



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

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George Hilficker - georgehilficker@gmail.com

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Dee Cisneros, PER

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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
"Open Early for Bucs Games"

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tampa708secretary@outlook.com

A Message from your Exalted Ruler, Rita Smith



This month I wanted to write about membership. But there is a more pressing topic.

While the three main elected officers of the lodge were at convention learning that we have no workman's comp for volunteers, should always hire licensed and insured professionals, etc, an employee in consultation with a few non-elected members took it upon themselves to renovate the bar without prior approval from the lodge membership.

This decision created liability issues, disrupted business, left the bar in shameful disarray for weeks during which we had a TV crew in to videotape our Florida Veteran's Historic Program, had a different TV crew in to videotape our "Open to the Public" Flag Day Ceremony, and hosted the wonderful West Central District PER association. As of this writing, it still is not completed, and it is unlikely to ever look professionally done.

There is a misconception about the extent that Tampa Elks Lodge is YOUR Lodge, It IS yours, you own 1/366th of the Lodge as of this writing. That small bit of legal ownership does not entitle you to act on behalf of the Lodge without the permission of the other 365 members. The permission is obtained through the BPOE Statutes, The Tampa Elks Bylaws, The Grand Lodge or Florida Elk Websites, or at a House committee, Board of Directors, or membership meeting. **Of all of these, the membership meeting has the highest authority.** There are two a month where you can make your case for whatever it is you want to do. There is a very limited list of things that the membership cannot overrule. Most major events get scheduled by the House Committee at a Calendar meeting, but they can make exceptions.

No one member, or employee, can make decisions that affect the Lodge building, property or activities without permission of the proper above mentioned authority. It is certainly NOT "Better to ask forgiveness instead of permission." **"Doing so violates your Oath and may possibly be "Conduct Unbecoming of an Elk."** The Board of Directors is not "Where good ideas go to Die." Continued on pg 2

Your 2022-23 Committees

Americanism - Richard Florance, PER (rhflorancel0@gmail.com) Chairman

Army of Hope - Daniel Armentrout, Chairman (Odannyboy@aol.com)

Auditing Committee - Melissa Bertoch, Chair (missbertoch@gmail.com)

Robert Bordonare, Sue Dortch

Communications Commando - Theresa Siebert, PER (Tampaelkads@gmail.com)

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

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

ENF Fundraising - Shelagh Gombarcik, PER (Shelaghgl@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)

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Interlodge Visitation - Richelle Nickle (rin0730@gmail.com)

Lodge Activities - Rita Smith, ER (apwurita@hotmail.com)

LOE Liaison - Jacquie LoCicero (Pjlocicero@yahoo.com)

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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)

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Discussions in the social quarters do not, and should not, result in any action that affects the Lodge unless expressly approved by the correct authority. The Board of Directors can take action in emergency situations, or to abate hazards, as can the House Committee when it affects only the social quarters. In most cases the entire committee should be consulted prior to action.

Remember that the member that was initiated in April has equal rights as the PER that served 37 years ago. It is my job to protect the rights of every Member by enforcing the rules as they exist.

Please invite a friend to join YOUR Lodge.

In Your Service,
Rita Smith

ELKS SHOW SUPPORT FOR THE EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

Tampa Elk's House Committee Chairman George Hilficker attended an Eagle Court of Honor for Troop 53 and presented Will Richter with the Elks Eagle Scout Certificate. Will Richter did his Eagle project on MacDill AFB, at the Camping Pavilion. The

pavilion sits on a beach on Old Tampa Bay and had received some storm damage over the years. Will led a team that rebuilt the fire pit, replaced some benches, rebuilt the roof of a wooden storage shed and then pressure washed the concrete pavilion. Pictured is Troop 53's scoutmaster Rich Jackson, Eagle Scout Will Richter, and his mother, Karla Richter who has just retired from active duty at MacDill AFB. Will is the third Eagle Scout from Troop 53 this year.



