



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

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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, Rita Smith



Team Tampa has been working to improve our lodge and our community. Everybody is a bit more comfortable in their new roles. Look for a lot of great things to happen in May- Mother's Day, my Birthday, a (first ever) Lodge Crawl, an evening with interactive comedy group The Improvaholics, then at the end of the month the party moves to Orlando so we can participate in the Florida State Convention. The House Committee has decided to close the Lodge during Convention this year- Thursday May 26-Saturday May 28th. We will reopen on Sunday, May 29th at 4PM. Oh, and did I mention my birthday? Let me tell you about my Birthday and my favorite 501C3 Charity- ENF!

The Elk's National Foundation (ENF) is a trust fund managed by a separate department at our National Headquarters in Chicago. The Director, Jim O'Kelly and his assistant, Debbie Doyle, have become personal friends and even visited our Lodge last year. Though charity guidelines allow for 30% overhead, these hard workers keep overhead to only 7%. The principal (Our donation) is never spent, but the interest the fund earns supports the third largest Scholarship Program in the country, the National Hoop Free Throw Shoot, The Drug Awareness Program, The Elk's Veteran's programs, The Major Charity for each State Association, the Elk's Veteran's Memorial, and the Community Investment Program.

Last year, Tampa Elks Lodge received over \$11,000 from this community investment program to support our charitable works right here in our community! We used the funds for The James A Haley Hospital lactation room and "Make a Difference Day"; sponsoring Club Chivalry, our club at Robinson High School; Christmas in August at Stepping Stone, where we provided new shoes, socks, and toiletries to 40 children in the Sulfer Springs neighborhood, as well as 2 full meals for their whole family; and for holding a water safety class including all the supplies for water safety to Camp Idlewild of Florida, a new camp for autistic children in Land o Lakes; and for the Humane Society of Tampa Bay adopt/spay/neuter event we held last month. Impressive! Yes?

Last year, for every dollar that was given to ENF from members in the State of Florida, \$1.93 was given back through the major programs. That doesn't include \$668,000.00 in community investments given to 86 lodges in Florida for local projects like the grants mentioned above. To participate in my Birthday Fundraiser just bring a check made out to ENF and put the membership number from your new purple Elks card on the memo line. **Don't be afraid** - on Friday the 13th - come to Your Lodge and let's party for a purpose.

Oh, and I would love to hear about YOUR favorite charity - especially if you do hands-on volunteer work.

Your 2022-23 Committees

Americanism - Richard Florance, PER (rhflorance@yahoo.com)
 Army of Hope - Shannon Wheatley (Shannon.wheatley1@gmail.com), Chairman,
 Daniel Armentrout, Vice Chairman
 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)
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 Harry Anna - Edie Hanley (ehanley73@tampabay.rr.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)
 LOE Liaison - Jacquie LoCicero

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS:

The awards for the MVS Scholarships are in, and Tampa again had a winner. Our number 2 male, Maxwell Wenzel, has received a \$4000 Most Valuable Student scholarship.

Max goes to Tampa Prep, and lives right here in S Tampa. His widowed mother will have all three of her children in college next year! Max plans to go to the University of Pennsylvania.

Max is very much into performing community service and considers his community to be an International one. He has traveled to Peru, Costa Rico, and Fuji doing community service on infrastructure.

Congratulations to Max, and his family, on obtaining one of the most sought-after scholarships in the country!

Legacy Scholarships are announced in early May.
 Rita Smith, ER, 2021-2022 Scholarship Chair



