



## **LODGE OFFICERS:**

**EXALTED RULER** - Paul DeLand  
**LEADING KNIGHT** - Rita Smith  
**LOYAL KNIGHT** - Paula Rousselle  
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**SECRETARY** - Rick Schneider, PER  
**TREASURER** - Debbie Brennan  
**ESQUIRE** - Melissa Bertoch  
**INNER GUARD** - Edie Hanley  
**TILER** - Richard Florance, PER  
**CHAPLAIN** –Wendy Hall  
**5 YEAR TRUSTEE** - TBD  
**4 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Bob Orcutt  
**3 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Tommy Moore  
**2 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Courtney Weil, PER  
**1 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Shelagh Gombarcik, PER

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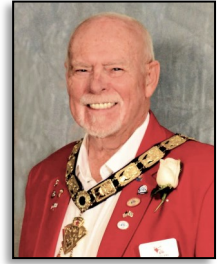
## **Club Hours:**

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**



As your ER, may I suggest that you reread your Elk obligation. See if your thoughts and actions are in line with the demands of that obligation. We all need a lot more, “can I help?” and a lot less “why did you do that?” I’m sure you’ll agree that when we help others it makes us feel good, but when there are confrontations and ill feelings then the opposite occurs.

By the time you read this we will have initiated our 1st class of new members for the 2021-22 Lodge year. By my current count we should be at or about 25% of our goal of 100 new members! How fine that sounds....and I applaud and thank everyone involved. 25% is a great start but keep in mind 1 New Member requires each of us be a part of the drive! “Bring in a new member, or reinstate a past member, and it will be my honor to buy you a drink.”

Please join us on May 9<sup>th</sup> for our annual Mother’s Day Ritual Observance, followed by light food.

The FSEA Convention May 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> is A GO! After a year of disrupted events we return to normal and your Lodge will have a Hospitality Suite Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. Get your room reserved now. Check the FSEA webpage for registration and hotel connections. See You There!

One month later, beginning July 2<sup>nd</sup>, and continuing for about 5 or 6 days, we will be inundated by Elks from across the nation as they gather for Grand Lodge National Convention! We Need Your Sign UP for one or more of those days. There are many services and amenities we will be providing our guests; food, entertainment, hospitality and “Pirate Lodge” spirit. All of which will help make our guests happy, our Lodge more well-known, and hopefully give our coffers a boost.

Finally, our annual budget is now in the books. This year is hard due the same Covid problems that plagued us last year. The money situation is TOUGH! Think about spending an extra dollar to help the Lodge and/or becoming a Friends of 708 contributor. It costs just \$11 each month and can be the lifeline to keep us going.

Reach out, smile....help....enjoy!

Yours In Elkdom, Paul DeLand, ER

# 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@hotmail.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
- ◆ Hoop Shoot Committee ..... Chris Ragusa..... ragustachristopher@gmail.com
- ◆ Interlodge Visitation Committee..... Rita Smith..... apwurita@hotmail.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..... Kristie Mathews ..... fanoftampa@hotmail.com
- ◆ Youth activities Committee ..... To Be Determined .....



## 2021 State President’s Visit

On April 17th the State President, Rudi Masi and his wife Dolly attended a dinner at Holiday Isles Lodge #1912. He spoke to approximately 225 people attending the dinner. Masi visited each table to thank people for coming, and to shake the hand of those who helped put the evening together.

He and his lovely wife stayed at Alden Suites where many of the weekend activities were held. Saturday the 18th they enjoyed a St. Pete Pier excursion followed by a cocktail party in the hotel, then a homecoming dinner at St. Petersburg Lodge #1224. During the dinner he presented his brother, Dan Masi ER of the St Petersburg Lodge with the Elk of the District Award. He also announced that 708 was awarded a \$500 State President’s Grant.

He spoke of creating successful Lodges by maintaining a warm, active and friendly environment. He stated that we should treat each other like family, even accepting those crazy uncles and aunts. There are many things we should remember as Elks, he suggested, not the least of which is the fact that “We are a Lodge, not a lounge”.

Theresa Seibert, PDDGER, (pictured here) a long time 708 Lodge member, and past Exalted Ruler, is the state chairwoman of the Harry Anna Trust this year. She was proud to hear that our Lodge was the number one lodge in per capita donations in the District, and the State.