2022 FLAG DAY CEREMONY



The Annual Flag Day Ceremony was held on June 14 th , as mandated in the Statutes of the Order. Your Lodge Ritual Officers were all able to participate. There were approximately 40 people in attendance, with each receiving an American Flag lapel pin, BSA Troop 53 assisted in the Ceremony, showing up an hour early for a practice the scouts did a great job presenting the flags at the proper time and in the proper order. Americanism chairman Richard Florance, PER, properly read the mandatory Response. The entire ceremony was filmed by Fox 13- which edited it down to a 6-minute segment on the 11:00 news. Following the Ceremony, Lodge Trustees served the free Hot Dog Bar. That “All American” food was extremely well received. Dee Cisneros, PER was instrumental in clearing the food after everyone was full and the crowd had thinned. Thank you to each person that attended. It was a good evening for all.



June Elk Recognitions

ELK OF THE MONTH...MIKE & PATTY VOLPE

Husband - Wife team Mike and Patty Volpe are turning into true Elk leaders, despite a heavy work schedule and a 5 year old in their care. Of course, i am a bit partial to them. When I got the word Edie and Crystal were not going to convention and called her in a panic, heard a reassuring- we've got this, Mom! And in just about 48 hours, everything was back a under control. They did a fantastic job of recruiting help and getting it all done. And there is a ton of work involved. Patty is the Youth Activity chair, and Mike chairs the soccer shoot, so they had very little time off before they were back Elkin' as the chairs of the youth activities Luau. This month, their team will be working on the Back-to-School Party for the youth in our area. They share everything -- including the honor of July Elk of the Month.

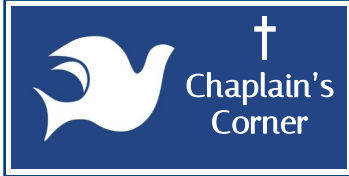


OFFICER OF THE MONTH...EDIE & CRYSTAL

Mother- Daughter team Edie Hanley and Crystal Johnson are truly the dynamic duo. Second generation Elk Edie is our Lecturing Knight, while third generation Elk Crystal is the Lodge Chaplain. They both work on the amusement machine committee, and this year they volunteered to head up the committee for Tampa's hospitality, room at the State Convention. Although they had to stay back in Tampa due to a family member's illness, they had us well on our way with both fundraising, and advance preparation Crystal is also the Secretary for the LOE, Edie Hanley has also just been named the VAVS Deputy Representative to James A Hailey hospital - a Grand Lodge Officer position! This month they share the honor of July Officers of the Month.



Supporting Reports



You don't have to wait until New Years to make a resolution. Whatever you want to improve (your habits, your diet, your relationships), you can start today.

"Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you."
John 15:3



Ladies of the Elks:

On July 29th, the Ladies are taking over Friday Night Dinner with their LOW COUNTRY BOIL. Shrimp, crawfish, clams, sausage, corn, and potatoes, seasoned with a mildly spicy Old Bay Seasoning. Finish that off with a slice of Louisiana Crunch Cake. Nothing says summer like a low country boil.

Tickets on sale July 1st for \$20 per person. See the bartender, any LOE board member or call/text Jacquie (813 -245-6458) to purchase your ticket. Reservations are a MUST, deadline to purchase your ticket is July 25th. See you there!

Thank you to everyone who came out on Father's Day for the LOE's Father's Day picnic. Everyone had a great time catching up with friends while enjoying a nice meal.

Our Pasta on the 3rd Wednesday of the month is Chicken Fajita Pasta. It's loaded with chicken, cheesy pasta, fresh veggies, and creamy sauce. It's utterly delicious. We make the pasta, you make a donation to Childrens Therapy Services.

JULY Birthdays

Candi Suhrheinrich 7/8 Jackie Appel 7/15 Nancy Dudney 7/21 Elma Kelly 7/25
Beth Boyd 7/29 Edie Hanley 7/30

Executive Board

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



AMERICANISM COMMITTEE FLAG EXERCISE

By American Chairman Richard Florance PER

The Florida Sate Convention - Orlando, Florida

Day 2 of convention - May 27th, 2022 - President Joe Biden declares "All American Flags in America will be flown at half mast from May 27th until noon on Memorial Day May 30th "To honor the Uvaldi, Texas School massacre!" Our Exalted Ruler, Rita Smith texted me at home to enact the exercise as soon as possible. I knew that someone with a military service experience would know what to do besides me as an Air Force retiree.