Welcome Our Newest Elk Members



Cindy Whitman
Proposed by:
Paula Rousselle



Dori Lannigan
Proposed by:
Tina Higgins



Heather Rohan
Proposed by:
Tina Higgins



Jackie Jacobs
Proposed by:
Carl Jacobs



Jeannette Butt
Proposed by:
Wendy Hall



Kristy Horst
Proposed by:
Paula Rousselle



Marie Perdomo
Proposed by:
Jose Remon



Scott Whitman
Proposed by:
Paula Rousselle



Harry Doring
Proposed by:
Dee Cisneros



Cindy Whitman
Proposed by:
Paula Rousselle

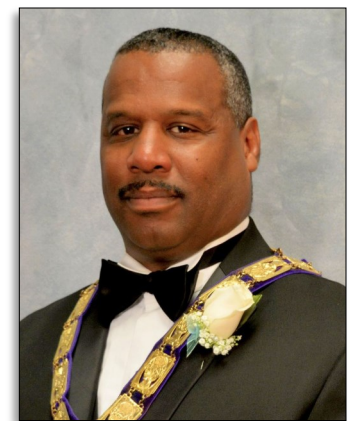


Natalie Remon
Proposed by:
Jose Remon

May Elk Recognitions

ELK OF THE MONTH...DEE CISNEROS, PER

As a PER, Dee was fortunate to have Courtney running his Bar. This year, Courtney is running her own restaurant, and we were hard pressed to find somebody to help Wendy with bar management. Luckily, Dee has agreed to take care of some of the duties that do not involve handling of funds. In addition to bartending 4 nights a week and calling bingo on Mondays, Dee is now taking care of the daily staff schedules, the inventory, and the liquor ordering as well as Grill Night every other Thursday. That takes a lot of attention to detail, and he is mastering it quickly. If it seems to you that Dee is always there, you are right. He is putting in a lot of hours for us, and I am glad to name him, Elk of the Month.



OFFICER OF THE MONTH...LAURA JONES

Our new Secretary, Laura Jones, comes into the front office at the hardest time of the year, dues renewal time! She has done a remarkable job catching on, and keeping up, with the myriad duties of the Secretary. As Richard Schneider and others have said, Secretary isn't one job- it's 50 small jobs under one title. Laura is learning 50 small jobs at a breakneck speed and training the new Treasurer at the same time. Laura doesn't need a reserved parking space – she is always the first one there! Many nights she is still in the office at closing. Laura Jones is another Elk who has put in so many hours that I am glad to name her, Officer of the Month.



Supporting Reports



Being busy isn't a badge of honor. What you're busy WITH is the important part. It's better to take a day off than waste it doing something you don't love.

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, for I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28



Ladies of the Elks:

The Ladies had their first Pasta on the 3rd to benefit Children's Therapy Services on April 20th. Thank you to all who came to the lodge on a quiet Wednesday evening to have pasta with us. Your donations added \$90 to the Ladies goal of \$3000. To say that it was a success is an understatement. Our next Pasta on the 3rd will be May 18th. We start serving at 6:30-ish and American Goulash will be our pasta of the month. What is American Goulash, its saucy ground beef & pasta dish laden with a blend of cheeses and simmered to savory perfection. Hope to see you there.

Did you know.... Celebrating 50 years of the LOE

Ever wonder where the flag that is hanging over the back bar came from. LOE member, Carrie Short, crocheted and donated to the lodge the American flag more than 30 years ago. Jacquie LoCicero

May Birthdays Bob Orcutt- 5/5 Rita Smith- 5/12

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

50th Ladies of the Elks Installation 1972~2022

On March 25th, we came together to install the 50th Ladies of the Elks Executive Board. The evening was highlighted with a walk down memory lane as we celebrated the Ladies of the Elks 50th anniversary. We remembered the ladies who started an organization to support our lodge because we were not able to become Elks, to today, where we are now leaders of our lodge and state organization. We recounted the many ways in which the Ladies pulled up their sleeves and got the job done, as only Ladies can do. The Ladies hard work and dedication is sprinkled throughout our lodge. In the words of Helen Reddy's 1972 song "I Am Woman", I am woman, hear me roar in numbers too big to ignore.



The Ladies of the Elks 2022 Executive Board has a rich history of volunteerism, leadership in our lodge and dedication to the Ladies organization and the Elks. The LOEs 2022-2023 Executive Board: Jacquie LoCicero- President, Shelagh Gombarcik- Vice President, Laura Jones- Treasurer, Crystal Johnson- Secretary, Tracy Horrell- Parliamentarian and Suzanne Moore- Chaplain. Many thanks to Carolyn Miller, PLP, our guest of honor and installing officer.

HALL RENTALS ARE UP AND RUNNING AND WE NEED HELP!

The month of April was a busy month for hall rentals. What does this mean to our lodge and membership? For the lodge, the rental fees from the month of April exceeded the lodge's TECO bill for the same month. Hall rentals are a vital part of our operating funds. Keep in mind that there is also a positive to the bar that is not accounted for in the April rental fees collected. So, what does this mean for our members? Members have a responsibility also, keeping the hall clean and tidy, raising your hand to help when there is a hall rental and making renters and their guests feel welcome in our lodge. It takes an Elks village to get this job done.

Upcoming May rentals- 5/6, 5/21 and 5/28, for now.

