



LODGE OFFICERS:

- EXALTED RULER** - Rita Smith
LEADING KNIGHT - Camden Lynn
LOYAL KNIGHT - Paula Rousselle
LECTURING KNIGHT - Edie Hanley
SECRETARY - Laura Jones
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ESQUIRE - Melissa Bertoch
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4 YEAR TRUSTEE - Wendy Hall
5 YEAR TRUSTEE - Doug Grant

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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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A Message from your Exalted Ruler, Rita Smith



Dues paying members, even if they never step foot in our door, contribute to our benevolence.

Without the Lodge doors open, we could not have children's parties, have the Veteran's to dinner, have fundraisers for our charities, and more. Your dues help keep the lodge doors open, the lights and A/C on, and give us a place to collaborate and socialize before, after, and between events. I have had a couple of people say the didn't renew their dues because they don't have time to come to the Lodge.

But a quick scan of any of our newsletters will let you know our lodge is spreading comfort and tiding of joy throughout our community. Did you know we sponsored 33 Children for a week at the Florida Elks Youth Camp this year? We had a Back-to-School party at which every one of the almost 100 children that signed up in advance received school supplies specific to their grade and school? We have had groups of up to 20 of recently homeless Veterans to the lodge numerous times for dinners, have taken them fishing, and will soon be taking them to Picnic Island for a day? We even take care of homeless pets! Please renew if you have not yet done so. It's OK if you don't make it in more than once or twice a year, or even never. You are still needed!

I have been a member since I was in my 30's. It was fun being a youngster. That was long ago, and I certainly cannot physically do everything I could do back then, and I am thrilled to see some of the younger (than me) members picking up the reins on some of these very necessary jobs. Five of our officers and many of our chairmen are under 50. They may not do things exactly the way we always did it- but I am certainly glad to let them try new things. I hope you share that sentiment enthusiastically.

Invite somebody to join. If everybody were to bring in just ONE friend this year, the lodge would be able to do so much more, both for our members and our communities. Invite somebody that you know from church – we certainly are not an old man's drinking club anymore. Invite your child, your sibling, or your parent. Invite the neighbor you would like to get to know better, a work colleague, or a friend you follow on social media. You will enjoy the Lodge even more with them by your side. So if you have been waiting for the right time-the right time is NOW!

Your 2022-23 Committees

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 Robert Bordonaro, Sue Dortch
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 Youth Activities - Patty Volpe (Pattyandmrfox@gmail.com)



YOU ARE INVITED

SEPTEMBER 28TH



DINNER WITH THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER

Tom Moran, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler from New Port Richey Lodge,
 Rhonda Smith, Grand Lodge Esquire and Rose Goodrich, Grand Lodge Auditor
 will be visiting Tampa on 9/28.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 and the District Deputy
 will address the membership during the Lodge meeting which begins at 7:30.

Dinner is complementary for Tampa Elks Lodge members that are attending the meeting. As usual, the bar will be closed during the meeting and since no business is to be conducted, please be prepared to give any reports, or make any motions at the first meeting of the month on September 14th. See you there!

Dinner Menu: Smothered Pork Chops, mashed potatoes, corn, yeast rolls and Apple Pie ala Mode

Welcome Our Newest Elk Members



Misty Hendry
Sponsored by:
Dee Cisneros, PER

David Replogla
Sponsored by:
Dee Cisneros, PER

September Elk Recognitions

ELK OF THE MONTH...BONNIE ATWOOD

Elk of the Month – Bonnie Atwood is spending a lot of time at the Lodge. She is on the amusement machine committee, which is taking up about 10-15 hours a week. She is also on the House Committee and is being trained as a fill in for when Wendy Hall is not available. Additionally, she is on the Bulletin Mailing committee. You may have noticed that you get your bulletin on time, for that you can thank Bonnie, who makes the trip to Sligh Avenue each month. She is as beloved by the postal workers at the Bulk Mail Center on Sligh Ave as she is at the lodge. Bonnie deserves the Elk of the Month!



