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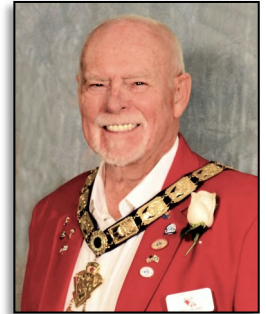
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A Message from Your Exalted Ruler, Paul DeLand



March 2022....My end-o-year message. Elsewhere in this issue my "State-of-the-Lodge" message....

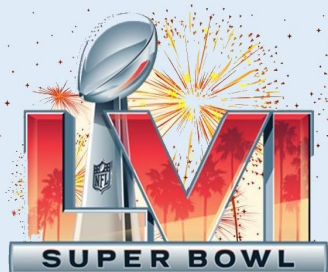
Meanwhile, a few odds and ends. THANKS ONE AND ALL! We have enjoyed a singularly successful year. Financially, Membership wise, and activity wise. The success of YOUR Lodge is only a comment on your support of the Lodge and your Exalted Ruler. In this cause I feel extremely lucky. Every time I needed help there was a person or persons ready to tackle it. You have no idea how much that has meant to me in my time in office. It is in equal measure why we have had a great Lodge year!

By the 19th of March you will know those who have been recognized by me, by the GER and by your LOE. Each is greatly deserving. Many will not be named as there simply is not the time. To each and every member who stepped into the Lodge, into a job, or helped on ANY action this Lodge Year.....THANKS!

Please note that the Lecturing Knight and the Lodge Chaplain will be leading the efforts to host a hospitality room at the Florida State Convention this year in May. The complete agenda, hotel info, and registration is available under "upcoming events" at FLElks.org I'll sign off with the traditional end of a story used for decades by journalists.

Your 2021-22 Committee Chairs

- ◆ Americanism Committee To Be Determined
- ◆ Army of Hope Shannon Wheatley.... .shannonwheatley1@gmail
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- ◆ Soccer Shoot Committee Mike Volpe & Christien Elkins
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56TH SUPER BOWL AT 708

Thank You to everybody who came out to support our Lodge for the Superbowl. The day started with our annual Chili Cook off. There were nine entries, which is quite a bit of chili for our three judges. Thank you to Tristan Reiber, Steven Willis, and Lynn Brown for agreeing to judge. They scored using a matrix, and their combined scores proved the winner to be Tracy Horrell, second place going to Candy Venable. At 5:00 the feasting began, though additions to the pot-luck table continued to arrive for over an hour. Members and guests were invited to vote on which chili they thought best - and the most votes went to Cathy Aten. The ice cream “Super Sundae” bar at Halftime was a big hit, and Barbara Miller and her daughter LaVelle were on hand to sell girl scout cookies, too. Big thanks to Paul Deland, ER, for help with the taster’s choice tickets, Lodge Officers Edie Hanley and Crystal Johnson for help with the ice cream, Doug Grant for help with the chili and pot luck, Esquire Melissa Bertoch for help with the afterparty cleanup, Jimmy Dreby and Chris Miles, PER for upgrading our projector and Dee Cisneros, PER for help with Saturday set up. Oh yeah – it was a great football game, too. Thrilling until the very end!

Rita Smith, Leading Knight



**Due to scheduling conflicts there was
no induction of new members in February**

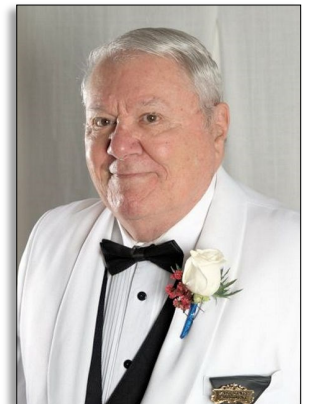


March is \$1
Application Fee Month!
Go let folks know
that this is the time
to Join the
Best People On Earth!
*(2022-23 dues to be paid
prior to initiation)*

