



LODGE OFFICERS:

EXALTED RULER - Rita Smith
LEADING KNIGHT - Camden Lynn
LOYAL KNIGHT - Paula Rousselle
LECTURING KNIGHT - Edie Hanley
SECRETARY - Laura Jones
TREASURER - Christopher Miles, PER
ESQUIRE - Melissa Bertoch
INNER GUARD - Kara Stout
TILER - Richard Florance, PER
CHAPLAIN –Crystal Johnson
1 YEAR TRUSTEE - Courtney Weil, PER
2 YEAR TRUSTEE - Tommy Moore
3 YEAR TRUSTEE - Bob Orcutt
4 YEAR TRUSTEE - Wendy Hall
5 YEAR TRUSTEE - Doug Grant

House Committee Chair

George Hilficker - georgehilficker@gmail.com

House Committee Members: Wendy Hall, Jacquie LoCicero, April Holtzman, Bonnie Atwood, and Rodney Kayton

Bar Managers

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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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tampa708secretary@outlook.com

A Message from Your Exalted Ruler, Rita Smith



Members All,

Happy New Year! The Lodge year begins in spring each year- a great time for new beginnings. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Exalted Ruler(ER). We have several new Officers this year, and a whole lot of new committee chairs. Each of those chairs still needs a full committee- so there is plenty of opportunity for you to make an impact on your lodge and your community. Peruse the list of committees and reach out to the chair if you think you might be interested. If not, don't be surprised if we reach out to you instead! The Tampa Lodge is run by the members - and we are all volunteers. I consider my job to be more of "Volunteer Coordinator" than of "Boss." I am counting on each of you to help me get through the year with a larger membership, an improved social quarter, and a little money left in the bank for my successor. In return, you can count on me to support your endeavors and recognize your efforts. Look for some of those recognitions in the Awards Night.

This month, we have members ready to jump right in. Tristan Reiber has been booking great music for Friday nights- including Kris Pierce returning on Friday April 1st. The bingo committee continues to hold Monday games. The Thursday night QOH drawing is still a go. You can expect an open kitchen on Monday, Thursday, most Fridays and during special events. The Veterans Committee has special guests coming on Monday the 4th and on Friday the 22nd. Shannon Wheatley and the Volpes have a quarter auction scheduled for Sunday the 24th.

Sadly, Tampa Elks Past Exalted Rulers (PER's) will be holding the Elks Memorial Service on April 9th to honor our first female Exalted Ruler- Nancy Keesler. Nancy served as Exalted Ruler in 2001 and remained a faithful and helpful PER.

In Your Service, Rita Smith, ER

Important Notice

March 27, 2022

A vote on a House Committee suspension that has been appealed will take place at the regularly scheduled Lodge meeting on April 27th.

Your 2022-23 Committees

Statutory Committees:

Auditing Committee: Melissa Bertoch Chair, (missbertoch@gmail.com) Robert Bordonaro, Sue Dortch

Presiding Justice: John Redding, PA (jr@jrtampalaw.com)

Mediator: Don Barron (tal259vp@tampabay.rr.com)

Activities Committee: Melissa Bertoch, Chair; (missbetoch@gmail.com) Patty Volpe,

Mike Volpe, Melissa Evener, Jason Brown

Fraternal Committee: Camden Lynn, Chair; (camdenlynn07@msn.com) Richard Florence, PER,

Laura Jones, Chris Miles PER, Shelagh Gombarcik PER

Public Relations Committee: Kim Van Walker, Chair; (kimvanwalker@hotmail.com) Becky Sullins,

Theresa Siebert, PDD

Bylaws Committee: Chris Miles, PER, Chair; (legalmiles@gmail.com)

Paul Deland, PER, Laura Jones,

Past Exalted Ruler's Association Liason – Paul Deland, PER (dukeofdeand@hotmail.com)

FSEA Reporting Committees

Americanism – Richard Florance, PER (rhflorance@yahoo.com)

Army of Hope – Shannon Wheatley (Shannon.wheatley1@gmail.com)

Community Activities – Melissa Bertoch (Missbertoch@gmail.com)