OFFICER OF THE MONTH...WENDY HALL

Officer of the Month – Wendy Hall is the only member that is on both the Board of Directors and on the House Committee. She serves as the Four-Year Trustee for the Board of Directors and as the banker for the House Committee. Wendy does a lot of her work in the early mornings, as most deposits start with her. Additionally, she attends almost every event and you know anytime she is in the building she is in and out of the office frequently to assist the members with the event and the bartender with keeping the evenings' best sellers in stock. Wendy has earned the title Officer of the Month.



Supporting Reports



Whatever you do, don't try to copy anyone else's mission. You're not a clone. You were built for something specific. There is no one-size-fits-all storyline.
 "Why, even the hairs on your head are numbered. Fear not; you are more valuable than many sparrows." Luke 12:7



Ladies of the Elks:

As we enter fall, the Ladies are revving up for the holiday season. In December the Ladies will be holding their annual Christmas Bazaar. We are always looking for special and unique items for our bazaar. If you would like to donate a new item, this can be bought or hand crafted, please let me know.

Pasta on the 3rd Wednesday is still going strong. This month we will be making an Eggroll Ramen skillet. Remember, we make the pasta, you make a donation to Children's Therapy Services. This month's pasta day on the 21st, starting at 6:30-ish. Hope to see you there.

AUGUST Birthdays

Laura Jones - 9/11

Executive Board

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

GETTING OUT THE NEWS

Thanks to the Bulletin Committee we get our Elksize out on time each month. This committee gets called in on short notice to fold, tab, label and tray the Elksize. It usually occurs in the afternoon and we need six from the committee to complete the task in a timely manner. Six from the committee is what we need, but extras are great to have, especially when some of our members cannot attend for one reason or another.

If you have some afternoons free and would like to help, text Rita to get added to the list that gets contacted. She will text you when the newsletter is ready and should you be unable to attend, just don't reply when you get the text. Rita Smith PER



VIP VISIT DATES AND TIMES

All events: Cocktail hour at 2pm, 3pm Meeting, 4pm Dinner
 Sun. Sept. 11th..... Largo Lodge VP Homecoming

Grant Reports

Club Chivalry News



The club has been approved, and Ms. Hand, a fellow Elk and the school sponsor, is enthusiastic about having a great year. I will need a lot of volunteers this year, so please let me know when your volunteer application has been approved.

I met with Ms. Hand a week or so ago and we went over the schedule for the year. The schedule is a lot more rigorous than the last couple of years. The grant has been approved. We will need every penny! Two volunteers have already been on campus! Doug Grant and Betty Orcutt answered the call to help Ms. Hand get her classroom organized. It has been moved, and everything was pretty much just dumped in. Those two Elks sorted out a couple of metal cabinets full of school supplies. We corralled the room decorations into one pile, too. Unfortunately, Ms. Hand was in a meeting while this was happening, so we stopped when we got to the end of our instructions. She had a parent's Open House the next day.



So far- these are the first few Club Meeting dates:



September 19, 2022

October 10, 2022

November 14, 2022

December 10, 2022



We know the date of our first field trips:

A visit to the University of Tampa on September 21st .

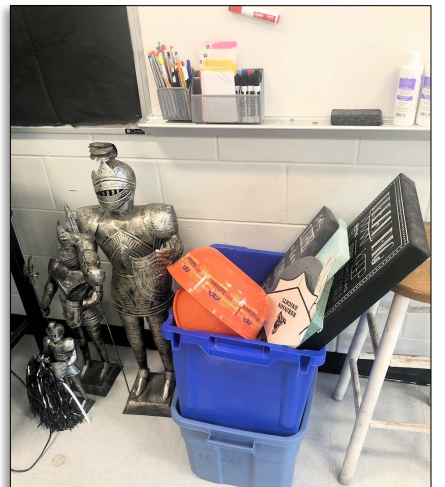
On Campus Field trip with the great American Teach In- November 17, 2022.

Please mark your calendar now, so you don't schedule appointments on those dates. There will be a couple of other field trips, too. I hope to have those details net month when they have been approved. We will not know the exact time and room, or the number of students in the Club until after they hold the Club Fair on August 25th . You can now go to the Robinson HD home page and sign up as a volunteer.

Please choose – all district schools.

