered for the LOE's annual "Running for the Roses". And what a run it was! There was drama. Was the Queen of the Dice, Paula Rousselle, Loyal Knight going to hit disco ball? It was intense. Who was going to get to take home Courtney's Custom Catering dinner? There was suspense. Was Ed Lessard going to get to the starting line on time? In the end, the disco ball is still intact, Paula made the winning bid for the dinners and Ed made it to the starting line on time. A fun time was had by all!

It took a village to make this event successful. In the kitchen making the magic happen, *Tommy Moore* and *Joe LoCicero*. Taking your food orders, *Dante LoCicero*. Handling the money and taking the bets, *Laura Jones*, *Rita Smith*, *Bonnie Atwood*, *Edie Hanley* and *Crystal Johnson*. Queen of the Dice, *Paula Rousselle*. Master of Ceremonies (until I took the mic and wouldn't give it up), *Bob Suhrheinrich*. Sorry Bob. Ambassador of Happiness, *Suzanne Moore, PLP*. Last but not least, *Shelagh Gombarcik, PER*, who stepped in to any area that needed her expert attention.

The Ladies would like to thank all of you who donated to our event. Without your donations, we would not have been able to pull it off. *Shelbie Martinez, Courtney Weil, PER, Seth Martinez, Shannon Wheatly, Sue Moore and Richard Florence PER*.

Lastly, we would like to give a BIG shout out to all who came to the horse race. Your enthusiasm and support made the evening sparkle.
Jacque LoCicero, LOE President



Mother's Day Ceremony



Sunday, May 9th our Lodge held it's annual Mother's Day ceremony. This was our new chaplain, *Crystal Johnson's* first event and she executed her duties well. Everyone attending had a lovely time and refreshments were serve at the finish of the ceremony.

HIMES CLEAN UP CREW GETS THE JOB DONE!

One year ago *Melissa Bertoch, our Esquire*, began working to have 2 signs erected on *Himes Avenue* that commemorated the hard work her Elk crews were doing to keep the street and adjoining area clean of debris. This past month she achieved her goal. Congratulations to *Melissa* and all her Elk crews. (Pictured her with *Melissa is Laura Jones, Jan Bertoch & Rita Smith*.) We appreciate their hard work and dedication.



Upcoming Events and Projects



*Calling All
Epicurean Elks...*

2021 Gourmet Club



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

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

Father's Day Picnic

**Join the LOE for
a Father's Day Picnic
Sunday, June 20th
5pm**

-  **FRIED CHICKEN**
- Sue Moore's**
-  **POTATO SALAD**
-  **PASTA SALAD**
-  **BAKED BEANS**
-  **DESSERT BUFFET**



**Free For Dads
All others eat for \$6.00**

**Sign up sheet located
On the LOE board.**

Donations for this event benefits the LOE

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.**

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 5TH TO 7TH LATIN FOOD 12PM TO 8PM

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

ACTIVITIES

50/50, Booty & Booby, Pop Up Shop with Custom 708 Tee shirts, Shot Glasses and More

LIVE MUSIC DAILY!

Upcoming Events and Projects



Want to know what's happening at your Lodge for the upcoming National Convention? **Read This!!**

What should you expect?

Expect your Lodge to be a lot of fun, and also to need a little bit of help from you. The adage, "many hands make light work" has never been truer. You are needed and wanted. Show up, and you will be loved! If you have a pirate costume, wear it! If you don't have one we will have cool T-shirts for sale. Maybe you could assist with those shirt sales for an hour or two? Or spoon food onto plates? Or sell beer, bottled water or sodas from an ice bucket? Or just greet visitors as they arrive and give directions to the restroom? There are a lot of jobs: big and small, sitting, standing, walking, or talking. They are all important to show the Elks Nation that Tampa has what it takes to host a National Convention.

On July 4th, 5th and 6th the West Central District will be running a hop on, hop off shuttle bus between 4 Lodges: Tampa, St Pete, Seminole and Largo. Those are the busiest days, so please try to commit to helping at least one of them. It will be fun! On July 4th we plan a burger bar – the rest of the days will be Latin food.

Our ad in the National Elks Magazine reads..."Come join the Tampa Lodge #708 "Krewe of the Jolly Corks" for an adventure of a lifetime July 1st through July 9th, daily from noon until the 11 O'clock toast. Games, Specialty Grogs, Music and Dancing – Come shake your booty! Grub available noon to 8 PM. Shiver me Timbers – you will enjoy our ice-cold A/C."