# A Warm Welcome To Our Newest Elks



Wayne Cook  
Sponsor:  
Julie Wooley



Cheryl Harper  
Sponsor:  
Paula Rousselle



Nancy Suarez  
Sponsor  
Julie Wooley



Sarah Norring  
Sponsor  
Chris Miles



Patrica Cappy  
Sponsor  
Julie Wooley



Christine Manley  
Sponsor  
Julie Wooley



Jessica Bull  
Sponsor  
Kelly Bustin



Bill Shemela  
Sponsor  
Kristina Higgins



Sandra Sullivan  
Sponsor  
Julie Wooley



Christina Schaefer  
Sponsor  
John Redding



Michael Bull  
Sponsor  
Kelly Bustin



Kelly O'Brian  
Sponsor  
Julie Wooley



Rich Hornstrom  
Sponsor  
Gretchen Domingez



James Martin  
Sponsor  
Gretchen Domingez



Teil Allen  
Sponsor  
Gretchen Domingez



James Gray  
Sponsor  
Gretchen Domingez



Barbara Tigie  
Sponsor  
Julie Wooley



Victoria Feuer  
Sponsor  
Edie Hanley



Austin Knight  
Sponsor  
Gerard Klovos



## May Elk Recognitions

### ELK OF THE MONTH...JACQUIE LOCICERO

This month's Elk of The Month is involved deeply at 708. She is currently President of the Ladies of The Elks, her fourth time in that office. She is involved in many of our Lodge functions including Hall Rentals, House Committee duties, and cooking for the 3rd Wednesday Pasta night to name a few. Jacquie has proven herself to be a dedicated member of our Lodge, and I for one thank her for her service. Please welcome Jacquie LoCicero as the May Elk of The Month, and let her know she is appreciated by saying THANK YOU when next you see her.



### OFFICER OF THE MONTH...RITA SMITH

Welcome the May Officer of The Month.....Rita Smith. Rita, a long time Elk, works tirelessly on everything from her new post as Leading Knight to grants, scholarships, Club Chivalry, and many of our Lodge events and festivities. She helps in the kitchen whenever necessary and aids in the production of this publication each month. Her enthusiasm and hard work, helping to make our Lodge run as smoothly as possible, cannot be denied. Please let her know you appreciate her continued dedication when next you see her.





If we could look into each others hearts and see the challenges each of us face, I believe we would treat each other with more love, kindness, compassion and patience. As in scripture...*“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”* Ephesians 4:32 ESV  
 Wendy Hall, Chaplain

## Grant Reports



# Club Chivalry Report

At our Installation on March 27<sup>th</sup> Tampa 708 member Jose Ramon gave me a check for \$250.00 for Club Chivalry. What a pleasant surprise. It was deposited into the Lodge portion of our Club Chivalry account.

We had our third Club meeting of the year on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Our motto for the month is, “Success doesn’t come to you - you’ve got to go to it!”

We were not able to secure a guest speaker that had been approved by the school board, but we did have a lot of announcements, mostly about the Senior cruise. We also played a game called “Candy Hands”, which allowed me to pass out some Easter Candy without risking offending anyone. (It IS a public school). My volunteers were *Tommy Moore, Elma Kelly, Bonnie Atwood and Carolyn Miller*.

On April 3<sup>rd</sup> we had our end of the year event for the seniors. There are 18 seniors in the Club, and 13 were able to participate. The original plan was to go to an area chain restaurant, probably Olive Garden. Instead, Tampa 708 member Shannon Wheatley stepped up and offered us a ride through downtown Tampa on her company boat – The Tampa Bay Fun Boat! Then our school sponsor, Tampa 708 member *Carolyn Hand*, offered to buy our take-aboard lunch from funds she had as the Avid teacher. These fund had been budgeted for field trips which had been eliminated this year. Shannon’s husband Daryl volunteered to be Captain, and Shannon worked as the first Mate, so we didn’t even have to tip the crew! All Club Chivalry had to provide were some chips!

We were blessed with a beautiful day, crisp and clear, and not too hot. The students had been advised to be at the boat by 10:30 and they all arrived on time. We launched at 10:40, instead of the planned 11:00, which gave us time to motor deeper into Hillsborough Bay where we spotted multiple dolphins and saw some impressive cargo ships. The students also got a great view of the Peter O. Knight Airport and the Davis Island Dog Park. *Shannon Wheatley* now knows exactly where to look for us if she takes her fun boat out during the next Gasparilla invasion.