Rita Smith

Project Manager



Lodge Reports

BACK TO SCHOOL SUCCESS

On Sunday, July 31st, the Youth Activities Committee held their annual Back to School Party at the lodge. We had 85 school aged children attend the party and receive back to school supplies. The students ranged from VPK to Seniors in high school! Along with the 85 students came another 24 attendees. They were the parents/guardians and non-school aged siblings.

Historically, we have applied and received a grant for youth activities, that helps cover the cost of this event and our Children's Christmas Party. This year, we did not get that grant. Not to worry! We had our Luau money to spend, school supply donations came in from members, and we got 2 cash donations. \$100 from Linda and Jerry Reid and \$20 from Betty and Bob Orcutt. That, along with our thrifty shoppers that watched the weekly ads for the best deals, we made it happen.

Our guests enjoyed dancing, games and prizes, and an ENORMOUS ice cream sundae bar. They each took home a bag of grade appropriate school supplies and any prizes they may have won. It was great to see the new students and their families that joined our back to school event for the first time. It was even better to see all the returning students and their families.

Our Fraternal brother, and member of Tampa Lodge, Roshaun Gendrett, was our guest speaker and with his history in education, knew the right message to deliver to the students, just in time for school to start. Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, took the microphone to talk to the parents about membership. Rita Smith, ER, gave a quick reminder of what is like being an ER. "If no one volunteers to do the dishes, it falls of you".

Our volunteers were plentiful as well. We had 18 Elk volunteers and 10 Non-Elk volunteers. Of the 10 non-Elks, several were high school students that jumped in to help and received service hour letters. The Elks that came were happy to see that there were plenty of volunteers about. No one had to work too hard at the event and it made it more enjoyable for everyone. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to each of the committee members and volunteers that met, shopped, prepped, worked the event, and cleaned up afterwards.

It is almost time to start planning our Walgreens Toy Drive Pick Up and Children's Christmas Party. Look for your invitation to join those planning parties!



Past Festivities and Events

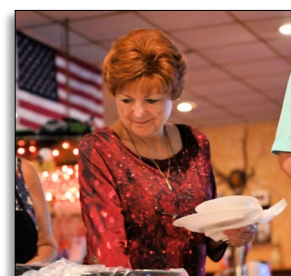


SOME SWEET BITES FROM THE GOURMET CLUB

The Gourmet Club wrapped up another successful season (our 12 th) this past August. With monthly themes, some of which included “E.L.K.S” (dishes including ingredients which begin with E,L,K,and S), “Stick It or Stuff It”(dishes which were either served on a stick or stuffed with some kind of filling) and “Let’s Get Saucy” (dishes featuring various sauces), we enjoyed our season of Food, Fun and Fellowship. We are pleased to announce that over the past dozen years, thanks to donations and cookbook sales, the Gourmet Club has donated in excess of \$3000.00 toward Lodge improvements.

For those of you unfamiliar with the Gourmet Club, (the Epicurean Elks, as we like to refer to ourselves) we are a group of enthusiastic and talented cooks, who meet on the 4 th Sunday of the month at 5:00 pm from February through August, to engage in a “Pot Luck” Supper...but Not Yo’ Momma’s Potluck! These talented cooks are confronted with a Culinary Theme Challenge every month. The concept was conceived over a decade ago when Candy Venable and Courtney Weil went out for lunch and fleshed out the germ of an idea. We have fine-tuned our methods over time. During these years we’ve enjoyed several different spins on traditional comfort food, as well some creatively talented, fine dining-worthy dishes. And, just for the fun of it, we have a theme-appropriate Trivia Contest at the end of the meal. Not only has this activity provided yet another opportunity for coming together in Food, Fun and

Fellowship, it also brings revenue to otherwise slow Sunday evenings. In 2019 we published our (first) cookbook, The Epicurean Elk, (there are copies left, available for \$10.00) and this February, we will embark on our 13 th year of cooking. If you enjoy cooking (no gourmet skills required), or you enjoy eating (who doesn’t), please consider joining us when we resume Food, Fun and Fellowship in February of 2023!



Past Festivities & Events



DOWNTON ABBEY COMES TO 708

A bit of British nobility came to our little corner of world. On August 17 th , the Ladies of the Elks invited lodge members to watch Downton Abbey: A New Era and partake in some British delights. All for a good cause, Children’s Therapy Services. The house was packed, and many were dressed to the

nines. If I didn’t know better, I would swear I saw Lady Mary in the crowd.