Meet your 2022~2023 Officers



Rita Smith
Exalted Ruler



Camden Lynn
Leading Knight



Paula Rousselle
Loyal Knight



Edie Hanley
Lecturing Knight



Laura Jones
Secretary



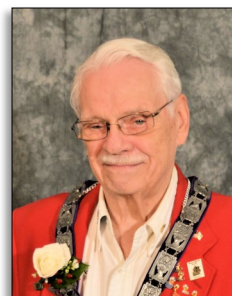
Christopher Miles
Treasurer



Melissa Bertoch
Esquire



Kara Stout
Inner Guard



Richard Florance, PER
Tiler



Crystal Johnson
Chaplain

Installation of Officers was a terrific night for the incoming officers of both the Lodge and the LOE. So many people worked so hard to make it perfect! George and Georgia Hilficker spent hours shopping. Jacquie LoCicero, PLP, Melissa Bertoch and Shelagh Gombarcik, PER spent hours helping Georgia in the kitchen. Shelagh and Mellissa also spent hours setting up the Lodge room and the dining room, with manual labor help from Christien Elkins. Appetizers were prepared and donated by Georgia Hilficker, Laura Jones, Candi & Bob Suhrheinrich, Yolando and Cliff Rodriguez, Tracy Horrell, PER, Wendy Hall, Suzanne Moore, Melissa Bertoch, Edie Hanley, Shelagh Gombarcik, PER and our local gourmet, Candy Venable. Georgia Hilficker also designed the program. Outgoing Lodge Secretary Rick Schneider, PER, arranged for the installation plaques and awards for the evening. Past State President, and Past Grand Lodge Esquire, Frank Palladini led an impressive team of Grand Lodge Installing Officers: PDD's Theresa Seibert, PER, Steve Harmon, PER, Tony Fratello who has twice been a PDD from Tarpon Springs Lodge and FSEA Chief operating officer, Carl Seibert, who is a PDD from Umatilla Lodge. We also had PER's Rick Schneider, Shelagh Gombarcik, and Dee Cisneros.

Carolyn Miller, PLP, installed the LOE on their 50th anniversary at the Lodge. With an improved candelabra and matching gold outfits, it was a beautiful ceremony. LOE President Jacquie LoCicero's speech on the history of the LOE stole the show. Following installation, dinner was served! A salad, Italian braised short ribs with homemade gnocchi, baked fresh herb bread and a tiramisu tres leche cake with coffee ice cream topped off a delicious meal. Many were tempted to linger over coffee or cocktails; Tristan Reiber had picked out the perfect entertainer for the night. He easily moved between various music genres from background music during cocktails to an upbeat vibe after dinner. I am very grateful for everyone that helped in any way, I could never name them all, but I know that they are each an important part of Team Tampa - working together to improve our lodge and our community.
Rita Smith, ER

Grant Reports

DAP Sweet Rewards

Though several schools, scout troops, and other high youth environments were solicited, Tampa Elks Lodge received Drug Awareness posters from only one school – Bridgeprep K-8 Academy.

We received 17 posters, and all the students drew their poster under the guidance of one teacher, though they were in 2 different grades. The title of the winning poster was, The BEST ME IS ARCHERY,

In lieu of participation certificates, Tampa Elks Tommy Moore decided to treat the students to ice cream. He carefully scheduled a date and time to present the students with the ice cream, only to be defeated by a rare spring thunderstorm. The following day, the kids were released from class to go outside and enjoy their hard earned treat.

In addition, Tampa Elks donated \$100 to the school which is to be applied to their Black History Month budget shortfall. As you can see in the picture of Tommy Moore and Christine Harris, when the principal is a member of your Lodge, you get the Elks Banner right in the Front Office instead of out on the field!



Camp Idlewild gets big Elk Support

On 3/23/22 Tampa Elks donated the remaining \$1225.00 left in their Beacon grant to Camp Idlewild of Florida, Inc. The Beacon Grant was divided between a water safety course at Camp Idlewild and a project at the local High School, and Robinson High School's Club Chivalry. Both projects came in well under budget. Camp Idlewild focuses on overnight camping for children with disabilities, particularly those on the Autism Spectrum. Open for only a year, they have a lot of projects that still need funding. The camp owner, Eileen Roach, indicated that this money will be used to start a major project on their wish list: building a teepee near the entrance to the property. Pictured are Camp Idlewild of Florida's founder, Eileen Roach, and Tampa Elk's Beacon Grant project Manager Shannon Wheatley