After touring the bay, we went up the Hillsborough River, passing under the Borein St. and Kennedy Blvd. Bridges, and turning around at the Cass St bridge. It was fun to see the newer Tampa Parks, the Convention Center, the University of Tampa and Tampa Prep from the waterside. There was a lot of other activity on the River, which added to our enjoyment. We docked at about 12:15. It was a great alternative to a dinner at Olive Garden, and Club Chivalry is grateful for the generosity of all the Elk members that contributed to the day!

Between the generous donation from Jose, the food from *Caroline Hand*, and the in-kind donation from *Shannon Wheatley*, that is at least \$500 less fundraising we will have to do this year. A big thank you to members *Bonnie Atwood, Tommy Moore and Carolyn Miller* for chaperoning the event.

We have one meeting left before summer break and a new roster of students. We will have our final meeting of the year on April 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have a school volunteer barcode and would like to attend let me know.

Rita Smith, Impact Grant Manager





## Supporting Reports



### Ladies of the Elk:

One month down and the LOE is full steam ahead! With our Walk A Thon behind us, and the Kentucky Derby ready to roll, your LOE is looking forward to what is next on the horizon.

First up is our Pirate POP-UP Jewelry Shop on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-7:30pm. Stop by and see what the Ladies have that will up your pirate game. We have also put together a fantastic Pirate Basket to raffle at the Elks State convention in May. All the pirate booty you could ask for, pirate jewelry and so much MORE! Ticket donations are: 8 tickets for \$5 or 15 tickets for \$10. See Shelagh Gombarcik, PER for your tickets. You do not need to be present to win, and the winner will be announced the weekend of the convention.

Coming up next...if you're looking for a place to take Dad for Father's Day, look no further. Your LOE is planning something special for all those hard-working Dads. Look for more details in your June Elksize.

Last but NOT least, your LOE is once again hosting a Low Country Boil on July 30<sup>th</sup>. If the last one is any indication of how this one will be, expect a rip-roaring time. Sign-up sheet and details are on the LOE board, so sign up early.

*Some tidbits to take away from our April meeting:* Jim Shimp is working on website for the LOE. Jim is bringing us into the "modern world". Thank you Jim! Looking for a "pet" to adopt, see Susie Harlow or Lisa Snyder, they can hook you up with a cute and cuddly stuffed animal for a small donation. Need a copy of the LOE's updated by-laws, you can get a hard copy or one emailed to you. Our next meeting is May 5<sup>th</sup>, dinner at 6:15, meeting at 7pm. Hope to see you there!

Jacquie LoCicero, LOE President

#### Executive Board

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

### May Birthdays

Bob Orcutt 5/5, Rita Smith 5/12, Bill Edwards 5/19

## Committee Communications



Elks  
National  
Foundation

I stopped at the bar before our first April Lodge meeting. I had two Titos vodka gimlets which, by the way, were excellent. By the time I had two and paid the tab I had spent \$11.50 (including tip).

This got me thinking about ENF contributions. I am one of four 708 members who give monthly to our ENF coffers. Therefore, what costs two drinks at the bar is equal to a nice monthly contribution to ENF. Have you ever thought about it that way? How 'bout considering a monthly contribution. ENF will accept monthly contributions charged to your credit card as small as \$5. An amount such as this will mean so much for ENF.

Bob Suhrheinrich, ENF Chairman



### DAP Drug Awareness Program:

Since 1982, the Elks have developed an effective, community-based drug prevention program by partnering with federal agencies including the Drug Enforcement Agency, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and national organizations such as Pride Youth Programs. These partnerships ensure the Elks Drug Awareness Program addresses the leading drug abuse issues facing our communities today. (From the Elks Drug Awareness Website.)

Tommy Moore, Drug Awareness Chairman

#### Interesting fact...

# Grant Reports



## Scholarship Report And...We have a Winner!

You may recall that the 2020-2021 Scholarship team consisting of *Rick Schneider, PER, Edie Hanley, Lynn Szeliga* and I graded 50 Most Valuable Student (MVS) Scholarships that were submitted to the Elks through the Tampa Lodge. Out of the 50, we were only allowed to send the application of the top 3 male students, and the top 3 female students forward to the District. After which it was out of our hands. Now the results are in! Our top male student, Alejandro Quintero, earned a \$4000.00 scholarship payable at \$1000 a year if he retains eligibility.