Our fundraiser for Children’s Therapy Services would not have happened without a lot of help. Miss Patmore aka Shelagh Gombarcik cooked her favorite British delights. Those scones were scrummy! April Holtzman was our ace. She helped Shelagh better than Daisy helped Miss Patmore. Making sure our donations were collected, Tracy Horrell. Our own Miss Hughes, Sue Moore, kept us all in proper order. Edie Hanley, our Queen of the 50/50. And rounding out the cast Dee Cisneros made sure nothing went wrong before or during the movie. The LOE is not a techy bunch. Thank you to all who come out to support the LOE’s fundraiser for Children’s Therapy Services. It would not have been successful without you.

Jacquie LoCicero, President LOE



2022 LOE Low Country Boil

This year’s Low Country Boil was a resounding success. The food was wonderful, the crowd was large, the music was great and a good time was had by all!

The LOE puts on an annual Low Country Boil that we have all come to look forward to. Jacquie LoCicero is the chef, par excellence, and this year she had very capable help from April Holtzman, Tommy Moore, Edie Hanley, Joe LoCicero, Tracy Horell, PER, Shelagh Gombarcik, PER and Crystal Johnson. We were joined by 6 Veteran’s from Liberty Manor, who seemed to enjoy themselves immensely.

The event included a 50/50 drawing to benefit the Children’s Therapy Services.

Great Job Jacquie!



Upcoming Events and Projects

HAPPY LABOR DAY



ITS TIME TO HONOR THOSE WHO MAKE OUR COUNTRY RUN AND WHAT BETTER WAY TO DO IT THAN CELEBRATING AT TAMPA ELKS #708.

Early Bird Bar Bingo @ 5:30pm

4-5 games, \$1 Donation per card, Winner Takes ALL
(Regular Bar Bingo to begin @ 6:30pm, regular rules apply)

Grilled Hot dogs and Hamburgers @ 5:00pm
With sides (Donations Accepted)

Drink Specials @ 5:00pm

Something cold, maybe something frozen, drinks will be amazing

Woo hoo!

it's
Hump Day



Check you Calendar

We now serve food on

WEDNESDAY!

Nachos or Crock Pot Meals

Plus half price on all

Well Drinks!

Come see and Enjoy!

We're Back, Again!



Back to School IMPROV SPECIAL

THE



September 10, 2022 at 7PM

Adult Themed, But Clean!
Kids are welcomed!

\$10 Admission (kids are free)
Proceeds benefit The Elks Lodge 708

Tampa  Lodge

3616 W Gandv Blvd.

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



Upcoming Events and Projects



LET'S DO FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AT THE LODGE

SEPT 2ND



FISH FRY NIGHT

WITH FRENCH FRIES OR GRITS
COLESLAW, HUSH PUPPIES,
AND SHRIMP GUMBO \$16
APPETIZER: FRIED MUSHROOMS \$3.50
DESSERT: LEMON MOUSSE \$4

ENTERTAINING US:
CAROLYNN STREET

SEPT 9TH



LAMB SHANK W/VEGGIES IN A RED WINE SAUCE

OVER GARLIC SMASHED POTATOES, W/A SPRING MIX, STRAWBERRY & FETA SALAD & YEAST ROLLS \$20
APPETIZER: CALAMARI \$4
COCONUT PIE: \$4

ENTERTAINING US:
LADY & THE OUTLAW

SEPT 16TH



SEASONED SLICED STEAK

OVER LOADED MASHED POTATOES, ROASTED VEGGIES, HOUSE SALAD AND GARLIC CIABATTA BREAD \$19
APPETIZER: FRIED ARTICHOKE HEARTS \$3.50
DESSERT: TRES LECHE TIRAMISU \$4

ENTERTAINING US:
CHARLES MELEN

SEPT 23RD



ADDISON & TRACY ARE IN THE KITCHEN!