March Elk Recognitions

ELK OF THE MONTH...FRANK PALLADINI, LM, PER, PSC, PVP, PDD, PSP, PGLC, PGLESQ

My final selection as Elk of The Month is a man often taken for granted because of his long, long history of work for our Lodge. For 23 years Frank Palladini has originated and chaired our annual Gasparilla Boat Parade event. No other event in recent history has ever come close to providing the income stream we have enjoyed from this endeavor. Frank, while carrying a heavy load of responsibility for his many obligations at the state and national level, has been the driving force behind Gasparilla for Tampa Lodge. He accounts for every penny, and is the organizer-extraordinaire. To the best of my knowledge this is the first time in years he has been recognized for all this work. This year, following the Covid disaster of 2020, and continued health concerns we face, he once again made this a major success providing pride and \$\$ for our Lodge. Next time you see him give Frank a special Thank You as our March Elk of The Month.



OFFICER OF THE MONTH...LAURA JONES

Few in our Lodge have earned the right and been qualified to be both Elk of The Month and Officer of The Month in the same year. That honor was mine in Chris Miles time as ER. Now the honor belongs to Laura Jones. She began the year as an Elk, working hard to train a new Treasurer. Her efforts were honored by me in September. She then filled the vacant seat as Treasurer for the balance of the year, and as usual she provided us with concise financial reports which allowed the Lodge Board of Directors a better view of Lodge finances. I salute Laura for all she has done, is doing and will be doing for our Lodge. Laura is my March Officer of The Year....Thank her when you see her.



Supporting Reports



When we let our anger get the best of us, it tends to bring out the worst in us. Breathe in. Cool off. Take 5. Don't let anger tell you what to do or say.

"A hot-tempered person stirs up conflict, but the one who is patient calms a quarrel." Proverbs 15:18



Ladies of the Elks:

As our year ends and we gear up for a new year with **new adventures**, I look back and beam with pride at all the **LADIES** accomplished. Our year started strong with our annual Walk A Thon to benefit **Children's Therapy Services**. We took that momentum and ran into May without looking back with a **Kentucky Derby Horserace**, Pirate Pop-Up shop and a successful run at the Elks convention with a pirate jewelry basket raffle. The summer months were not a time to bask in the sun when there was still work to be done. **Father's Day**, **Low Country Boil** and **Grand Lodge Convention** rounded out the summer months. Personally, I think I am still recovering from that whirlwind! The fall season open with FLOE's Annual Convention in St Augustine where it was **my pride and joy** to present a **\$2500 check** to **Children's Therapy Services**. This was a culmination of hard work and dedication. The rest of our fall season was filled with making dinner for the **Ronald McDonald House** parents, decorating the lodge for **Christmas** and gathering for Craft Day. Let's not forget sipping tea and eating scones at our High Tea and Fashion Show. Winter came and the **LADIES** were just warming up. Queue our annual **Christmas Bazaar**. Thanks to the many who shopped, this was our most successful bazaar yet. We took that Christmas bazaar fun and hightailed it to St Patrick's Saturday Market on a lark and what a good move that was. We added to our bottom-line big time. One of our biggest surprises of the year was the sale of **Gasparilla wreaths**. We were all **blown away** by the support we received! Once again, our pirate pop-up shop at our Gasparilla event was a hit! **LADIES** love a sparkle!! Winding down the year we end where we began, our annual Walk A Thon to benefit **Children's Therapy Services**. *What a fantastic year we had!*

Our **partying with a purpose benefits** not only our charities, **it also benefits our lodge**. The **LADIES** were able to: keep up the breezeway, remodel the ladies and men's bathrooms, assist with the kitchen renovation, restripe the parking lot, repair the ladies bathroom fireplace, assist with purchasing a much needed shed, purchase containers for the new shed, donate to the **American Legion's Poppy Drive**, participate in craft time at the Children's Christmas Party, donate to the **Southeastern Guide Dogs Walk A Thon**, donate funds towards the award's dinner, installation, VP visit, participate in Friends of 708 and **much more**.