Grant Reports



Club Chivalry News

We had our last regular school day Club Meeting on Monday, April 14th, at 1:00. Thankfully, Ms. Hand is back at school. The Club's student president, Andrea, had contacted me and asked for supplies to hold an Easter Egg Hunt as a team building activity. It takes a lot of eggs for an egg hunt for that many students. Luckily, some good Elks were on hand the Thursday prior to help me fill the eggs. Thank you to Nina Carroll, Lorraine Leung, Betty Orcutt, Tina Higgins and Tony Moreno for their assistance. Carolyn Miller was my only helper at the Club meeting. I usually need about 4, but we somehow managed to get through the hour-long meeting and get everything done. The students had easter cupcakes and drinks, hunted for eggs, elected next year's Officers, and talked about Relay for Life.

The Relay for Life event is later in the month, so I will report on that and our Senior Banquet- next month.

Rita Smith, Club chivalry Project Manager



Upcoming Events and Projects

*Join us for a
Mother's Day Ceremony*

Honoring Mothers Everywhere

Presented by our Lodge Officers

May 8th at 12pm

a Light Lunch to follow.

HAPPY
Mother's Day



Upcoming Festivities & Events

LADIES OF THE ELKS

Present their annual



Kentucky Derby

— *Horse Race and Auction* —

MAY 7TH

Master of Ceremony - Paul DeLand, PER
Dice Throwers - Julie Wooley & Paula Rousselle

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"

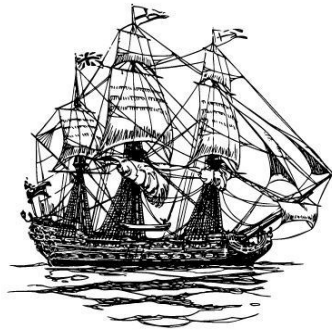
Pimento Cheese Pasta Salad, Deviled Eggs (2)

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

- **Derby Specialty Drinks and More** -



Upcoming Festivities & Events



A PIRATE'S SEARCH FOR BOOTY

Lodge Crawl



MAY 21, 2022

- INCLUDES STOPS AT:
- ✗ SEMINOLE LODGE #2519
 - ✗ HOLIDAY ISLES LODGE #1912
 - ✗ ST PETERSBURG LODGE #1224



DEPARTS AT 3PM | ARRIVE @ 708 BY 2:40PM
 COST: \$40 --> INCLUDES FREE DRINK @ 1ST STOP
 TICKETS FOR SALE AT THE BAR

Upcoming Events and Projects



LET'S DO FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AT THE LODGE

MAY 6TH

NO FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER
PIZZAS AVAILABLE

JOIN US SATURDAY FOR THE
LADIES OF THE ELKS



Kentucky Derby
Horse Race and Auction

PURCHASE YOUR OWN HORSE
OR JUST BET ON YOUR
FAVORITE!

GREAT FUN...GREAT FOOD
GREAT AUCTION!

SEE PG 9 FOR MORE INFO



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 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

MAY 13TH



COME CELEBRATE OUR EXALTED
RULER'S 65TH BIRTHDAY AND
SUPPORT THE
ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION



FABULOUS PASTA BAR
AND SO MUCH MORE!!

SEE PG 10 FOR INFO
ENTERTAINING US:

LADY & THE OUTLAWS

MAY 20TH

NEW YORK
STRIP &
GRILLED
SHRIMP



WITH HERB ROASTED BABY
POTATOES, FRESH GREEN BEANS
AND CHEDDAR BISCUITS \$20

APPETIZERS: FRIED RAVIOLI WITH
HOMEMADE MARINARA SAUCE \$3.50

DESSERT:
TRACY'S BREAD PUDDING \$4.00

ENTERTAINING US:
THE CUTAWAYS

MAY 27TH

KITCHEN CLOSED
FOR
CLEANING



BAR BINGO

May 2nd - Bowl of Chili with
Crackers \$5

May 9th - 1/4lb Hot Dog with
Chips \$5

May 16th - BBQ Beef Sandwich
with Potato Salad \$7

May 23rd - Pulled Pork Sandwich
with Chips \$6

May 30th - White Bean and
Ham Soup w/roll \$5



QUEEN OF HEARTS

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

Upcoming Events and Projects

FRIDAY THE 13TH



SCARY

SUPERSTITIONS

PARTY



LET'S CELEBRATE FRIDAY THE 13TH, OUR ER'S BIRTHDAY
AND RAISE MONEY FOR ENF!