TRACY'S FAMOUS OVEN FRIED CHICKEN, ADDISON'S OVER THE TOP SMOKED GOUDA MAC & CHEESE, WITH FRIED OKRA, PASTA SALAD & GEORGIA'S SWEET CREAM BISCUIT \$18.00
APPETIZER: ONION RINGS \$3.50
DESSERT: TRACY'S BREAD PUDDING \$4

ENTERTAINING US:
CHARLIE IMES

SEPT 30TH



Fundraising Event

Join us for Pick Your Pasta Pasta Bar with Meat Sauce, Marinara, Alfredo & Pesto Sauce Salad & Dessert \$20
Plus 50/50 & Live Music
KRIS PIERCE



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 BY EMAILING 708meals@gmail.com OR TEXT 813-294-6200 OR ON THE LODGE BULLETIN BOARD TO ASSURE YOUR MEAL!
DINNER SERVED FROM 6:30PM TO 8:30PM

BAR BINGO

Served Mondays 6pm to 7:30pm

Sep 5th - Meatball Sub Sandwich with Chips \$8.00

Sep 12th - 1/4lb Chili Dog With Chips \$8

Sep 19th - Shrimp Salad on Croissant with Chips \$8

Sep 26nd - Meatloaf Sandwich On white bread with chips \$9



QUEEN OF HEARTS

Donation by 6:45pm
Drawing at 7pm

Thursday Nights Served 6pm to 7:30

***Sept 1st - Spaghetti Dinner, w/Salad & Bread \$7**

***Sept 8th - Shelagh's Grill**

***Sept 15th - Dee's Open Grill**

***Sept 22nd - Shelagh's Grill**

***Sept 29th - Dee's Open Grill**

Upcoming Events and Projects



SUNDAY DINNER LIKE MOM USED TO MAKE

SERVED FROM 5PM TO 7PM - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

**BONE IN PORK CHOPS OVER SAGE SAUSAGE DRESSING
WITH SQUASH CASSEROLE \$18**

**OLD FASHION BEEF STEW WITH HOMEMADE
SWEET CREAM BISCUITS \$14**

LIMA BEAN SOUP OR HOUSE SALAD

BLACK FOREST COBBLER OR SALTED CARAMEL SUNDAE

**ADVANCE RESERVATIONS AND MENU CHOICES
REQUIRED BY FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND**

EMAIL 708meals@gmail.com

Elk's Day at the **RAY'S** Free Drink with your Ticket Stub

Buc's Tailgate at 708!



**Sign Up!
to be our
volunteer
tailgater for
one week!**

See the sign up sheet
at the Lodge
pick your game while
there are lots of
openings!

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.

September 21st- Eggroll Ramen Skillet

(All the flavors of an eggroll in a skillet)

October 19th- Philly Cheesesteak Pasta

(Philly Cheesesteak Pasta combines ground beef, onions, peppers, mushrooms, provolone & penne pasta into a delectable creamy pasta)

November 16th- Cheesy Smoked Sausage Skillet

(Savory smoked sausage, creamy melted cheese, garlic, onions, and tomatoes all come together in a one skillet meal)

Pasta served on a first come first serve basis.

When it's gone, it's gone.

Donations benefit Children's Therapy Services



Upcoming Events and Projects



Fundraiser Pick Your PASTA PARTY



Friday, September 30th - 6:30pm

Food, Music, 50/50 and More!

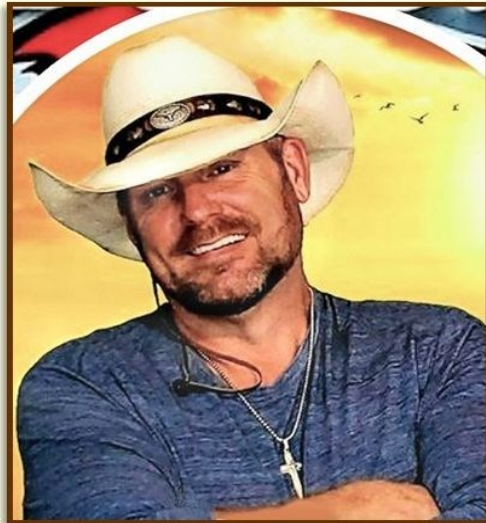
Your Unlimited Choice of
4 Sauces and 4 Pastas plus,
Salad, Cuban Bread and Dessert
Support ENF and Love Doing it!