Who better to accomplish the job but our House Committee Chairman, George Hilficker an Army, veteran. I contacted him and he came on Friday and set the flag at half mast, returning on Memorial Day to raise the flag to full staff thus becoming a shining star again. The next time you see him, thank him.

Grant Reports

2022 Florida Elks State Convention REPORT

The Florida State Elk's Association held its annual convention at the Rosen Center on May 26-28, 2022. There are two separate parts of this convention – the reports, awards, and elections going on during the day, and the huge celebrations at night. It is mandatory for the Exalted Ruler and the Lodge Secretary to attend the business sessions of the Convention, and I can positively report that both Laura and I were in attendance throughout. Most of your Tampa Elk attendees were able to attend at least some of the sessions. Your ER, Treasurer and Secretary also attended a voluntary extra training session, and our youth activities group attended seminars on the Hoop and Soccer shoot contest. The Lodge received three awards- First Place in our division for our Lodge Bulletin, runner up in our division for the All-State award that is based on following the GL program, and third place in membership in our division. These awards were based on last year's program, so Paul Deland, PER, was on stage to accept them. Our wonderful West Central District was first in membership, and Paul was the District Chair, so he also received that award on behalf of the District. We had 12 members that passed away last Lodge Year, and they were honored during the Friday afternoon Memorial Service, I was on stage for the annual parade of lodges on Friday, and again to accept my Female Elk Volunteer of the Year Award during the Saturday Luncheon. The elections went smoothly, as expected, and the slate of new officers were elected by unanimous acclaim. Sonja Lopez from Largo was sworn in as the new VP for our district. At night – there was music and dancing on an outside patio, and just inside from there was a wing of the hotel with 12 hospitality suites. Tampa was the last one on the left, and a “must see” destination. We also had Kris Pierce entertaining us for all three nights. Paying for three nights of free food and drinks to every Elk from the state that wonders in costs quite a bit- and that is what all the fundraising is about. In Tampa, we start early so that we have things well under control before we leave our parking lot. We continue our fundraising in the hospitality room at the convention. This year we were very successful in fundraising. The hospitality room was fashionable and functional – and the group of Elks we had did a terrific job. See the lists elsewhere of those that made major contributions. Please make plans now to join us for next year! It is an experience like you have never had – and will make you proud to be a Florida Elk. It will again be at the Rosen Center- and as always, it is the Thursday, Friday and Saturday prior to Labor Day. Rita Smith, Exalted Ruler



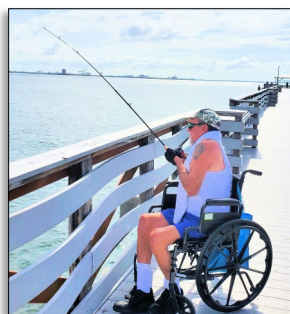
Grant Reports

A DAY IN THE SUN IN THE SUN FOR VETS!



On Saturday, June 11th The Tampa Elks Veterans Committee hosted an outdoor event at Ballast Point Park in Tampa Florida. As the first of 4 events to be covered by the Freedom Grant program, veterans from the VA Domiciliary and Liberty Manor were treated to a day of fishing, lunch and lots of fun. Each veteran received a new Zebco fishing pole to keep and were assisted by the Elks committee and lodge members. Shelagh Gombarcik, PER took the lead setting up a fishing trip at the park by reserving a shelter close to the bathrooms and the long pier and arranging for lunch and plenty of soft drinks and water. Lodge Veteran's Committee Chair Jose Remon purchased the bait and poles. The volunteers met at 8:30 to load the drinks, ice and other supplies, and were at the park right on time as were the Liberty Manor Vets, and an hour later the 3 vets from The James A Hailey Domiciliary arrived. These transitioning Veterans had been on Covid lockdown and could not have participated if we held an indoor activity. Even so, staffing issues kept the number small; they arrived in a personal vehicle instead of a VA Van.