Alejandro is an IB student from Robinson High School who lives in Port Tampa. Alejandro earned this scholarship with a 3.9 unweighted GPA on a "Most Rigorous" schedule! He was required to have 100 volunteer hours to graduate, but he logged in over 500 hours, mostly through St Patrick's Life Team and the YMCA Leader Club. He is also a Captain of the Mu Alpha Mathematics Honor Society, and a member of the Robinson Orchestra and Tri-M music Honor Society.

Alejandro has won National Level honors for Scholar College Board National Hispanic Program, AP Scholar with Distinction Award, AP Scholar Award, National Honor Society, and won State awards for Violin Duets.

His Math teacher and sponsor of Mu Alpha Theta for 4 years stated, "I hold Alejandro in the highest regard both personally and academically."

Article submitted by Rita Smith



### ELKS 708 CHARITY AT WORK IN OUR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS...YET AGAIN!

Tampa Elks Lodge utilized \$629.26 of their earned charity funds to provide a 65 inch TV and portable stand to Grady Elementary school. It will be utilized by office staff for zoom meetings and other events. The portability of the stand, which was assembled by Elks, makes this a versatile gift that can also be utilized in a classroom or assembly. We are proud to make this type of difference in our community during this unprecedented time of technological need.

Pictured, from left to right: Nicole Dreby, Teacher, Mike Campbell, Principal. Alexander Dreby, and Elk members Bonnie Atwood, Jim Dreby and Chris Miles, PER



## Last Month's Festivities & Events

# AWARDS NIGHT AT 708

**Wendy Hall**  
Elk of the Year



**Christine Sanchez**  
Citizen of the Year



**Laura Jones**  
Officer of the Year



## There were a few Awards given out...and then there was Moore!

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, Tampa Elks had their annual membership appreciation night. Everyone who attended received a free lasagna dinner, courtesy of the House committee. Chris Miles, the Exalted Ruler, gave out his three big annual awards – Elk of the Year went to Wendy Hall, Officer of the Year went to Laura Jones, and Christina Sanchez received the prestigious Elks Distinguished Citizen Award for her charitable work on behalf of the community. Rita Smith, Impact Grant Manager, gave a Certificate of Appreciation to the volunteers that helped with Club Chivalry during the past year.

Next, LOE President Betty Orcutt, gave out her big three awards – Lady of the Year to Rita Smith, Lady Officer of the year to Bonnie Atwood, and a Special Recognition Award to Elma Kelly. We thought the business was finished...but then – There was Moore – Tommy Moore, to be precise. District Drug Awareness Chair Walk Skiruen asked for time at the microphone to commend Tommy Moore for the outstanding job he is doing as the Lodge Drug Awareness Chairperson. Paul Deland got up to the microphone, and thanked the people that keep the bar running – especially Tommy Moore who comes in every morning to replace the liquor bottles at the bar. Dee Cisneros, PER, was next at the microphone and he wanted to thank his helpers, specifically thanked Tommy Moore for helping in the kitchen almost every time there is food for sale. The night ended on an especially high note (literally) as the ER declared an open bar for a set period of time.

(Article submitted by Rita Smith)



**Lady Elk**  
of the Year  
**Rita**  
**Smith**



**Lady Officer**  
of the Year  
**Bonnie**  
**Atwood**

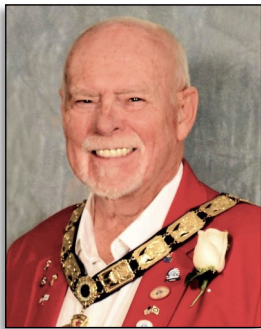


**Special**  
Recognition  
**Elma**  
**Kelly**



## Last Month's Festivities & Events

### Installation of the 2021-2022 Lodge Officers



**Paul DeLand**  
Exalted Ruler



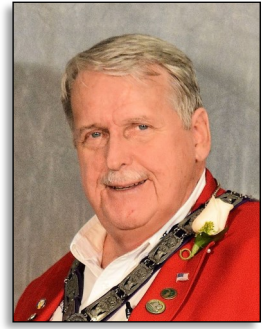
**Rita Smith**  
Leading Knight



**Paula Rousselle**  
Loyal Knight



**Suzanne Moore**  
Lecturing Knight



**Rick Schneider, PER**  
Secretary



**Debbie Brennan**  
Treasurer



**Melissa Bertoch**  
Esquire



**Edie Hanley**  
Inner Guard



**Richard Florance, PER**  
Tiler



**Wendy Hall**  
Chaplain

The 2021-22 Officers of Tampa Elks Lodge #708 were installed in a simple ceremony on March 27<sup>th</sup>. The Ladies of The Elks (LOE) followed the ceremony with their own Installation.