PARTY STARTS AT 6PM - DINNER AT 7PM
YOUR CHECK TO THE

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

IS YOUR TICKET IN
TO THIS SPECTACULAR EVENING...
MUSIC BY **LADY AND THE OUTLAWS**

A FABULOUS PASTA BAR AND SO MUCH MORE!



PLEASE PUT YOUR ELK MEMBERSHIP NUMBER ON YOUR CHECK SO YOU WILL BE CREDITED FOR YOUR DONATION.

Upcoming Events and Projects

You are invited to an evening of improv featuring...

THE IMPROV AHOLICS



We're BACK!



Cash donation of \$10 is suggested for admission.
Proceeds benefit The Elks Lodge 708

Tampa Elks Lodge
3616 W Gandy Blvd.

Tampa Elks Lodge

Free hors d'oeuvres available at 6:00PM with SHOWTIME at 7:00PM

May 21, 2022 at 7PM



*Calling All
Epicurean Elks...*

*Sunday, May 22 at 5:00 pm
Let's Get Saucy!*



*What is your favorite...? Bechamel, Hollandaise,
Bearnaise? Or is it Cheddar Cheese sauce,
Marinara or Alfredo?*

*Bring us your impressive dishes, incorporating a
sauce, or just come with an appetite and a donation*

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

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
May 17th for
Authentic Italian Cuisine

VIVA NAPOLI SOUTHERN ITALIAN

4301 W. El Prado Ave.
Carpool from Lodge at 6pm
or meet at restaurant at 6:30pm
Please RSVP (Text or Dial)
813-410-1873

Upcoming Events and Projects

Ladies of the Elks Pasta on the 3rd

3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.
PASTA STARTS SERVING @ 6:30PMish
We make the pasta, you make a donation to
Children's Therapy Services.

April 20th- Italian Sausage and Penne
(Italian Sausage Penne Pasta dish, tomato sauce,
with peppers and onions)

May 18th- American Goulash Pasta
(A saucy American ground beef & pasta dish laden with a
blend of cheeses and simmered to savory perfection.)

June 15th- Pot Sticker Noodle Bowl
(All the flavor of potstickers in a slurpy, noodle bowl format.)

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



JUST A FEW OF THE LOE KENTUCKY DERBY LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

Flowers Every Month for a Year

Courtney's Custom Catering
\$50 Gift Certificate

Village Inn Pie Every Month for a Year



Touchstone Crystal
Earrings By Swarovski



Is this really the Spoo?



SAVE THE DATE
LOE'S LOW COUNTRY BOIL
JULY 29TH



Bar Bingo Pet Supply Drive

This aint your grandma's bingo!

May 16th from 6-9pm



BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO EARN A FREE BINGO CARD!

ACCEPTING NEW AND GENTLY USED BEDDING, FOOD, UNEXPIRED MEDS, OR DONATIONS

Donate \$10-\$20 worth for entry into \$1 round

Donate \$20-\$30 worth of supplies for entry in the \$5 round

Donations worth over \$30 for entry in the \$10 round



Supporting Community Pet Project, an outreach program to assist the homeless and other at-risk families struggling to keep their pets fed and healthy and out of shelters.



Lodge Business and Projects

TRIBUTE TO OUR LATE NANCY KESSLER, PER

"The Real Women of Hillsborough County" by Doris Weatherford

"A Tribute to Nancy Kessler PER Tampa Elks Lodge708"

The BPOE Tampa Elks Lodge celebrated its centennial anniversary in 2001.

Although it had only begun admitting women in 1996, it had its first female President for the centennial. Nancy Kessler, an insurance company employee is the first women to be elected Exalted Ruler, she told the Tribune, that she thought about it for a while before accepting the office. As the first female to hold the office, she said she felt obligated to do her very best and she did leading the way for women members to hold office in the Order BPOE. Shelagh Gombarcik, PER

Lodge Business and Projects



Due to several generous benefactors we have collected a good deal of liquor for our Hospitality Room this year. However, we are still in need of Titos Vodka, Beer, White Zinfandel and Soft Drinks. We would greatly appreciate donations of these few things to finish our always EXCELLENT Pirate's Den! We are looking for: Budweiser, Bud Light, Miller Lite and Corona. Coke, Diet Coke, Ginger Ale, Soda, and bottled water.

There is also a need for volunteers to help man the Hospitality Room. If you would consider taking a shift; bartending, keeping the food table stocked, tidying up the room and in general helping to keep everything going smoothly, please contact Edie Hanley at 813-486-3057 or Crystal Johnson at 813-526-2371, they are the co-chairs of this event. Thank you and see you at the Convention!