As you can see, we will need pirates in the building daily, so come party like a pirate with us!

Watch for the magazine and please take a minute to read about the convention. There are many great classes and workshops you can attend, but you must go to Elks.org to register (\$50 in advance) and sign up for classes. And there will be one big party at your local Lodge, so put this on your calendar. It may be more fun to stay in Tampa this year than to head out of town!

The Convention is **BIG** – Rooms have been blocked at **16 different hotels** – all 10 of the big ones downtown, PLUS 6 that are closer to the airport! The Elks will have shuttles from the various hotels to the convention center. The hotels are assigned by state, and Florida has been assigned to Vinik's brand new Water Street J.W. Marriot. Though the convention runs from July 4th to the 7th, there are ritual competitions and tons of meetings in the days preceding and following. Elks can get reduced rates from June 28- July 8th. As an Elk, you can spend the night in downtown's newest hotel for under \$150 a night. **But you must book your room by June 4th!** Go to Floridaelks.org to register at the Elk rates. Just hurry down to your lodge after check-out to lend a hand.

The actual convention sessions are over by noon. There are some convention sessions that are reserved for Members of Grand Lodge-that means only Exalted Rulers, past and present can attend. They are the earliest morning sessions when voting on resolutions may occur. The classes take place in the afternoon, but they are optional. Afternoons are prime time for sightseeing so we will be opening at noon each day.



**IT WILL TAKE ALL OF US TO PULL THIS OFF!
A LITTLE WORK - BUT A LOT OF FUN!**



JOIN US WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16TH AT 7PM FOR A MEETING TO PICK YOUR POISON!

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

Reservations a must-signup on LOE bulletin board

Cut off for reservations Wednesday July 28th.

Sponsored by The Ladies of the ELKS

50/50

Half to the winner

Half to GTS

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



GREG WHITE JR.

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

Upcoming Events and Projects



Did you know that June Is National Yoyo Month?

Sunday, June 13th at 2pm
all Elks are invited
to attend the first 2021-22

Members Mingle

Here's what to do:

Practice your yoyo skills in case we have a contest (hint, hint)

Get all the information you can about Lodge #708 and Elkdom, just in case we play some Trivia (hint, hint)

P.S. We have some great prizes!

Be ready to mingle with your fellow Elks and have a fun afternoon

Bring an hor d'oeuvre to share!



ETHNIC NIGHT



Join us
June 22, 2021
for Tapas, Pasta, Wine & More!

The Sociale Italian Restaurant

5427 Bayshore Blvd.

Carpool from Lodge at 6pm
or meet at The Sociale at 6:30pm

Please RSVP (Text or Dial)
813-410-1873



If you have the time, and would like to be part of a once in a lifetime experience, come to the 7:30pm, June 4th and/or June 16th Grand Lodge Convention Meetings and choose how you'd like to participate.

All hands are Welcome!

On Going Calendar Events

Monday Night

BAR



3 Dollar Donation to Play
6:30 pm
Shelagh's Daninis \$8.00

Tuesdays are
Soup Night
(House Committee)



Donations
Gratefully
Accepted



3rd
Wednesday
of the Month
6:30pm

Brought to
you by
the House
Committee

EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT



QUEEN OF HEARTS

Ticket donations taken
till 6:45pm - Drawing at 7pm

FIRST FRIDAY!

Each Month is
Country Fried Steak or
Ham Steak
5:30pm - 7:30pm



\$10.00

3rd Friday
All you
can Eat



Fish Fry
\$12.00
6pm to 8pm

Last Sunday... Gourmet Club



Bring us your
Impressive dishes,
or just come with
an appetite
and donation.

5:00pm

Trivia...Trivia...Trivia

Lodge Business and Projects

MEETING THE CHALLENGE....

The Grand Lodge Program for 2021-2022

The Grand Exalted Ruler-Elect, T. Keith Mills has issued his program for the Lodge year... "My theme for 2021 is "Meeting the Challenge." This year has been like no other in the history of our Order. The COVID-19 situation was hard enough on our family and friends, but the change in operations that our Lodges had to deal with seemed, at times, to be an inundating task. I first want to congratulate all of our Lodges and their Officers on their efforts in continuing the Lodge operations and still being active in the community. As we move into this new year of Elkdom we must strive to engage in all our Elks programs. Not only will this make your Lodge stronger, but also promote Elkdom throughout your community and then we can continue "Meeting the Challenge."