Displaying his motto banner, "1 New Member", the new Exalted Ruler, Paul DeLand, followed the ceremony with his comments including a prediction that the coming Lodge Year would see 100 new members joining. DeLand spoke about the long history of Tampa #708 and its 119 years of charitable works for Tampa. He also commented on the need for a well-developed plan for retention of members. He suggested that this could be done by involving them in our events and charities, and making them feel that they are an integral part of the Lodge, beyond simple membership.

Thanks to all who helped decorate, cook and setup. Courtney Weil with her delicious appetizers and Shannon Wheatley whose chicken marsala was a hit...others included Wendy Hall for decorating and setup. Assisting in kitchen was Tommy Moore. Others helping were Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, Sue Moore, and Shelbie Martinez (Flowers). A special thank you to the kids from Club Chivalry who served food, cleaned tables and generally helped. A huge thanks to all involved!

DeLand closed by dedicating his year as Exalted Ruler to his namesake son, Paul DeLand, III who passed away one year ago. In conclusion he added: "We are ELKS, We Took an Oath, We are all tied by what is contained in that Oath...We are Brothers and Sisters....Let's all work together....Do the Elk thing! Reach out and Help...Every person here makes a difference!"



### 2021-2022 Ladies of the Elk Officer Installation

The 2021-2022 Ladies of the Elks Tampa 708 officers were installed in a candlelight ceremony on March 27th. We were honored to have Tracy Horell, PER PLP install the incoming LOE Officers. The new board is looking forward to a year filled with fun, community and charity.

Officer Photo from left to right: Bonnie Atwood, Secretary - Jacquie LoCicero, PLP President - Laura Jones, Treasurer - Tracy Horell, PER, PLP installed officers - Suzanne Moore, PLP Chaplain - Shelagh Gombarcik, PER Vice President - Robert Bordonaro, Parliamentarian.





# Upcoming Events and Projects



## Friday, May 7th

### Dinner served 6:30pm to 8:30pm

#### . . . . . MENU . . . . .

- **Enchilada combo dinner**...two beef or chicken enchiladas, a taco, rice and beans .....\$15.00
- **Chimichanga combo dinner**...beef chimichanga with queso, a taco, rice and beans .....\$15.00
- **Three taco dinner**...three beef or chicken tacos, rice and beans .....\$10.00
- **Nachos Grande**...bed of nacho chips, piled with beans, beef or chicken, lettuce, tomatoes, jalapenos, cheese, sour cream and olives.....\$10.00

(All dinners served with chips, salsa and sopapilla )

Side Dishes: Taco...\$2.00ea Queso y nachos (w/jalapenos)...\$4.00



## Margarita and Tequila Sunrise Drink Specials



# Upcoming Events and Projects

LADIES OF THE ELKS

Presents their annual

## KENTUCKY DERBY

HORSE



RACE

And Auction  
Saturday May 1st  
First race starts at 7pm



Cocktail Specials

Family Friendly Event  
Kentucky Derby Hat Contest  
Ladies and Gentlemen

Steak Peak at Auction Items  
Flower arrangements a month for 12 month  
Tampa Fun Boat Cruise  
Mobile Car Detailing  
Liquor Liquor Liquor  
Eat Local Gift Card Package  
And MORE  
Items subject to change

Dinner \$10  
Hot Brown Sliders  
Watermelon Salad  
Deviled Eggs  
Mint Julep Cupcake  
Dinner Starts at 6pm



BUY AND ENTER YOUR HORSE  
TODAY ONLY \$10  
See your bartender or any LOE board member  
BETTING WINDOWS OPENS AT 6PM

50/50  
50% WINNER  
50% Children's Therapy Services



First race starts at 7pm

All donations benefit the Ladies of the Elks and their charities



## COME CELEBRATE A DEDICATED ELK "PATTY VOLPE" MAY 8TH AT 7PM

Patty Volpe graduated from the University of Florida in May of 2020, during the Covid 19 lockdown. She didn't have the opportunity to celebrate this great accomplishment with her friends, her family or her Elk family. Graduation ceremonies are now underway for the classes of 2020 and she can share her joy with us all.

Her husband, Mike invites all Elks to join in this happy celebration with food and cake!



Calling All  
Epicurean Elks...