\$20.00

Enjoy as

KRIS PIERCE

Sings your favorites
and dance the night away
(on a full stomach!)



Sign up to attend at
georgiahilficker@gmail.com
or purchase tickets at the bar.

Lodge Business & Projects

You are Invited to attend The State President's Official Visit to the West Central District

Danny Tabor
2022-2023
President
Florida State
Elks Association



All Members:

You are cordially invited to join the "Wonderful" West Central District in welcoming and honoring State President Danny Tabor and his wife Rachel, along with VP AL Phil Gersbach and his wife Susan.

The Presidential party will arrive at the Holiday Inn Express, 210 Seminole Boulevard, Largo, FL. 33770 by 4:00PM on Friday, September 16, 2022. A hospitality suite will be open beginning at 3:00PM. The Friday evening meal will be a pork dinner at Holiday Isle Lodge beginning at 6:00PM. Dress for the evening is business casual. Immediately following the dinner there will be a meeting of the West Central District Past Exalted Rulers Association. All PER's are invited to attend.

Saturday will include a visit to Pinellas Safey Harbor, a homeless facility with a special area for veterans, which is sponsored by the Pinellas County Sheriffs Department. Largo Lodge has used Grant money for the past five (5) years in support of this project. The mid-day meal will include a light box lunch when we return to the hotel. Dress is casual.

Saturday dinner will be hosted by the Largo Lodge. Cocktails and appetizers will be at 5:30pm. Followed by a dinner of Chicken Mediterranean, side dishes, salad and dessert at 6:30pm. State President Tabor will address the members following dinner. Dress for the evening is business, jackets for men, cocktail attire for the ladies.

If your visitation is not Complimentary please contact Holiday Isle Lodge at (727) 393-1545 to make arrangements for the Friday night meal and the Largo Lodge at (727) 587-6558 for the Saturday night meal.

"Unity and Dedication Create Success"

Lodge Business and Projects

Good News from the Kitchen

New Dinner Sign up - 708meals@gmail.com

YOUR HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

It may have come to your attention that some of the drink prices in our lounge have changed. While I know we are all painfully aware of the cost of living increase currently sweeping our country, as well as the supply chain problems we're battling, it's still never easy to accept change.

Though we have held tight to our low prices, it's become impossible to overlook the toll it's taking on the Lodge bottom line. Our vendors, like everyone else, have steadily increased the cost of their goods while we have maintained our price point. I hope you will agree that we have attempted to keep the increase in price to a minimum, and understand there had to be some changes made.

Thank you,
George Hilficker, House Committee Chairman

EXALTED RULER



The Youth Activity Committee – AWESOME Back to School Party!
 April Holtzman- She is everywhere and doing everything. A very reliable second set of hands.
 Laura Jones- solved a tricky problem with an old file cabinet that had been stored in the shed.
 Shelagh Gombarcik and the LOE – Kudos for your Downton Abbey event.
 The Auditing Committee – Sue Dortch, Melissa Bertoch and Robert Bordonaro- They are thorough!
 Beth Boyd – Stepping up and stepping out of her comfort zone to help the Lodge.
 The House Committee – Critical numbers are improving. That is good progress.
 Daniel Armentrout – He takes on the photo monitor, Army of Hope, and dining room cashier!
 Chris Miles – Declined to take his salary for the 5th month in a row & expediting at our visitation dinner.
 Dee Cisneros & House Committee – right-sizing some pricing problems. There numbers are improving.
 Jim Dreby - For cleaning out our very disorganized maintenance closet.
 And, of course, Georgia Hilficker. – She does so much more than cook on Fridays!