All were grateful for the opportunity to be outdoors and amongst friends, one comment from a veteran was "I truly enjoy being with y'll". The committee is looking forward to the next three outdoor events to be held this year, which include a picnic at Picnic Island, a boat ride around downtown Tampa and a wreath laying ceremony, all events include lunch.



Special thank you for our committee and lodge members for a job well done:

Shelagh Gombarcik PER, Edie Hanley, Lecturing Knight, Joe LoCicero, Richard Florance, Tiler, Doug Grant, Trustee, Evelyn Hemingway, Debbie Osterbrock, Rita Smith, PER, & Jose Remon, Veteran's Committee Chairman.

ELKS PARTICIPATE IN A MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Every Memorial Day there is a service at American Legion Post 5 in Tampa, Florida, the home of the only privately owned Veteran's Cemetery. There are speeches from Military Officers, politicians, and distinguished Veterans. There is a three-gun salute. Service groups from around the area are invited to participate by posting a Memorial Wreath on the north entrance path.

Frank Palladini, Past State President, first participated when he was the Exalted Ruler (ER) of 708 in 1995. He has since participated every year, alongside each current ER. This year, Rita Smith had the honor of participating with Frank as he posted his 27th wreath.



Upcoming Events and Projects



**Presented by your
Veteran's Committee
and Sponsored by
Responsive Technology Partners
Supporting the Domicillary and
the James A. Haley Veteran's Hospital**

**\$10 Advance Tickets
\$12 at the Door**

4:30pm to 6:30pm

**Menu: BBQ Pork, Yellow Rice, Black Beans,
Plantains & Mom's Flan**

Upcoming Festivities & Events

*Cool down your summer!
Join us for...*



Christmas in July

*Brought to you by your Lodge Officers
Saturday, July 23rd - 6pm to 11pm*

\$25.00

- Ugly Christmas Tee Shirt Contest*
- An Elvis Presley Impersonator
Jeff Merrill*
- And Christmas Style Buffet with a*

*Carving station offering
Roast Turkey Breast & Baked Ham.
Mashed Potatoes, Mac & Cheese,
Squash Casserole, Honey Carrots,
Sweet Potatoes and Yeast Rolls
Dessert: Pecan and Pumpkin Pie*

*Door Prize chance with the
Purchase of each ticket*



Upcoming Festivities & Events

Your LOE Presents
It's Annual

Low Country Boil



FRIDAY, JULY 29TH

6:30PM TO 8PM

**SHRIMP, CRAWFISH, CLAMS, SMOKED
SAUSAGE, ANDOUILLE SAUSAGE, CORN
AND POTATOES**

DESSERT: LOUISIANA CRUNCH CAKE
(YELLOW CAKE WITH A TANGY VANILLA LEMON GLAZE
AND CRUNCHY COCONUT. A SOUTHERN CLASSIC.)

\$20 PER PERSON

TICKETS ON SALE JULY 1ST

SEE BARTENDER OR ANY LOE BOARD MEMBER OR
TEXT OR CALL JACQUIE AT 813-245-6458
(RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST, DEADLINE JULY 25TH)
50/50 TO BENEFIT CHILDREN'S THERAPY SERVICES.

Upcoming Events and Projects



LET'S DO FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AT THE LODGE

JULY 1ST



SMOKED SAUSAGE & CHICKEN ALFREDO

SERVED WITH ROASTED VEGETABLES, CAESAR SALAD AND YEAST ROLLS \$18

APPETIZER:

CHEESE CURDS & MARINARA \$3.50

DESSERT:

TIRAMISU TRAC LECHE CAKE \$4



ENTERTAINING US:
REBEL SOUL



JULY 8TH



FISH FRY NIGHT

WITH FRENCH FRIES OR GRITS COLESLAW, HUSH PUPPIES & CLAM CHOWDER \$16

APPETIZER:

FRIED MUSHROOMS \$3.50

DESSERT:

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE \$4



ENTERTAINING US:
CHARLIE IMES

JULY 15TH



RIB EYE & WHISKEY SAUCE SHRIMP SAMPI

LOADED MASHED POTATOES, VEGETABLE MEDLEY, ONION SOUP & FRENCH BREAD \$22

APPETIZER:

CALAMARI W/AIOLI \$4.50

DESSERT:

CHOCOLATE ICE BOX PIE \$4



ENTERTAINING US:
KRIS PIERCE

JULY 22ND

NO FRIDAY DINNER JOIN US SATURDAY FOR

Christmas in July!