It has been my honor to serve as the president of the **LADIES** once again. I am **humbled** by those who stepped up to help when extra hands were needed. Without you we would not have been able to achieve all that we did. There have been times when I was asked if the **LADIES** were relevant, and it made me question this myself. However, after looking back at this year, my answer is **YES**. The **LADIES** are relevant! See you around the lodge!

Jacquie

March Birthdays

Tommy Moore- 3/6, Sandra Brantely- 3/8 Ziggy Zeigler- 3/12 Francis Salter- 3/26

Executive Board

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

TAMPA 708 STATE OF THE LODGE

Tampa Elks Lodge #708 State of The Lodge 2021-22

THE STATE OF TAMPA ELKS LODGE #708 IS SOUND.

The working members of Tampa Lodge, bolstered by an aggressive new cadre of younger members and driven by our long-term leaders, have carried the Lodge through to a financial and membership year of growth.

Tampa Elks Lodge #708 has just experienced the second year-in-a-row of a near-complete upheaval in Lodge activities, schedules, etc. primarily due Covid. The Lodge this year bounced back from a year of unavoidable negatives to complete a year of positives, and in some cases outstanding and once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. These have produced both a very nice growth in the Lodge membership, reversing several years of static or negative growth, and a very positive financial year, again reversing several quite trying years of loss or break-even situations.

GRAND LODGE

I am pleased to report that Tampa Lodge carried off the Visit of more than 6,700 Elks to our community, and about half that number passing through the Lodge over a nine day period. Our 40-strong list of members, officers, and bartenders did a yeoman's job of pleasing almost every visitor. The comments positive about our Lodge, its members, and the friendliness were many. The long months of preparation, Lodge and Bar Renovation, etc. paid off handsomely as the Lodge produced a sizeable income, replenishing the coffers nicely. The unfortunate illness of several, and the exhaustion by the many following this massive event were an almost-predictable side bar to the success.

ALL AMERICAN LODGE

In July, at Grand Lodge, Tampa Elks Lodge #708 was honored as one of three Lodges in Florida recognized by the Grand Lodge as an All American Lodge for the previous year. The honor of such a designation is great. Our hard-working membership can well be honored to receive such an award.

GASPARILLA 2022

Returning to a more "normal" year the 22nd annual Gasparilla Boat Parade celebration was held by Tampa Elks Lodge #708. More than \$6,000 was added to the coffers of the Lodge with more than 40 Lodge members working to provide a great day of fun for attendees from Zephyrhills, Aripeka, New Port Richey, Largo, St. Petersburg and Tampa East RV Center. There were nearly 140 attendees. A grand time was held by all, despite the chill winds and low temps.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Tampa Elks began the Lodge year with 304 members. We will end the year with nearly 380 members, a net growth rate of 25% after removal of delinquents. The success was brought about by a strong effort from both existing members and the steady work by our Membership Committee led by PER Chris Miles.

AWARDS

This year has marked several awards received by Tampa Elks Lodge #708. Leading the pack, as mentioned earlier, is 3rd place, DIV II, All American Lodge. Often overlooked, but still important is our 1st Runner Up award for All State Lodge. An award I am most proud of is Highest Per Capita donations for Harry-Anna Trust Fund at \$36.5686. There are other awards likely as the year winds down.

FINANCES

During this Lodge year our accounts increased by \$32,000. It has been a very positive year primarily due the VERY HARD WORK by the many volunteers on the Grand Lodge visit and Gasparilla.

SUMMATION

We should, I feel move to complete several improvements to the Lodge, using our new money. Included for consideration and possible fund-raising are a new floor for the Lodge Room, completion of Bar Renovation with a new bar top, and a replacement program for dining room furniture. A committee of mixed new and old members should be formed to plan future improvements.

By Paul DeLand, Exalted Ruler

Thank you **GASPARILLA** Crew 2022

My sincere thanks to all who extended typical Tampa #708 hospitality in making a very fun day for the guests who attended our 21st annual Gasparilla Boat Parade Party. While this was one of the coldest event days on record that adversely affected the number of Elks attending by bus, the entire day was successful.