Drug Awareness – Jason Brown (CFdad1205@gmail.com)

ENF Fundraising – Shelagh Gombarcik, PER (Shelaghg1@yahoo.com)

ENF Scholarships – Rick Schneider, PER (broric708@aol.com)

Elks Training – Crystal Johnson (palomino79@yahoo.com)

Government Relations – Laura Jones (Tampa708Secretary@outlook.com)

Harry Anna – Edie Hanley (ehanley73@tampabay.rr.com)

Hoop Shoot – Melissa Evener (mevener85@yahoo.com)

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Orientation – Laura Jones (tampasecretary708@outloo.com)

Soccer Shoot – Mike Volpe (mvolpe1980@gmail.com)

& Christien Elkins (christienelkins97@yahoo.com)

Sports – Camden Lynn (Camdenlynn07@msn.com)

Veteran's Services – Jose Remon (joseremon@gmail.com)

Youth Activities – Patty Volpe (Pattyandmrfox@gmail.com) (Committees Cont. pg 3)

Your 2022-23 Committees (Cont.)

Lodge Committee Chairpersons

House Committee – George Hilficker (georgehilficker@gmail.com)
 Wendy Hall, Bar Banking, Jacque LoCicero, HC Secretary,
 April Holtzman, Rod Kayton, Bonnie Atwood

Amusement Machines, QOH – Bonnie Atwood, Edie Hanley, Crystal Johnson
 Lead Bartender (Inventory & Staffing) - Dee Cisneros, PER (cecisd@hotmail.com)
 Kitchen Lead & Shopper - Georgia Hilficker (georgiahilficker@gmail.com)
 Communication Commando – Theresa Siebert, PER (Tampaelkads@gmail.com)
 Elksize – Georgia Hilficker (georgiahilficker@gmail.com)
 Social Media – Becky Sullins (rsullins1@yahoo.com)
 Webmaster – Marty Quire (mquire@tampabay.rr.com)
 This Week – Marty Quire (mquire@tampabay.rr.com)
 Email Blasts – Marty Quire (mquire@tampabay.rr.com)
 Calendar Upkeep, Web - Candy Venable (plmgcandy@gmail.com)
 Photo Monitor - Daniel Armentrout (odannyboy@AOL.com)
 Hall Rentals – 813-245-6458 - Jacque LoCicero (pjlocicero@yahoo.com)
 Ritual Coach - Frank Palladini, PSP (fjpal56@yahoo.com)
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 Bulletin Mailing Committee - Jan Bertoch (jber2715@gmail.com)
 Membership Committee - Chris Miles – legalmiles@gmail.com
 Music - Tristan Reiber(tristanreiber@gmail.com)
 Sign Changes - Christien Elkins (christienelkins97@gmail.com)

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State Convention Hospitality Room - Edie Hanley (ehanley73@tampabay.rr.com)
 Crystal Johnson (palomino79@yahoo.com)
 Convention Delegates: Exalter Ruler – Rita Smith

Secretary – Laura Jones
 PER – Theresa Seibert, PER
 1. Edie Hanley
 2. Paul Deland, PER
 3. Wendy Hall



A LODGE OF SORROW

Will be held at the General Meeting on April 13th to honor our members that passed in March:

Nancy Keesler, PER

Austin Knight

William Hesell, Sr.

Please join us and honor our fallen members.

Welcome Our Newest Elk Members



Arthur "Rusty" Delia
Proposed by
Rick Schneider, PER



Connie McMullen
Proposed by
Paula Rousselle



Kevin Kravitz
Proposed by
Bill Cummings



Liane Ford
Proposed by
John Redding



Robert Samuelson
Proposed by
Rick Schneider, PER



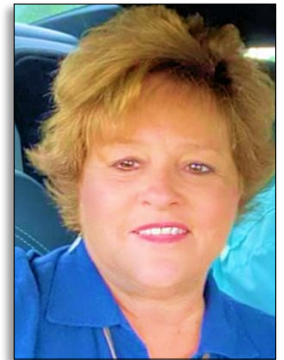
Stephen Willis
Proposed by
Rodney Kayton