### IT'S THE SEASON...

★  
corn  
SQUASH  
tangerines  
oranges, **peanut**  
watermelons, eggplant  
tomatoes, cauliflower, potatoes,  
CANTALOUPE, grapefruit, GUAVA, papaya  
cabbage, celery, cucumbers, radishes  
mushrooms, snap beans  
Blueberries  
SQUASH

Sunday, May 23 at 5:00 pm

Bring us your delicious dishes featuring these in-season produce stars...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

May 19th- Chicken Fajita Pasta  
June 16th- Parmesan Spinach &  
Mushroom Pasta  
July 21st- Italian Sausage Penne Pasta  
Your pasta dish is free to members.

Donations GLADLY accepted.



# Upcoming Events and Projects

## 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**

**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-**



*Happy Mother's Day*

Tampa Lodge #708  
Salutes Mothers  
Everywhere

*Sun. May 9th*



Ritual Observance of Mother's Day at 4pm - Lite food to follow



Join us  
May 18, 2021  
for Tacos, Enchiladas, Burritos,  
Dos Equis, Margarita's and More!  
**Besito's Mexican  
Restaurant**  
205 Westshore Plaza  
Carpool from Lodge at 6pm  
or meet at Bistro's at 6:30pm  
Please RSVP (Text or Dial)  
813-410-1873

## Do you know about "ETHNIC NIGHT"

The event originated as German night, when the krauts and wannabe krauts would meet for dinner once a month to enjoy the German flavors of schnitzel and sausages. As more people gathered to indulge in these wonderous flavors, a little voice from the farthest seat to the back squeaked out, "why don't we try other ethnicities?"

Thus our world spiraled out of control and recovered almost immediately. Accepting this timid suggestion, we became Ethnic Dinner Night, more informally Ethnic Night. Monthly we explore a different culture and their flavors as we discuss its origin, or share personal experiences relating to it.

As always, all Elks are welcome!

# On Going Calendar Events

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| <p><b>Monday Night</b><br/><b>BAR</b></p>  <p><b>3 Dollar Donation to Play 6:30 pm</b></p> | <p><i>Happy First Tuesday</i><br/><i>Light Appetizers</i><br/><i>Drink Specials</i></p>  | <p>2nd, 3rd &amp; 4th<br/>Tuesday<br/>(House Committee)</p>  <p>Donations Gratefully Accepted</p> | <p><b>Free!</b></p> <p><b>3rd Wednesday of the Month 6:30pm</b></p> <p><b>PASTA DINNER</b></p> <p><i>Brought to you from the House Committee</i></p>  |
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| <p><b>EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT</b></p>  <p><b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b></p> <p><i>Ticket donations taken till 6:45pm - Drawing at 7pm</i></p> | <p><b>FIRST FRIDAY!</b></p> <p><i>Each Month is Carl Williamson Country Fried Steak Night 6pm - 8pm</i></p>  <p><b>\$10.00</b></p> | <p><b>3rd Friday All you can Eat</b></p>  <p><b>Fish Fry \$12.00 6pm to 8pm</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><b>5:00 pm</b></p> <p><i>Trivia...Trivia...Trivia</i></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
- Suhrheinrich, Candi 3/2022

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

## Memorial for Tampa Officer Jesse Madsen



On March 29<sup>th</sup> Tampa Elks Lodge #708 donated \$300.00 to the Police Benevolent Association on behalf of the family of Tampa's fallen Master Police Officer Jesse Madsen. Tampa Lodge also posted condolences on their large sign on busy Gandy Boulevard. Officer Madsen was killed in the line of duty while trying to stop a wrong way driver on Interstate 275 in Tampa.

"He served in the Marine Corps. He served overseas. He's a decorated combat veteran. He also served in the Florida National Guard. He served with three police units until he settled here at the Tampa Police Department. So service was nothing new to him," said Danny Alvarez, with the Police Benevolent Association.

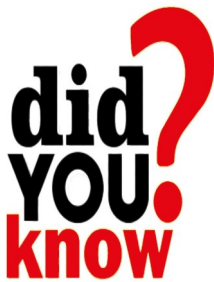
Pictures of Madsen with his family give a glimpse of the man he was, a loving husband, devoted father of 3, and a good friend." Officer Madsen's badge, number 507, will be retired and his name will be etched into the Tampa Police Fallen Officers Memorial.