A special thanks to the volunteers of this year's Gasparilla event which included ten Past Exalted Rulers of Tampa #708 and six from other Lodges.

Richard Schneider, PER	Richard Florance, PER	Dee Cisneros, PER
Steve Harmon, PER, PDD	Courtney Taylor Weil, PER	Chris Miles, PER
Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, PLP	Tracy Horrell, PER, PLP	Addison Horrell, PER
Jeanne Reinhart, PDD, of Largo, FL.	Michelle Clayton, PER, Hampton, VA	
Tony Fratello, PDD, of Tarpon Springs, FL.	Tom Moran, DVP, of New Port Richey, FL.	
Toni Goodrich, PDD, of St. Petersburg, FL.	Rudy Masi, PSP, of St. Petersburg, FL.	

Those other members and non-Elks who graciously volunteered their time and efforts before, during and after the event are deeply appreciated and include:

Paul Deland, ER	Wendy Hall	Susie Harlow, PLP
Rita Smith, PLP	Bob Orcutt	Betty Orcutt, PLP
Sue Moore, PLP	Edie Hanley	Crystal Johnson
Tommy Moore	Bob Suhrheinrich	Jake Slater
Laura Jones	Candi Suhrheinrich	Candy Venable
Melissa Bertoch	George Hilficker	Jackie Appel
Jacquie LoCicero, PLP	Georgia Hilficker	Vickie Feuer
Elma Kelly	Jack Johnson	Bonnie Atwood
Patricia Jankiewicz	Debbie Brennan	Jeremy Elkins
Gwen Burke	Daniel Armentrout	Christian Elkins
Lisa Snyder	Mary Sperios	Kathy Hall
Ismeny Ramirez	Doug Grant	Jon Leehr
Jessica Hood	Melissa Hellfer	Chris Ragusa
Kim VanWalker	Tommy Miller	Janet Miller
Lynn Brown	Ed Palladini	Roberta Jackubowski

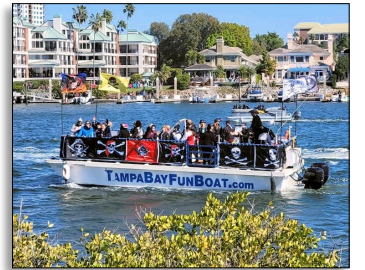
FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Despite unfavorable weather conditions, our 21st Gasparilla Boat Parade Party as a Lodge fundraiser was successful. This was due to 50/50s, hat sales, raffles, and booty games as well as food buying and preparation efficiencies.

Over the 21 events the Lodge has held, Gasparilla has generated a total of \$230,057 in revenue and \$120,178 in net cash profit. The average bar sales, which are in addition to the numbers above, was \$2,234 over the past 16 years.

Again, my very sincere thanks to **ALL** for a job well done!
 Frank J. Palladini, LM, PER, PSC, PVP, PDD, PSP, PGLC, PGLESQ
 Gasparilla Chairman

GASPARILLA 2022



Grant Reports



Tampa Elks 708 in conjunction with the Tampa Humane Society held its first ever Pet Adoption Event and Pet Show funded with a Gratitude Grant.

Elks and people from the community came to show off their pets, and many dogs and cats walked the runway to compete for prizes in various categories such as Fluffiest Pet, Friendliest Pet, and Best Animal Trick. Every pet attendee was given an Elks "Adopt, Don't Shop" bandana and treats, and refreshments were served to pet owners and volunteers. The Tampa Humane Society brought 3 dogs that were up for adoption, and their speaker outlined the services that the Humane Society provides and the importance of spaying and neutering pets. One sweet dog found her forever home that day.