APRIL Elk Recognitions

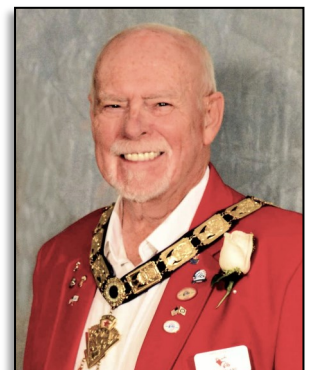
ELK OF THE MONTH...TRACY HORRELL, PER

Elk of the Month: Tracy Horrell. Tracy is a Past Lady President and Past Exalted Ruler of Tampa Elks Lodge #708. She is also Wendy Hall's sister. Tracy's husband, Addisen, is also a Past Exalted Ruler. Tracy knows her way around the lodge. Anticipating a move to Pinellas County the couple transferred lodges, but when those plans changed, they transferred back to Tampa Lodge. With short notice, she took on the St Patrick's Day party, and did a marvelous job despite having out of town work commitments during the month. Tracy has accepted an appointment to be on the board of the LOE this year.



OFFICER OF THE MONTH...PAUL DELAND, PER

While technically Paul is no longer an Officer, I am writing this in March and based on March activity. Paul certainly had his hands full in March. A new sink was finally and properly installed behind the bar. Contracts were signed with a plumber to get the men's vanity and plumbing repaired. And the most comprehensive awards night we have had in a while took place. He also stepped up to finish off a grant when I was under the weather. All that, in addition to his regular duties as Exalted Ruler! Paul will be establishing a PER Association this year.



Supporting Reports



Fear can't stop death, but it sure can get in the way of life.
Fears of failure, judgment, and success can all kick rocks.

“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7

Crystal Johnson, Chaplain



Ladies of the Elks:

Spring has sprung and the Ladies are ready to roll up their sleeves and see what our new year brings.

I would like to congratulate Tommy Moore for being our LOE Member of the Year. Tommy is always there for the Ladies, helping in any capacity necessary. Sue Moore was named our LOE Officer of the Year. She has been a great mentor to me, a friend to all and an example of what Elkdom can and should be. Let's not forget our shout out to Elma Kelly! Whose gentle way she approaches us to buy 50/50 tickets has added to the Ladies bottom line BIG time.

And they're off.....to the races. Horseraces that is. On Saturday, May 7th, the LOE will be having their annual family friendly Kentucky Derby Horserace. This is a great event! Dinner starts at 6:30pm. Betting windows will also open at 6:30pm, with the first race at 7pm. Horses are only \$10. See any LOE board member.

I'd like to thank Carolyn Miller, PLP for installing our new board. I look forward to another successful year with the Ladies. Our team is strong and can accomplish any off the wall, out of the box project I come up with. The LOE's installation this year was especially meaningful as we are celebrating our 50th year! Throughout the year, in our LOE article, I will be touching upon some highlights and members of the LOE from the past 50 years.

Jacquie LoCicero

President, Ladies of the Elks

Executive Board

Jacquie LoCicero, PLP- President
Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, PLP - Vice President
Crystal Johnson - Secretary
Laura Jones - Treasurer
Suzanne Moore, PLP - Chaplin
Tracy Horrell, PER, PLP - Parliamentarian

April Birthdays

April 6 - Jacquie LoCicero April 7 - Carolyn Williams April 19 - Carolyn Breit April 25 - Barbara Miller

AFTER 5 YEARS OF SERVICE AS SECRETARY OF 708, RICK SCHEIDER IS STEPPING DOWN.

After five years shouldering the job as Secretary of the Lodge, Rick Schneider, PER, decided to retire from the position. His long service and attention to detail will be missed. Rick and wife Jan now live almost an hour North of Tampa and the long drive was difficult. Rick, a long time member of Tampa Elks, was ER about 30 years ago. We all wish him well and hope to see he and his wife in the Lodge often in the coming years.

Laura Jones, who has filled the Treasure spot for the past several years, will take the chair. Best wishes for a successful year Laura.