### Matching funds for Friends of 708



This past month our Past Exalted Ruler, Chris Miles PER, generously offered \$2,000 in matching funds for the second time, to help our Lodge meet its financial obligations. The following people stepped up contribute to the cause: Chris Miles PER, \$2,000, Jack Johnson \$1,000, Jose Ramon \$1,000, Pat & Marilyn Fennell \$518, Laura Jones \$150, Bob & Candi Suhrheinrich \$100, Bonnie Atwood \$100, Paul DeLand \$100, Jackie Appel \$100, John Brennan \$100, George & Georgia Hilficker \$100, Wendy Hall \$40, Sharon Ford \$30, Tracy & Addison Horrell \$20, Edi Hanley \$20, Shelagh Gombarcik PER \$20, Sherrel Jorgenson \$20, Kim Van Walker \$10, Kristie Mathews \$5



By 1900, Tampa had grown to a population of nearly 16,000, due mostly to the railroad, tourism, the cigar industry and the military. The leaders of the community, many of whom were to become members of the B.P.O.E., were positioned for growth and expansion. An organizational meeting was held in the Hampton Building at Franklin and Polk Streets, headed by Abe Maas, (of Maas Brothers) who shortly thereafter was elected as the first Exalted Ruler. On January 22, 1902, a delegation of 14 from Jacksonville conducted the initiation ceremonies that started that afternoon and lasted until the next morning. Tampa was one of 81 new lodges instituted by the B.P.O.E. in 1902. The Charter, dated August 14, 1902, was issued at the ensuing Grand Lodge Convention. By 1907, Tampa had become the largest Elks Lodge in Florida with a membership of 441.

### MAY LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 3rd - LOE Board Meeting 6:30pm
- 4th - House Committee Meeting 6:30pm
- 5th - LOE Dinner 6:15pm - Meeting 7pm
- 11th - Board of Director's Meeting 7:15pm
- 12th - Member Committee Meeting 6pm
- 12th - Elks General Meeting 7:30pm
- 18th - House Committee Meeting 6:30pm
- 26th - Elk Meeting Cancelled Due to State Convention

### Honoring Departed Elks

**John F. Kennedy**  
**1917 to 1963**  
**35th**  
**President of the**  
**United States**  
**Boston, MA**  
**Lodge #10**



# Lodge Business and Projects



## LET'S TALK RENOVATION!

As most of you know...in preparation for our upcoming FSEA and Grand Lodge conventions, we will be renovating and freshening up the bar area. The committee to achieve this goal has been working hard on the project for quite some time and we need YOUR help to get it done by July 2021. As the quotes come in we realize this project is much more expensive than was first thought and it's imperative we move quickly.

Please consider making a donation to our **Bar Renovation Fund** now. There are many reasons this job must be done, not the least of which is that our bar plumbing is in ill repair and leaking, our bar top and bumper are outdated and marred, and much of our equipment needs to be replaced. We hope to freshen up the floor area around the bar, bring in new chairs and in general bring our bar into the 21st century. All you need to do to make your contribution is to come down to the Lodge for a dinner or a drink...our bartenders will have envelopes. Just grab one, donate and enjoy your food/drink and your fellow Elks!

Thanking everyone in advance for helping keep our lodge bar the best bar in town!

*Paula Rousselle, Bar Renovation Committee Member*

Hall rentals in 2020 were a challenge, but there is light at the end of this Covid tunnel. The lodge has been receiving more requests for information and tours. As we move forward, there are several items we should all keep in mind. This is a LODGE effort. The financial success of the hall rentals puts the lodge in a much better financial position, which is a win for all. In order for us to be successful, this cannot be a one or two person responsibility. Marketing, showing the hall, setting it up, and cleaning it up is a huge job.

## WE RENT OUR HALL

So where does the membership's responsibilities fall? First and foremost, to make sure our hall is always presentable. One never knows when a potential customer, looking for a spot to hold their party, wedding, or family reunion will want a tour. We are often called upon to show the hall at the customer's convenience, morning, noon or evenings. With that in mind, if we as members have an event, meeting or a gathering that involves the hall, it is our responsibility to leave it in a condition that would allow a tour to be given at a moment's notice. There are only so many times one can tell a bride "envision this", trying to get her to look beyond the clutter.

BTW-Did you know that, as an Elk, you can rent the lodge's hall at a discounted fee? Yes you can! Having your anniversary celebration, family reunion or birthday party at your lodge will not only benefit your event, it will benefit your lodge.