WITH A HOLIDAY BUFFET



ENTERTAINING US:
JEFF MERRILL
ELVIS IMPERSONATOR

JULY 29TH



ENTERTAINING US:
HARRISON JAZZ
ENSEMBLE

PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL BE OFFERING HALF A CHICKEN AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE WEEKLY MEAL AT A COST OF \$13.00 PLUS TAX. 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 ENTREE. THANK YOU

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

**Served Mondays
6pm to 7:30pm**

July 4th - VETS BBQ DINNER

\$10 ADVANCE TICKETS - \$12 AT THE DOOR - SEE PG 12

July 11th - Shrimp Salad Hoagie with Chips \$9

July 18th - Spanish Bean Soup with Cuban Bread \$8

July 25th - 1/4LB Chili Dog with chips \$8



QUEEN OF HEARTS

**Donation by 6:45pm
Drawing at 7pm**

**Thursday Nights
Served 6pm to 7:30**

***July 7th - Dee's Open Grill**

***July 14th - Shelagh's Grill**

***July 21st - Spaghetti Dinner, w/Salad & Bread \$7**

***July 21st - Shelagh's Grill**

Upcoming Events and Projects



SUNDAY DINNER LIKE MOM USED TO MAKE

SERVED FROM 5PM TO 7PM - SUNDAY, JULY 10TH

SMOTHERED PORK CHOPS W/MASHED POTATOES & CORN \$15

OR LAMB SHANK IN A WINE SAUCE WITH VEGETABLES

OVER GARLIC SMASHED POTATOES \$18

SPINACH SALAD W/WARM BACON DRESSING OR

LIMA BEAN SOUP AND DINNER ROLLS

MOUNTAIN DEW APPLE DUMPLINGS OR BANANA PUDDING

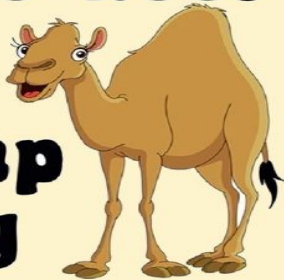
ADVANCE RESERVATIONS AND MENU CHOICES

REQUIRED BY FRIDAY JULY 8TH

TEXT: GEORGIA AT 813-294-6200 OR SIGN UP AT THE LODGE

Woo hoo!

it's
**Hump
Day**



**Wednesdays
are Hump
days at 708
4 to 11pm
Come in and
enjoy 2 for 1
well drinks
including fun
cocktails**

**We are
waiting for
you!**



SUNDAY WII BOWLING LEAGUE



**ON JUNE 5TH
AT 4:30PM**

We will begin a 6 week
WII Bowling Tournament
5 dollars per player each
week and each player will
play 2 games per week
Highest score each week will
receive a free drink chip

1st, 2nd & 3rd Place
Winners of the Tournament
win \$\$\$

4th Place Free Drink

SIGN UP TODAY!

Ask a Bartender to set you up...

Upcoming Events and Projects



BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

SO LET'S GET THIS PARTY STARTED

SUNDAY, JULY 31ST - 2PM TO 4PM

Register a student to attend by emailing

[Pattyandmrfox@gmail](mailto:Pattyandmrfox@gmail.com)

Sign up to help by texting Patty at

941-580-7201

There will be a box set up in the Lodge
for donation of school supplies

July 11th

Upcoming Events and Projects

TAMPA ELKS 708

HIMES AVE CLEANUP

AUGUST 13TH — 9:30AM

3616 W GANDY BLVD, SUNNY TAMPA, FLORIDA

ATTIRE:
 Hat
 Gloves
 Closed Toe Shoes

Help clean the debris



BAR BINGO

Join us
Every Monday Night
Starting at 6:30

COME ON IN...YOU MIGHT BE THE NEXT BIG WINNER
JUNE 27TH PAYED OVER \$400




Buccaneer's Pre-Game Season Starts August 13th
Think LODGE 708 For all things "Bucs"
Big screen. Cold Beer. Like Minded Fans!