Relay for Life...at Robinson

The Club will be participating in the Relay for Life on Friday April 22 at Robinson High football stadium. Please join us. We count on the Elks to purchase luminaires to help the students with their fundraising. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society and are tax deductible. Watch for the luminary sales at the Lodge - \$10 each. You can design your own or chose one made by the students. Cash is accepted. Checks should be made out to American Cancer Society with Club Chivalry in the remarks section. If you prefer to donate on line see Rita Smith, ER, for instructions on how to make sure a student gets credit.



A PROUD PRESENTATION

On the evening of Feb 26th Tampa Elks Lodge hosted BSA Troop 22's Eagle Court of Honor for Jason Binette. There were about 60 scouts and family member present to observe the ceremony and applaud Jason's accomplishment. Frank Smith presented a Certificate of Honor from Moose International and George Hilficker, House Committee Chair from Tampa Elks Lodge, and an Eagle Scout himself, presented the Certificate from the BPOE.

Pictured in the bottom photo is Jason Binette with his dad, Troop 22's Assistant Scoutmaster Dan Binette.



Lodge Memorial Service In Honor of Nancy Keesler, PER Sunday, April 9th at 2:00pm

Nancy was the first woman Exalted Ruler at Lodge 708 in the Elk year 2001/2002. During her time, she sat in all the Knight Chairs and was Lodge Secretary as well. She was dedicated to our Lodge and a helpful PER. She will be missed.

Please join us in tribute to her memory.



Last Month's Festivities & Events

2021-22 AWARDS NIGHT AT 708



A Grand time was had by all on Saturday, March 19th, as the 2021-22 major award winners were named.

It was “family night” as ER Paul DeLand named George Hilficker as the Elk of The Year and his wife, Georgia Hilficker was named Citizen of The Year. “George handled the Chairmanship of the House Committee well, and was not above getting down and dirty repairing things around the Lodge.” said DeLand. “Georgia performed the major task of updating and cleaning the kitchen as well as provided excellent Friday night meals and dinners for our events.”

The prestigious Officer of The Year went to Shelagh Gombarcik, PER who, DeLand said, “She was there at the Lodge for every event this year, planning, decorating, and cleaning as needed.”

Those recognized as top recruiters during DeLand’s “One New Member” program included; #1-Julie Wooley; #2-Rick Schneider and, #3-Paula Rousselle. DeLand said 30 members brought in at least one person this Lodge year.

2021-22 LOE SHINING STARS

It took many hands for our group to be as successful as it was this year. From Laura keeping me and Shelagh in line, making sure that we turned in all our receipts, to Robert checking that I was on point when a motion may have gone astray. This made choosing only a few members for recognition difficult. Our LOE Member of the Year went to Tommy Moore. No one is more deserving. Tommy has helped us in the kitchen, participated in the walk a thon, set up the table and chairs for our meetings and more. LOE Officer of the Year was Sue Moore, PLP. Sue has more energy than all of us combined. This energy gets the job done. I am grateful she continues to support the LOE. A special shout out went to Elma Kelly. Every meeting Elma sells 50/50 tickets for the Ladies, she has a gentle way of coming up to you and asking if you want to buy a ticket, you just can't say no to her.



Tommy Moore



Suzanne Moore, PLP



Elma Kelly

Last Month's Festivities & Events

2022 St. Patrick's Day



This year's St. Patrick's Day Party was put together by Tracy Horrell, PER and was, to say the least, a roaring success. Georgia Hilficker hit it out of the park with a traditional corn beef & cabbage dinner and everyone raved about the hostesses bread pudding!

The "Pot o' Gold Share the Wealth" was won by a visiting elk who graciously donated back to the Lodge \$120 of his \$178 win. These proceeds will go to our veterans committee, which is chaired by Jose Remon, to help with future events for our veterans.

The highlight of the evening was watching in amazement of the Irish dancers! They ranged in age from 8-20 and the little red head was unbelievable!! We were all mesmerized by their grace and skill and it certainly brought home the Irish spirit to our party. If you missed this one, try not to miss next year it was more than worth the mere \$15 ticket price.