It was a fun event that allowed Tampa Elks 708 and members of the community to come together in their love of animals and provide connections to those in need. Various Pet contests – smallest, largest, fluffiest, etc. were interspersed with guest speakers and Pet Trivia. Gift cards were given for the Pet contests, and there was a prize table for the trivia winners. All remaining gifts and funds were donated to the Humane Society of Tampa Bay. Members of Lodge 708 also donated hundreds of pounds of dog and cat food and other supplies to the Humane Society. The balance of the gratitude grant, which includes some generous cash donations, will be presented to the Humane Society at a later date.



Club Chivalry will Relay!

The school club- Club Chivalry for Successful Students – has formed a team called Club Chivalry for the American Cancer Society's *Relay 4 Life*. This event will take place on the Robinson Football Field, Home of the Robinson Knights. This year's theme is Champa Bay, so we will be decorating our shade tent accordingly. Please mark your calendar for Friday, April 22nd and come out to support OUR students and the American Cancer Society. Like most other fundraising relays, the students must look for sponsors. For our Club, they look to us. Each student on the team is tasked with raising \$100. That will get them a Relay t-shirt and the privilege of staying past 11PM. At our February 14th meeting, the students decorated luminaria for the Elks to purchase at \$10 each. The money goes right to the American Cancer Society but the student gets the credit. Most people purchase a luminaria to honor somebody who has had cancer. The bags are lit at sunset, and remain lit throughout the night to signify the long battle against cancer. Sponsorships are also available, provide local advertising, and start at \$500. Any Tampa Elks that are cancer survivors should join our team. There is a special dinner for survivors preceding the Relay.

Rita Smith, Leading Knight

Upcoming Festivities & Events

TAMPA LODGE #708 PRESENTS

AWARDS NIGHT



Saturday, March 19th

Cocktails - 6pm

Dinner - 7pm

Awards to follow!

Lodge Year 2021-2022 has been one of the busiest, most exhausting, and demanding of recent years...

**Grand Lodge Hosted
Gasparilla**

**A Record # of New Members
A strong financial year....**

Now we honor our members who did so much this year. Dinner will be served, and I guarantee some surprises...BE THERE

**Citizen of The Year
Officer of The Year
Elk of The Year**

**Plus: GER Awards,
Exalted Ruler's Awards
LOE Awards**

Dinner Menu:

Smoked Sausage & Chicken Alfredo Bake, House Salad, Yeast Rolls and Strawberry Shortcake

Tampa 708 Officer Installation Ceremony & Dinner March 25, 2022

**Please Join Us as we Install the
2022-2023 Lodge Officers
and Ladies of the Elks Officers**

**Cocktails at 6:00pm
Installation Ceremony 7:00pm**

**Dinner to Follow:
Italian Short Ribs with Gnocchi
(made inhouse), Olive Garden
Style Salad, Bread Sticks and
Tiramisu Tres Leche Cake**