We all are aware of the elephant in the room, membership, membership, membership. Membership is the biggest challenge facing our Lodges today. Without quality members, the Lodge will continue to face the issues that have been the downfall of many Lodges. The Lodges must continue their efforts to retain and pursue quality members upon which the Lodges can continue to draw potential Officers.

This leads to the next step, Orientation. Your Lodge must have a strong Orientation Program for your new members. The first impression of all your programs is the best way to interact with the new members. I guarantee your Lodge has some activity or program that will excite them. Get them involved early and often and your Lodge will be on the way to greatness. Your Lodge will continue to grow and prosper and keep "Meeting the Challenge."

Lest we not forget about our delinquent Members either, remember the members have already seen and been a part of our Order and should have an understanding of all the great things we do. Sometimes it just takes a little reminder of why they joined our order the first time around. One suggestion would be to ask them to go through Orientation again. You may find by having them attend, it just may help give them a small reminder of everything your Lodge is involved in and why they first joined our great Order.

This only works when you have a strong base. The first step is insuring that this is with your Lodge. In order for you to help in your community, you must have a vibrant and active Lodge membership and operations. One individual can make a difference, but a strong group can propel you to greatness. We all have the same path in our order and sometimes we take separate branches, but in the end we all meet at the same destination to persist in "Meeting the Challenge."

Our nation is forever changing and we as Elks must make the commitment to keep up with the changes and move our order forward. The road is not always a smooth one – there will be some obstacles along the way. We can no longer be the "Best kept secret in town." In all our endeavors we have to promote our charitable works and let our Elks pride show through in every thing we do. We need to be a stronghold in our communities, and when assistance is needed, we must be the first to jump in and lend a hand to continue "Meeting the Challenge." The cardinal principles of our order are, Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. They are the fundamentals that we drive towards to achieve, not only in our Lodge, but in life as well. I know that by using these principles in my daily life, I have become a better individual in my Lodge, my community, my work and most important, my family.

T. Keith Mills, Grand Exalted Ruler , 2021-2022

JUNE LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 2nd - LOE Dinner 6:15pm - Meeting 7pm
- 6th - House Committee Meeting 6:30pm
- 8th - Board of Director's Meeting 7:15pm
- 9th - Member Committee Meeting 6pm
- 9th - Elks General Meeting 7:30pm
- 15th - House Committee Meeting 6:30pm
- 23rd - Elks General Meeting 7:30pm
- 27th - New Member Orientation 4pm
- 27th - New Member Initiation 5pm

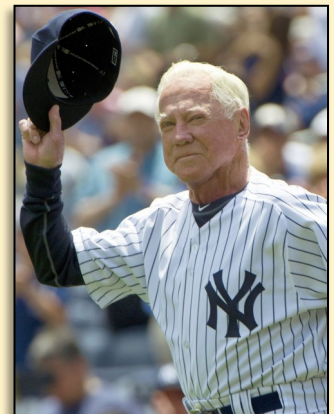
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JUNE 2021

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	 LOE BOD MEETING 7PM	1  HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM Happy First Tuesday Appetizers & Drink Specials 	2  LOE GENERAL MEETING 7PM LOE DINNER 6:15PM	3  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	4 5:30pm to 7:30pm Chicken Fried Steak or Ham Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn \$10.00 National Convention Committee Meeting ALL WELCOME! 7:30pm	5
6	7  BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	8  7:15PM BOD MEETING  Donations Accepted	9  MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM 7:30PM GENERAL MEETING	10  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	11 Hall Rental: Sullivan Anniversary 5pm to 11pm	12
13  Member Mingle Contests Trivia Prizes and Fun, Fun Fun More info on page 13	14  BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	15  HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM  Donations Accepted	16 National Convention Committee Meeting ALL WELCOME! 7:30pm  PASTA DINNER 6:30pm to 8PM Parmesan, Spinach & Mushroom Pasta	17  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	18 All you can Eat  Fish Fry \$12.00 6pm to 8pm	19
 FLAG DAY Ceremony 4pm to 5pm Father's Day Picnic 5pm 	21  BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	22 ETHNIC NIGHT THE SOCIALE 6PM AT LODGE 6:30 AT RESTAURANT INFO ON PG 13  Donations Accepted	23  7:30PM GENERAL MEETING	24  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	25	26
27  NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION 3 PM NEW MEMBER INITIATION 4 PM Gourmet Club 5:00pm	28  BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	29  Donations Accepted	30  Hall Rental LIFE LINE SCREENING. The Power of Prevention			

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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

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