We all danced the night away with the band "The Lady and the Outlaw" who had us all up out of our chairs! The attending veterans looked like they truly enjoyed themselves as they ate, laughed and danced. We were so happy to have them with us.

Tracy would like to thank all who attended and a special thank you to all who helped make it a great event!

Elks Lodge 708 welcomes veterans for St. Patrick Day celebration.

On Friday 18th, 19 veterans from the VA Domiciliary and Liberty Manor joined lodged members to celebrate St. Patrick Day. They were invited by the Veterans Committee members and enjoyed a wonderful meal and entertainment. We would like to thank all who were present and made the event so special for all the veterans present.

All GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL!
Thank you for all you do for our Vets!

Jose Remon, Veteran's Committee Chairman



Upcoming Festivities & Events

LADIES OF THE ELKS

Present their annual



Kentucky Derby

— *Horse Race and Auction* —

MAY 7TH

7pm - Following the Televised Derby

– Horses go on sale April 1st –

\$10 per horse

(See LOE Board member to purchase)

– Betting windows open at 6:30 –

– Live and Silent Auction –

– Derby Hat Contest –

– 50/50 –

(To Benefit Children's Therapy Service)

– Food Served Starting at 6:30pm –

Table Size Appetizer:

Benedictine Spread w/Veggies & Crackers \$6

Enjoy Our "Derby Basket"

Pimento Cheese Pasta Salad, Deviled Eggs (2)

Kentucky Hot Brown Sliders (2) & a Kentucky Derby Bar \$14

– **Derby Specialty Drinks and More** –

Upcoming Events and Projects



LET'S DO FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AT THE LODGE

APRIL 1ST

RIB EYE STEAK



WITH BAKED POTATO, CORN ON THE COB, WHITE BEAN & HAM SOUP, CHEESY HERB BISCUIT

\$20.00

APPETIZER: FRIED ZUCCHINI OR ONION RINGS \$3.50
CHOCOLATE CHERRY DUMP CAKE AL A MODE \$4.00

ENTERTAINING US:
KRIS PIERCE



APRIL 8TH

BBQ SPARE RIB DINNER



WITH BUTTER PARSLEY POTATOES, FRESH COLLARD GREENS OR CORN, CORN BREAD

\$18.00

FRIED MUSHROOMS \$3.50
\$4.00
BLUEBERRY DELIGHT \$4.00

ENTERTAINING US:
CHARLIE IMES

APRIL 15TH

FISHERMAN'S PLATTER



FRIED FISH, CLAMS, SHRIMP & STUFFED CRAB, FRENCH FRIES, COLESLAW & HUSH PUPPIES

\$18.00

GEORGIA'S SEAFOOD GUMBO \$3.50
OLD FASHION BANANA CREAM PIE \$4.00

ENTERTAINING US:
STEPHANO AVILES

APRIL 22ND

PRIME RIB



WITH LOADED MASHED POTATOES, FRESH GREEN BEANS, & FRESH BAKED HERB BREAD

\$22.00

SHRIMP BISQUE \$3.50
TIRAMISU TRES LECHE CAKE \$4.00

ENTERTAINING US:
ROGER HARRISON

APRIL 29TH

INDIVIDUAL BEEF WELLINGTONS



BAKED POTATO, ROASTED VEGGIES, HOUSE SALAD & YEAST ROLLS

\$22.00

FRIED ARTICHOKE HEARTS \$3.50
ESCARGOT \$5.00
GEORGIA'S HOMEMADE PECAN PIE W/ICE CREAM \$4.00

ENTERTAINING US:
SADDLE TRAMP

PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL BE OFFERING HALF A CHICKEN AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE WEEKLY MEAL AT A COST OF \$13.00. IT WILL COME WITH THE SAME SIDES AS THE ADVERTISED DINNER AND MUST BE SELECTED WHEN MAKING YOUR RESERVATION. SORRY, NO LAST MINUTE ORDERS AVAILABLE FOR THIS ENTRE. THANK YOU