Upcoming Events and Projects



LET'S DO FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AT THE LODGE

MARCH 4TH

**BEEF TIPS
OVER NOODLES
OR MASHED
POTATOES**



WITH NIBLET CORN, YEAST ROLLS & CAESAR SALAD

\$15.00 TAX INCLUDED

APPETIZER: FRIED ARTICHOKE HEARTS W/AIOLI \$3.50
PEANUT BUTTER PIE \$4.00

ENTERTAINING US:
KEVIN HURLEY

MARCH 11TH

**FISH FRY
DINNER**



WITH FRENCH FRIES, OR GRITS, COLESLAW, HUSH PUPPIES,

\$14.00 TAX INCLUDED
CRAB BISQUE \$3.50

LEMON CHEESECAKE MOUSSE \$4.00

ENTERTAINING US:
MELODY NEPHEWS

MARCH 18TH

**ST. PATRICK'S
DAY PARTY**



**CORNED BEEF AND
CABBAGE**



LIVE MUSIC
**LADY & THE
OUTLAWS**
IRISH DANCERS
50/50
AND MORE

MARCH 25TH

**OFFICER
INSTALLATION
DINNER**



JOIN US AS OUR
2022/2023

OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED

ITALIAN SHORT RIBS W/
GNOCCHI, OLIVE GARDEN
STYLE SALAD & BREAD STICKS
DESSERT: TIRAMISU
TRES LECHE CAKE

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

**Mar 7th - PHILLY CHEESE SUB
W/FRENCH FRIES**

**MAR 14th - ITALIAN SAUSAGE
SUB W/CHEESE SOUP**

**MAR 21st - ROAST BEEF
SANDWICH W/Simple Onion Soup**

**MAR 28th - PORK TENDERLOIN
SANDWICH W/FRIES**



QUEEN OF HEARTS

**MAR 3th - Dee's Grill Night
Burgers, Hot Dogs & More**

**MAR 10th - Chili Dogs with
French Fries or Tater Tots**

**MAR 17th - Shelagh's Grill
Night - Burgers & More**

**MAR 24th - Meatball Sub w/
French Fries**

**MAR 31st - Cuban Sandwich
w/SPANISH BEAN SOUP**

Upcoming Events and Projects

Ladies of the Elk Auxiliary

Tampa Lodge 708



Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 10am

**Please join us on Bayshore
Boulevard for a great cause!**

We will meet at Ballast Point Park and leisurely make our way down Bayshore and back. Ladies of the Elks, Elks, friends and family members, children and pets are all welcome to join us for this annual event.

If you cannot join us, please sponsor a member of the Ladies of the Elks to help us reach our goal.

**ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF YOUR DONATION WILL GO
TO CHILDREN'S THERAPY SERVICES.**

This will allow physical therapists to give in-home therapy services to children across our great state of Florida.

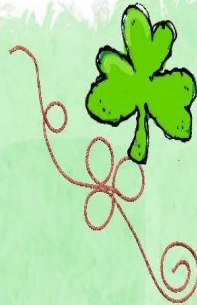
**Need more information: contact Sue Moore at
813-390-2930 or email msnana7@verizon.net**

Upcoming Events and Projects

Tampa Elks Lodge #708 Presents...

St. Patrick's Day

Friday,
March 18th....



Tickets

\$15 pp before day of event

\$17 pp day of event

6:30-7:30
Corned Beef & Cabbage
Dinner

7:30 Irish Dancers

8:00-10:30 Live Music
Lady & The Outlaws
Pot-o-Gold 50/50



BAR BINGO

Join us
Every Monday
Night
Starting at 6:30



March 14th
Mad Hatter Bingo Night
Don a Fancy Hat
and get 1 Free Bingo
Card

See Page 10
For Food of the Day -
Come Eat, Drink, Play
& Win!



& GAME NIGHT

AT 708

BRING YOUR FAVORITE
GAME TO PLAY OR JUST
COME ENJOY

WHAT'S AVAILABLE
Every Fourth
Tuesday at 6:30pm
SNACKS PROVIDED!

Upcoming Events and Projects



Calling All Epicurean Elks...

STICK IT

2022 Gourmet Club

OR

STUFF IT



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

Sunday, March 27th at 5:00pm

Bring your impressive dish, or just come with an appetite and a donation.

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 @ 6:30PMish

March 16th- Pasta Aglio e Olio with
Peas and Prosciutto

Your pasta dish is free to members.
Donations GLADLY accepted.

ETHNIC NIGHT

Join us
March 15th for
Unique Tapas
and So Much More
SAL Y MAR
(Salt & Sea)
Roof Top Restaurant
3650 Midtown Dr.
Carpool from Lodge at 6pm
or meet at restaurant at 6:30pm
Please RSVP (Text or Dial)
813-410-1873



Lodge Business and Projects

WHY DID MY DUES GO UP \$5?



Your dues for the 2022-2023 Lodge year will reflect an increase of \$5 over last year's. Please note, Tampa Elks Lodge #708 DID NOT raise your dues...

The increase reflects insurance costs which are charged by your Grand Lodge, which is \$5 more per Lodge Member this year.

To put this in perspective, this represents a change of \$.42 per month. We value every member and appreciate both your involvement as a Member and your part in our charitable works.