SEPTEMBER LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

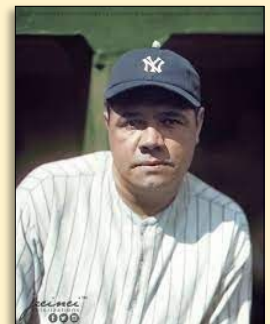
- 5th - LOE Board Meeting - 6:30
- 6th - Veteran's Meeting - 6:30
- 7th - LOE General Meeting - 7:00 - Dinner 6:15
- 13th - BOD Meeting - 7:30
- 14th - Membership Meeting - 6:00
- 14th - Elks General Meeting - 7:30
- 20th - House Committee Meeting - 6:30
- 21st - New Member Orientation - 6:30
- 28th - General Meeting - 7:30
- 28th - New Member Initiation - During General Meeting

Honoring Departed Elks

Babe Ruth

1895-1948
Baseball
Hall of Fame
Member






















New York, NY
Lodge #1



Tampa Elks Lodge #708

September 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	
				1 SPAGHETTI DINNER NIGHT \$7.00 6PM-7:30  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	2 SHELAGH & TOMMY FRIED FISH. FRENCH FRIES OR GRITS. COLESLAW, HUSH PUP- PIES. & SHRIMP CHOWDER \$16 FRIED MUSHROOMS \$3.50 LEMON MOUSSE \$4 MUSIC - CAROLYNN STREET	3	
4 ELKS DAY AT THE RAYS Sunday Dinner 5 to 7pm  See page 11 for menu & information	5  LOE BOD MEETING 6:30 PM MEATBALL SUB W/CHIPS \$8  6:30PM \$3 DONATION	6 VETERAN'S COMMITTEE MEETING - 6:30PM IMPROVAHOLICS REHEARSAL	7 LOE GENERAL MEETING 7PM  LOE DINNER 6:15PM Hump Day...2 for 1 Well Drink Specials Loaded Nachos \$6.00	8 DEE'S GRILL NIGHT BURGERS AND MORE 6PM-7:30  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	9 LAMB SHANK & VEGGIES IN A RED WINE SAUCE OVER GARLIC SMASHED POTATOES & YEAST ROLLS \$20 CALAMARI \$4 COCONUT PIE \$4 MUSIC - LADY & THE OUTLAW	10 8PM IMPROVAHOLICS "G" RATED PERFORMANCE 	
11  Bucs V Cowboys 8:20 7:30pm Brisket Dinner by Rita	12 1/4 LB CHILI DOG WITH CHIPS \$8  6:30PM \$3 DONATION	13  7:30PM BOD MEETING 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHOLICS REHEARSAL	14 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM Hump Day...2 for 1 Well Drink Specials Crock Pot \$6.00 BAR CLOSED DURING MEETING  7:30PM GENERAL MEETING	15 SHELAGH'S GRILL NIGHT BURGERS AND MORE  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	16 State President's dinner at Holiday Isle. SEASONED STEAK SLICES OVER LOADED MASHED, ROASTED VEGGIES HOUSE SALAD & GARLIC CIABATTA BREAD \$22 FRIED ARTICHOKE HEARTS \$4 TRES LECH TIRAMISU \$4	17  State President Speaks at Largo Lodge Cocktails at 5:30 Dinner at 6:30pm See pg 13 for details	
18  Bucs V Saints 1pm 12:00pm Pot Luck	19 SHRIMP SALAD ON CROISSANT W/CHIPS \$9  6:30PM \$3 DONATION	20 House Committee Meeting 6:30 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHOLICS REHEARSAL	21 NEW MEMBER INITIATION 7:30PM Hump Day...2 for 1 Well Drink Specials LOE PASTA ON THE 3RD EGG ROLL RAMEN NOODLES	22 DEE'S GRILL NIGHT BURGERS AND MORE 6PM-7:30  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM			23 ADDISON AND TRACY ARE COOKING OVEN FRIED CHICKEN, SMOKED MAC & CHEESE, FRIED OKRA, & GEORGIA'S SWEET CREAM BISCUITS ONION RINGS \$3.50 TRACY'S BREAD PUDDING \$4 MUSIC - CHARLIE IMES
25  Bucs V Packers 4:25pm 12:00pm Pot Luck	26 MEATLOAF SANDWICH ON WHITE BREAD W/CHIPS \$8  6:30PM \$3 DONATION	27 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHOLICS REHEARSAL	28 DD Visit and Complimentary Dinner 6pm See pg 2 for details  7:30PM GENERAL MEETING	29 SHELAGH'S GRILL NIGHT BURGERS AND MORE  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	 Elks National Foundation FUNDRAISING EVENT PICK YOUR PASTA SEE PG 12 KRIS PIERCE WILL ENTERTAIN US		

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