*CUP OF COFFEE \$2.00 W/REFILLS - ALL SOUPS AND DESSERTS ARE MADE FROM SCRATCH. WHEN "GEORGIA" IS MENTIONED THE DISH IS FROM HER PERSONAL RECIPE. PLEASE SIGN UP AT TAMPAELKS.COM OR ON THE LODGE BULLETIN BOARD TO ASSURE YOUR MEAL! ONLY A FEW EXTRA MEALS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR WALK-INS. DINNER SERVED FROM 6:30PM TO 8:30PM

BAR BINGO

April 4th - 2 Pieces Fried Chicken & Potato Salad \$8

**April 11th - SAM'S Pizza Slice Pepperoni, Cheese or Deluxe \$4
2 Pieces \$6**

April 18th - Bowl of Spanish Bean Soup With Cracker \$5

April 25th - 2 Chili Dogs with Chips \$6



QUEEN OF HEARTS

**Thursday Nights are Open Grill Nights
Check your Calendar for who and what's Cooking!**

Upcoming Events and Projects

It's a uarter Auction



Date: April 24, 2022
 Time: 12pm - 4pm
 At Tampa Elks #708
 3616 W. Gandy Blvd
 Tampa, FL 33611



50/50
DRAWING

How does a Quarter Auction work?

Great
Vendors

Entry fee of \$5 gets you a paddle and an event drawing ticket.
 Additional paddles available for purchase.

The number on your paddle matches a number in our drawing basket.
 Vendors will be present with goods for sale and donated auction items.
 Additional donated auction items will be showcased.

When the auction begins, an item will be shown and a quarter value set.
 If you want the item, you put in your quarters, per paddle, and raise your paddle high!
 If we draw your number and you played it, then you win!

It's that easy!

Grab your Quarters & Bring a Friend for a fun Afternoon
 Refreshments & Food Available

BAR BINGO

Join us
**Every Monday
 Night
 Starting at 6:30**



AT 708

BRING YOUR FAVORITE GAME OR
 JUST COME ENJOY WHAT'S AVAILABLE
**Every Fourth
 Tuesday at 6:30pm**
 SNACKS PROVIDED!

Upcoming Events and Projects

TIME TO RENEW



Don't Let your membership lapse!
Too many great things are happening at 708 and
you don't want to miss the fun!
- You can renew on line at Tampaelks.com -

TAMPA ELKS 708

HIMES AVE CLEANUP

MAY 21st, 9:30am

ATTIRE: 3616 W GANDY BLVD, SUNNY TAMPA, FLORIDA

Hat
Gloves
Closed Toe Shoes

Help clean the debris



SUPPER CLUB

Join us
April 19th for
Sushi, Asian Delicacies
and More

**Sakana Sushi
Asian Grill**

2908 W. Gandy Blvd.
Carpool from Lodge at 6pm
or meet at restaurant at 6:30pm
Please RSVP (Text or Dial)
813-410-1873



Lodge Business and Projects

STARTING THIS MONTH COMMUNICATION COMMANDO

I am proud to say that each one of our current communication team – Georgia Hilficker with the Elksize, Marty Quire with the Website, Email Blasts and This Week notices, Rebecca Sullins on social media and Candy Venable maintaining the Web Calendar, have agreed to stay on board. They all have years of experience and understand our Lodge better than most members, though they work behind the scenes. Unfortunately, many members do not know how or when to contact them, so they don't always get the information they need to do their job. Therefore, I am Introducing a new position:



Communication Commando: Theresa Seibert, PDD.

Theresa is a Past Exalted Ruler of Tampa Elks Lodge 708. She is also a Past Vice President of the West Central District for the Florida State Elks Association, and a Past Grand Exalted Ruler District Deputy for our District. She knows our Lodge and knows all the steps needed to get the word out. Fortunately, she has agreed to be our first stop when you need to advertise. If you have something that you want ALL the Tampa Elk members to know about – a meeting, an event, a reminder, sickness and distress, or a cancellation– you will send it to her. Theresa will then make sure it goes to the right people for maximum effect. This should simplify things for everyone from our long-term members to those newer members who wish to get more involved. Please add her to your contact list: Communication Commando Tampaelksads@gmail.com. Rita Smith, ER

A PROUD 708 HELPING HAND SHOUT OUT!