Ladies of the Elks

Pasta on the 3rd

3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.
 PASTA STARTS SERVING @ 6:30PM^{ISH}

We make the pasta, you make a donation to Children's Therapy Services.

July 20th— Chicken Fajita Pasta
 (All the flavors of a fajita in a bowl of pasta)

August 17th— Pasta Fusilli w/ Spinach, Artichokes & Sundried Tomatoes
 (Inspired by Italian ravioli.)

September 21st— Egg Roll Ramen Skillet
 (combination of sweet & tender cabbage & carrots with savory pork tossed in ramen noodles)

Pasta served on a first come first serve basis.
 When it's gone, it's gone.

Donations benefit Children's Therapy Services



Lodge Business and Projects

VIP VISIT DATES AND TIMES

All events: Cocktail hour at 2pm, 3pm Meeting, 4pm Dinner
Sat. July 16th.....Dunedin/Clearwater Lodges @ Largo
Sat. July 30th.....Seminole Lodge
Sun. August 14th....St. Petersburg Lodge
Sun. August 21st....Holiday Isle Lodge
Sun. August 28th ...Tampa Lodge
Sun. Sept. 11thLargo Lodge VP Homecoming

EXALTED RULER



You didn't have to do it, but I'm so grateful you did!

Chris Miles, Treasurer - for the Plumbing Repair.

Convention Hospitality Workers – Georgia planned, shopped for and cooked the food for the hospitality room. It was delicious and plentiful. Cuban assembly line workers – Melissa Bertoch, Esquire, Trustee, Tommy Moore, Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, Betty Orcutt, Edie Hanley, Lecturing Knight, Crystal Johnson, Chaplain, Steven Willis, and Mike Sexton. And Laura Jones, Secretary, for making gallons of her special snack mix.

Convention Hospitality Room Staff - Tampa Elks Betty and Trustee Bob Orcutt, Susie Harlow, Secretary Laura Jones, Esquire Melissa Bertoch, Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, Trustee Wendy Hall, Paul Deland PER, Trustee Doug Grant, Melissa and Chris Evener, Rebecca Dietrich, Georgette Harrel and Jennifer ?, and we also had help from Seminole Lodge Elks Chris Hayes, PER, Kara Suddard, PER and Melissa Helfer.

Richard Florance, Tiler – Richard had a busy month as the Americanism Committee Chair, which included Flag Day. House Committee Chair George Hilficker has been helping him lower the outside Flag when mandated, and George also does some of our Eagle Scout presentations.

Rod Kayton - sent out the press release for Flag Day.

LOE President Jacquie LoCicero - helped with a service for one of our member's sons, cooked dinner on the 3rd Wednesday to raise money for the Florida State Therapy Services, and put out a Father's Day Picnic - one of my favorite traditions.

Dee Cisneros - Making mini events happen; Memorial Day, Bolt games, Juneteenth, etc. and doing Flag Day Music. (Big Improvement) Dee is practically always at the lodge. Dee almost never says no.

Shelagh Gombarcik & Sue Moore – They take it upon themselves to make sure the Lodge looks it's best. If you didn't notice – it's because they do it well.