The success of the hall rentals can relieve some of financial stress on the lodge and "That is a good thing". If you would like to be a part of the hall rental committee or have any positive suggestions, please feel free to contact me. For more information on hall rental fees and availability, you can email me, Jacquie LoCicero at [tampa708rentals@yahoo.com](mailto:tampa708rentals@yahoo.com) or call me 813-245-6458. *Upcoming Hall Rentals:* May 4th - Greystone Community Meeting, May 8th - Messina Baby Shower, June 11th - Sullivan Anniversary Party, June 29th - Life Screen



# Tampa Elks Lodge #708

MAY 2021

CALENDAR OF

| SUN   | MON   | TUE   | WED  | THUR  | FRI   | SAT  |
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|   |   |   |  |   |   | <p>1 </p> <p>LOE PRESENTS<br/>KENTUCKY DERBY<br/>HORSE RACE<br/>INFO ON PG 10</p>         |
| <p>2 WCD PER Association Fundraiser Picnic and PER meeting</p>  | <p>3  LOE BOD MEETING 6:30pm</p> <p> 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p> | <p>4  HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM</p> <p>Happy First Tuesday<br/>Appetizers &amp; Drink Specials </p>                                      | <p>5 LOE GENERAL MEETING 7PM LOE DINNER 6:15PM</p> <p></p>  | <p>6 Dee's  Open Grill Night</p> <p> QUEEN OF HEARTS<br/>DONATIONS by 6:45PM<br/>DRAWING at 7PM</p>     | <p>7  CINCO DE MAIO</p> <p>MEXICAN DINNER MENU<br/>ON PAGE 9</p>     | <p>8 </p> <p>Patty Volpe's Graduation Party 7pm</p>                                       |
| <p>9 </p> <p>Mother's Day Service with Refreshments 400pm.</p>     | <p>10</p> <p> 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>  | <p>11  7:15PM BOD MEETING</p> <p> Donations Accepted</p>  | <p>12 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM</p> <p> 7:30PM GENERAL MEETING</p>   | <p>13 Dee's  Open Grill Night</p> <p> QUEEN OF HEARTS<br/>DONATIONS by 6:45PM<br/>DRAWING at 7PM</p> | <p>14</p>   | <p>15  ARMED FORCES BIRTHDAY BASH</p> <p>Celebrate Birthdays &amp; Armed Forces Day</p> |
| <p>16</p>   | <p>17</p> <p> 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>  | <p>18  HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM</p> <p> Donations Accepted</p> <p>Ethnic Night at Besito's Mexican Restaurant<br/>Info on page 11</p> | <p>19</p> <p> Free PASTA DINNER<br/>6:30pm to 8PM<br/>Menu on page 10</p>   | <p>20 Dee's  Open Grill Night</p> <p> QUEEN OF HEARTS<br/>DONATIONS by 6:45PM<br/>DRAWING at 7PM</p> | <p>21 All you can Eat </p> <p>Fish Fry \$12.00<br/>6pm to 8pm</p>  | <p>22  HIMES CLEANUP 9AM TO 12PM<br/>Info on pg 10</p>                                  |
| <p>23 </p> <p>Gourmet Club 5:00pm<br/>Info on pg 10</p>             | <p>24</p> <p> 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>  | <p>25</p> <p> Donations Accepted</p>   | <p>26 Dee's  Open Grill Night</p> <p> QUEEN OF HEARTS<br/>DONATIONS by 6:45PM<br/>DRAWING at 7PM</p> | <p>27  Florida Elks State Convention<br/>Rosen Center, Orlando</p>  | <p>28  Florida Elks State Convention<br/>Rosen Center, Orlando</p> | <p>29  Florida Elks State Convention<br/>Rosen Center, Orlando</p>                      |
| <p>30  Florida Elks State Convention<br/>Rosen Center, Orlando</p> | <p>31</p> <p> 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>  |   |  |   |   |  |

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\$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  
Paula Rousselle - Candy Venable - Chris Ragusa - Mr & Mrs Hilficker - Crystal Johnson  
Shannon Wheatley - Laura Jones - Ladies of the Elk 708*

### OUR CURRENT ANNUAL SUPPORTERS

*H. Smith - S. Washington - R. Florance - S. Owens - S. Wheatley - K. Higgins - L. Snyder  
J. Megular - M. Flowers - J. Slater - E. Clark - R. Reiselt - L. Jones - V. Bihoral - A. DeQuesada  
F. Williams - E. Smith - B. Atwood - J. Wooley - V. Thomas - P & M Volpe*

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.