EXALTED RULER



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

- Julie Wooley – My goodness, that liquor donation was so generous!
- Frank Palladini, PSP, Frank Sellers, DDGER, and PERS Shelagh Gombarcik, Dee Cisneros, John Wayne, Richard Florance, Tracy Horrell for performing the Elk's Memorial for Nancy Keesler, PER
- Richard Florance for setting up the lodge room for initiations and meetings.
- Edie Hanley and Crystal Johnson for taking on the State Hospitality room, wait until you see it!
- Shelagh Gombarcik, PER and Tommy Moore for getting down & dirty in the shed.
- Sue Moore, PLP and Shelagh Gombarcik, PER for reorganizing some closets.
- George Hilficker and Rick Schneider, PER, for their high climbing act repairing the accordion curtain.
- Nelson Grahn for installing the caution signs on OUR driveway.
- Georgia Hilficker, for taking on extra last minute work on top of what she had committed to this month.

MAY LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 2nd - LOE General Meeting - 7:00 - Dinner 6:15
- 4th - LOE Board Meeting - 6:30
- 10th - BOD Meeting - 7:30
- 11TH - Membership Meeting - 6:00
- 13th - Elks General Meeting - 7:30
- 17th - House Committee Meeting - 6:30
- 25th - NO Elk General Meeting - FL Convention
- 18th - New Member Orientation - 6:30
- 18th - New Member Initiation - 7:30
- 27th - Elks General Meeting - 7:30

Honoring Departed Elks

Harry Houdini

1847-1926

**Escape Artist,
Illusionist,
Performer**

**New York, NY
Lodge #1**



Tampa Elks Lodge #708

MAY 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
|----------------------------|--|---|--|---|---|--|
| 1 | 2  LOE BOD MEETING 6:30 PM BOWL OF CHILI WITH CRACKERS \$5  6:30PM \$3 DONATION | 3 Veteran's Committee Meeting 6:30 IMPROVAHOLICS REHEARSAL | 4 LOE GENERAL MEETING 7PM LOE DINNER 6:15PM  | 5 GRILL NIGHT BURGERS AND MORE  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM | 6 NO DINNER PIZZAS AVAILABLE | 7 LOE  KENTUCKY DERBY Horse Race & Auction See Pg 9 |
| 8 | 9 1/4 POUND HOT DOG WITH CHIPS \$5  6:30PM \$3 DONATION | 10  7:30pm BOD MEETING IMPROVAHOLICS REHEARSAL | 11 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM  7:30PM GENERAL MEETING | 12 GRILL NIGHT BURGERS AND MORE  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM | FRIDAY THE 13TH  SCARY SUPERSTITIONS PARTY SEE PAGE 11 FOR ALL THE INFORMATION | |
| 15 | 16 BBQ BEEF SANDWICH WITH POTATO SALAD 7  6:30PM \$3 DONATION | 17 SUPER CLUB VIVA NAPOLI 4301 EL PRADO SEE PG 12 IMPROVAHOLICS REHEARSAL | 18 NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION 6:30PM NEW MEMBER INITIATION 7:30PM  PASTA DINNER 6:30pm to 9PM American Goulash Pasta | 19 GRILL NIGHT BURGERS AND MORE  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM | 21 NEW YORK STRIP & GRILLED SHRIMP HERB ROASTED BABY POTATOES. FRESH GREEN BEANS AND CHEDDAR BISCUITS \$20 FRIED RAVIOLI \$3.50 TRACY'S BREAD PUDDING \$4 MUSIC BY:  HIMES CLEANUP 9AM TO 12PM They're BACK  IMPROVAHOLICS Show starts at 7pm, cocktails & hor d'oeuvres 6pm See pg 12 for info | |
| 22 Gourmet Club 5pm | 23 PULLED PORK SANDWICH WITH CHIPS \$6  6:30PM \$3 DONATION | 24  HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM  GAME NIGHT 6:30PM IMPROVAHOLICS REHEARSAL | 25  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM | 2022-2023 FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION | | |
| | | | | KITCHEN CLOSED FOR CLEANING | |  |
| FL STATE CONV 29 | 30  LOE BOD MEETING 6:30 PM WHITE BEAN & HAM SOUP W/A ROLL \$5  6:30PM \$3 DONATION | 31 IMPROVAHOLICS REHEARSAL | | | | |

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