Each month we be will be acknowledging those that have stepped out of the norm to help our Lodge in some way.

- **Daniel Armentrout** asked our Kitchen Lead what she needed, or would like to have for the kitchen. She asked for a donation of \$50 to go toward the purchase of new silverware for our Friday Night Dinners. Daniel gave her a substantially larger donation and the rest is history. Please say thank you to Daniel when you see him.
- **Nicole Kravitz**, the wife of Kevin Kravitz, a newly installed member, overheard a conversation about the need for someone to serve on a Monday night. Without hesitation she volunteered and did a wonderful job! Thank you Nicole!
- **Rick Schnieder**, PER and outgoing Secretary has paid for our lawn service, out of his own pocket, for several years without many people knowing. We truly appreciate his many contributions to our Lodge.

If you know of someone that fits this description please let me know so we can thank them.



Partners in Progress or PIP

Platinum Investors \$100+

In Memory of
 Fennell, Jerrye,
 Patrick & Cheryl 3/2022
 Edwards, Bill 3/2022
 Jones, Laura 3/2022
 Suhrheinrich, Bob 3/2022
 Suhrheinrich, Candi 3/2022
 Frank Palladini 3/2023
 Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 3/2023
 Hilficker, George & Georgia 3/2033
 Rita Smith 3/2023

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

Gold Investors \$51-\$99
 Bordonaro, Robert 3/2023

Silver Investors \$21-\$50

Bronze Investors \$10 - \$20

Lodge Business and Projects



Convention Call!

Excerpt from the FLORIDAELKS.ORG webpage

I hope you are planning to attend the 116th Annual Convention of the Florida State Elks Association. The convention is being held at the **Rosen Centre**, 9840 International Drive, Orlando, Florida, 32819, May 26-29, 2022. Individual reservations are now being accepted through the Rosen Centre reservations link on our website at www.floridaelks.org. A one-night deposit or credit card guarantee will be required for each room you are reserving. Rooms sleep a maximum of four people and the standard room rate for a **double or single** is \$129.00 plus 13.63% tax, or \$146.58 per night. Our group rate for rooms may be used May 21st through June 1st subject to availability. Reservations may also be phoned to (866) 996-6338. Please request the Group rate for the Florida State Elks Association, Inc.

The cutoff date for reservations is 5:00 p.m. April 25, 2022, or when sold out. Please do not wait as we **WILL** sell out before April 25, 2022!

On FLORIDAELKS.ORG Website you will find the following:

- The link to the Rosen Centre Online Reservations Website – *Preferred way to make your reservation!*
- The Preliminary 2022 State Convention Agenda
- The link to Preregister for the Convention & Order Your “Free” Convention ID Badge
- A link to Purchase Tickets (\$25) for the Friday Luncheon hosted by FL Ladies of Elks (Men & Women Invited)
- The Link to Purchase Tickets (\$10) for the Saturday Awards/Major Projects Luncheon (Elks & Guests) & More.

Rosen Centre is providing complimentary basic Wi-Fi in guest rooms and public areas excluding the meetings/convention area.

Hospitality Rooms will operate on the following schedule:

Thursday Night 5/26 – 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Friday Night 5/27 – 5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Saturday Night 5/28 – 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

All 12 hospitality rooms are located on the 2nd floor of the Rosen Centre. There is also access from the 2nd floor to an outdoor patio area for smokers. You don't want to miss this party!

The **Saturday Awards Celebration & Major Projects Luncheon** will be held on Saturday afternoon in conjunction with our outstanding youth and volunteer presentations. There will be a nominal fee of \$10 charged for this event. Order your tickets online!