JULY LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 4th - LOE Board Meeting - 6:30
- 5th - Veteran's Meeting - 6:30
- 6th - LOE General Meeting - 7:00 - Dinner 6:15
- 12th - BOD Meeting - 7:30
- 13th - Membership Meeting - 6:00
- 13th - Elks General Meeting - 7:30
- 19th - House Committee Meeting - 6:30
- 20th - New Member Orientation - 6:30
- 27th - General Meeting - 7:30
- 27th - New Member Initiation - During General Meeting

Honoring Departed Elks

Irving Berlin

1888 to 1989

AMERICAN COMPOSER

**New York, NY
Lodge #1**



Tampa Elks Lodge #708

July 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					<p>1 SMOKED SAUSAGE & CHICKEN ALFREDO PASTA. ROASTED VEGGIES. CAESAR SALAD. YEAST ROLLS \$18 CHEESE CURDS \$3.50 TIRAMISU TRES LECHES CAKE \$4 MUSIC - THE REBELS</p>	2
<p>3 WII BOWLING LEAGUE 4:30</p>  <p>SEE PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS</p>	<p>4 VETERAN'S COMMITTEE BAR B Q SEE PAGE 7</p>  <p>LOE BOD MEETING 6:30 PM</p> <p>6:30pm \$3 DONATION</p>	<p>5 VETERAN'S COMMITTEE MEETING - 6:30PM</p> <p>7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL</p>	<p>6 Hump Day...2 for 1 Well Drink Specials</p> <p>LOE GENERAL MEETING 7PM LOE DINNER 6:15PM</p> 	<p>7 DEE'S GRILL NIGHT BURGERS AND MORE 6PM-7:30</p>  <p>QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM</p>	<p>8 FRIED FISH, FRENCH FRIES OR GRITS, COLESLAW, HUSH PUPPIES & CLAM CHOWDER \$16 FRIED MUSHROOMS \$3.50 STRAWBERRY SHORT CAKE \$4 MUSIC - CHARLES IMES</p>	9
<p>10 Sunday Dinner like Mom used to make 5 to 7pm</p>  <p>See page 11 for menu & information WII BOWLING 4:30</p>	<p>11 1/4 POUND HOT CHILI DOG & CHIPS \$8</p>  <p>CALENDAR MEETING 6PM</p> <p>6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>	<p>12  7:30pm BOD MEETING</p> <p>7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL</p>	<p>13 Hump Day...2 for 1 Well Drink Specials BAR CLOSED DURING MEETING</p> <p>MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM</p>  <p>7:30PM GENERAL MEETING</p>	<p>14 SHELAGH'S GRILL NIGHT BURGERS AND MORE 6PM-7:30</p>  <p>QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM</p>	<p>15 MIKE IS BACK! RIB EYE STEAK & WHISKEY SHRIMP SCAMPI BAKED POTATO, CORN ON THE COB, ONION SOUP \$22 FRIED CAL AMARI \$4 CHOCOLATE ICE BOX CAKE \$4 MUSIC: KRIS PIERCE</p>	16 HALL RENTAL BIKE RIDE - TIME TBD
<p>17 WII BOWLING LEAGUE 4:30 See page 12 for details</p>	<p>18 MEATLOAF SANDWICH WITH POTATO SALAD \$8</p>  <p>BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>	<p>19  HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM</p> <p>7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL</p>	<p>20 Hump Day...2 for 1 Well Drink Specials NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION 6:30PM</p>  <p>6:30pm to 8PM CHICKEN FAJITA PASTA</p>	<p>21 SPAGHETTI DINNER NIGHT \$7.00 6PM-7:30</p>  <p>QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM</p>	<p>22 NO DINNER TONIGHT JOIN US TOMORROW FOR A HOLIDAY BUFFET</p>	23 HALL RENTAL - CPR TRAINING 9AM-11AM SEE PAGE 8 FOR INFORMATION <i>Christmas in July</i>
<p>24 Gourmet Club 5pm French Cuisine</p>	<p>25 CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH WITH CHIPS \$8</p>  <p>BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL</p>	<p>27 Hump Day...2 for 1 Well Drink Specials BAR CLOSED DURING MEETING</p>  <p>7:30PM GENERAL MEETING</p> <p>NEW MEMBER INITIATION During Meeting</p>	<p>28 SHELAGH'S GRILL NIGHT BURGERS AND MORE 6PM-7:30</p>  <p>QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM</p>	 <p>30 HOLIDAY ISLES & SEMINOLE VP VISITATION AT SEMINOLE 2PM</p>	
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