Paul DeLand, Exalted Ruler

COMING IN APRIL... COMMUNICATION COMMANDO

Coming in April- 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 Elect

MARCH LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 1st - Veteran's Committee - 7:15
- 2nd - LOE General Meeting 7pm - Dinner 6:15
- 9th - Membership Committee Meeting 6pm
- 9th- Elks General Meeting 7:30pm
- 15th House Committee Meeting 6:30pm
- 23rd -Elks General Meeting 7:30pm
- 30th - New Member Orientation 3:00pm
- 30th - New Member Initiation 4pm

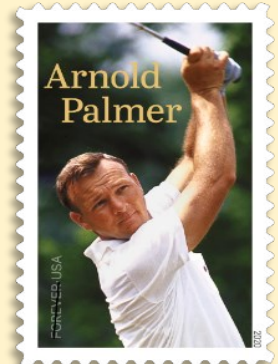
Honoring Departed Elks

**Arnold
Palmer**

1929 to 2016

**World Class
Golfer**


**Sycamore City, PA
Lodge #11**



Tampa Elks Lodge #708

MARCH 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1 Veteran's Committee Meeting 7:15pm	2 LOE GENERAL MEETING 7PM LOE DINNER 6:15PM	3 DEE'S GRILL NIGHT HAMBURGERS & MORE  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	4 BEEF TIPS OVER NOODLES OR MASHED POTATOES. GREEN BEANS. WEDGE SALAD. YEAST ROLLS \$15.00 ONION RINGS \$3.50 MUSIC BY: KEVIN HURLEY	5 LOE ANNUAL Walkathon 10AM SEE PG 11
6	7 PHILLY CHEESE SUB W/FRIES  BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	8  BOD MEETING 7:15PM	9 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM  7:30 PM GENERAL MEETING	10 CHILI DOG WITH FRENCH FRIES OR TATER TOTS  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	11 OFFICE TRAINING IN ORLANDO  SHELAGH'S FISH FRY. WITH FRIES OR GRITS. HUSH PUPPIES COLSLAW \$14.00 CRAB BISQUE \$3.50 LEMON CHEESECAKE MOUSSE \$4.00 MUSIC BY: MELODY NEPHEWS	12 OFFICE TRAINING IN ORLANDO 
13 OFFICE TRAINING IN ORLANDO 	14 ITALIAN SAUSAGE SUBS/CHEESE SOUP  BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	15  HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM Ethnic Night Sal Y Mar 3650 Midtown Dr. Meet at the Lodge at 6pm or at restaurant at 6:30 - see pg 12	16 PASTA DINNER 6:30pm to 8PM Pasta Aglio e Olie w/peas And Prosciutto	17 SHELAGH'S GRILL NIGHT BURGERS AND MORE  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	18 Saint Patrick's Day Party Comed Beef & Cabbage Live Music by Lady & the Outlaws & Irish Dancers See Pg 12	19  Awards DINNER DINNER Smoked sausage & chicken alfredo pasta w/ house salad Strawberry Shortcake
20	21 ROAST BEEF & PROVOLONE SANDWICH & SIMPLE ONION SOUP  BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	22  GAME NIGHT 6:30PM	23  7:30 PM GENERAL MEETING	24 MEATBALL SUB W/FRENCH FRIES  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	25  NEW OFFICER INSTALLATION DINNER ITALIAN SHORT RIBS W/GNOCCHI. SALAD & TIRAMISU TRES LECHE CAKE	26
27 Gourmet Club 5pm	28 PORK TENDERLOIN SANDWICH W/FRIES  BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	29	30 NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION 6:00pm NEW MEMBER INITIATION 7:00pm	31 CUBAN SANDWICH W/ SPANISH BEAN SOUP		

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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.

Shannon Wheatley - 6/2022
Robert Bordanero - 7/2022
William Dean - 3/2023



Vera Wright -
In Memory of Harold Wright - 6/2023
Pat Fennell - 6/2024

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All members are encouraged to sign up for the "Eleventh Hour Pledge".
Your recurring pledge of \$11 a month will help maintain our lodge.