Rita Smith, ER

APRIL LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 4th - LOE Board Meeting - 6:30
- 5th - Veteran's Committee - 6:30
- 5th - BOD Meeting - 7:30
- 6th - LOE General Meeting 7pm - Dinner 6:15
- 12th - BOD Meeting - 7:30
- 12th - Statutory/FSEA Committee Chair Meeting - 7:30
- 13th - Membership Committee Meeting - 6:00
- 13th - Elks General Meeting - 7:30
- 19th - House Committee Meeting - 6:30
- 26th - New Member Orientation - 6:30
- 26th - New Member Initiation - 7:30
- 27th - Elks General Meeting - 7:30

Honoring Departed Elks

**Gene
Autry**

1907 to 1998

**Beloved Actor &
Country Music
Singer**


















**Burbank, CA
Lodge #1497**



Tampa Elks Lodge #708

APRIL 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					<p>1 12oz RIB EYE STEAK BAKED POTATO, CORN ON THE COB, WHITE BEAN & HAM SOUP & CHEESY HERB BREAD \$20.00 FRIED ZUCCHINI OR ONION RINGS \$3.50 CHOCOLATE CHERRY DUMP CAKE \$4 MUSIC BY: KRIS PIERCE</p>	<p>2 DDCLINC9AM WC DISTRICT CHAIR MEETING 1PM ST PETE LODGE</p>
<p>3 HALL RENTAL KELLY</p>	<p>VET'S POKER RIDE</p>		<p>6 LOE GENERAL MEETING 7PM LOE DINNER 6:15PM</p>	<p>7 GRILL NIGHT BURGERS AND MORE Convention Committee Meeting 7:15</p> <p> QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM</p>	<p>8 BBQ RIBS W/BUTTER PARSLEY POTATOES FRESH COLLARDS OR CORN CORNBREAD FRIED MUSHROOMS \$3.50 BLUEBERRY DELIGHT \$4 LIVE MUSIC BY CHRIS IMES</p>	<p>9  MEMORIAL SERVICE Nancy Keesler, PER Austin Knight William Hesell, Sr 2pm</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>4  LOE BOD MEETING 6:30 PM 2 PIECES OF FRIED CHICKEN AND POTATO SALAD. \$8  BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>	<p>5  7:30pm BOD MEETING Veteran's Committee Meeting 6:30PM</p>	<p>11 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM</p> <p> 7:30PM GENERAL MEETING</p>	<p>14 GRILL NIGHT BURGERS AND MORE</p> <p> QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM</p>	<p>15 FISHERMAN'S PLATTER - FRIED FISH, CLAMS, SHRIMP & A STUFFED CRAB W/ HUSH PUPPIES & COLESLAW \$18 CUP OF SEAFOOD GUMBO \$4.50 BANANA CREAM PIE \$4</p>	<p>16 HALL RENTAL CPR TRAINING</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>11 SAMS PIZZA SLICE \$4 2PICES \$6 PEPPERONI, CHEESE OR DELUXE  BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>	<p>12  7:30pm BOD MEETING</p>	<p>20</p> <p> PASTA 6:30pm to 8PM Pasta Aglio e Oie w/peas And Prosciutto</p>	<p>21 GRILL NIGHT BURGERS AND MORE</p> <p> QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM</p>	<p>22 RELAY FOR LIFE AT ROBINSON HIGH 6PM TO 6AM PRIME RIB LOADED MASHED POTATOES, FRESH GREEN BEANS, FRESH BAKED HERB BREAD \$22 SHRIMP BISQUE \$3.50 TIRAMISU TRES LECHES CAKE \$4 MUSIC BY ROGER HARRISON</p>	<p>23 HALL RENTAL JACKSON</p>
<p>24  Quarter Auction 12pm to 4pm See pg 11 Gourmet Club 5pm</p>	<p>25 2 CHILI DOGS W/CHIPS \$6  BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>	<p>26 NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION 6:30pm NEW MEMBER INITIATION 7:30pm  GAME NIGHT 6:30PM</p>	<p>27</p> <p> 7:30PM GENERAL MEETING</p>	<p>28 GRILL NIGHT BURGERS AND MORE</p> <p> QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM</p>	<p>29 BEEF WELLINGTON GARLIC MASHED POTATOES, ROASTED VEGETABLES, YEAST ROLLS \$22 FRIED ARTICHOKE HEARTS \$3.50 ESCARGOT \$5 GEORGIA'S PECAN PIE WITH ICE CREAM \$4 MUSIC BY: SADDLE TRAMP</p>	<p>30  INTERNATIONAL JAZZ DAY</p>

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