



LODGE OFFICERS:

EXALTED RULER - Wendy Hall
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CHAPLAIN – April Holtzman
1 YEAR TRUSTEE - Tommy Moore
2 YEAR TRUSTEE - Tristan Reiber
3 YEAR TRUSTEE - Norman Benzing
4 YEAR TRUSTEE - Paul DeLand, PER
5 YEAR TRUSTEE - Laura Jones

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Jacque LoCicero, PLP

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Mon - Thursday 4:00pm - 11:00pm
Friday 4:00pm - 12:00am
Saturday 4:00pm - 11:00pm
Sunday 12:00am - 9:00pm

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A Message From your Exalted Ruler, Wendy Hall



A month of celebration, recollection and preparation. Sunday, December 3rd at 11:30am we will hold our time of recollection on Elks Memorial Day as we remember those Elks who have left us this past year.

We celebrate with the Adult Christmas party on December 9th at 6:30. Please bring a \$10 gift if you would like to participate in the white elephant gift exchange. The Lodge will provide herbed pork roast prepared by Georgia Hilficker. Each attendee please bring a side dish or dessert...there is a signup sheet on the Lodge bulletin board. Please join us for a fun festive evening with great food and friends and learn who wins the New Year's Eve suspects drawing.

The Children's Christmas Party is Saturday, December 16th. There is a signup sheet and flyer on the Lodge bulletin board with details. Please consider volunteering for this wonderful event.

Our New Years Eve event is being planned by Georgia Hilficker. Tickets available at the bar. You don't want to miss this exciting event with its Murder Mystery and huge delicious buffet planned for your enjoyment. There will be 100 tickets sold for this event and the lodge will be open to ticketed guests only from 6pm to 12:15pm when the lodge will open to the membership.

Looking forward to one of our largest Lodge fund raisers, the Gasparilla Boat Invasion Party, is slated for Saturday, January 27th. It's all-hands-on-deck for this day-long celebration with lots of volunteers needed. This is the time to show off your pirate gear.

Above all else I hope you will look to your fellow Elks with the fellowship caring and kindly thoughts and deeds our obligation instills in our lives. I wish for you and your family a beautiful and blessed Holiday Season!

Your 2023-24 Committee Chairs

Accident Prevention - Tommy Moore (tommoore4109@gmail.com)
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 Soccer Shoot - Patty Volpe (pattyandmrfox@gmail.com)
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TAMPA 708 MARCHES FOR OUR VETERANS

On November 11th, our Veteran's Committee and volunteers participated in the 2023 annual Veteran's Day Parade.

Joe LoCicero, Wendy Hall, ER, Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, Janet Hill, Evelyn Hemingway, Kim Van Walker, and Jose Remon marched honoring our Veteran's. It was a hot day as the marchers threw candy to the parade goers, but the parade was well attended and everyone had a good time.

Thanks to Paul DeLand, PER, and Michele Remon for driving everyone back to their cars.



Welcome Our Newest Elk Members



Amy Morantes
Sponsored by
Rita Smith PER



Chester Dooly
Sponsored by
Mike Boyle



Connie Weathers
Sponsored by
Mike Weathers



Julie Knost
Sponsored by
Mike Weathers



June Kittay
Sponsored by
Susan Guidi



Krista Dooly
Sponsored by
Rae Ann Boyle



Mary Roberts
Sponsored by
Mike Weathers



Robert Kane
Sponsored by
Theresa Seibert PER, PDD



Roseane Garcia
Sponsor
Rick Schneider



Scott Burkett
Sponsored by
Chris Ragusa



ELK OF THE MONTH...Shelagh Gombarcik, PER

Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, PLP, is a woman of many talents. She is always willing to lend a helping hand whenever and wherever needed in the Lodge. We are most fortunate to have the talents of Shelagh available to our Lodge. She cooks two Thursday night meals and a Friday night meal each month. In addition she is the Queen of decorating. Each year sees her involvement in State Convention, Gasparilla and many other events throughout the year. Thank this lady for her efforts.



OFFICER OF THE MONTH...Rick Schneider, PER

A member for 52 years, Rick Schneider was ER in 1987 and has continued his strong involvement in the Lodge ever since. He has held almost every post in our Lodge at one time or another and currently serves as Secretary, a huge and important job. He consistently supports our Lodge and our officers with a strong voice of experience. Greet Rick with a thank you when you see him at the Lodge.



Supporting Reports



Ladies of the Elks:

2023 is almost gone...can you believe it?

Well your LOE is still at work getting ready for Gasparilla and our annual Pop Up Shop.

Lots of fun stuff will be up for sale this year so bring your cash and be ready enhance your pirate gear.

Hope everyone enjoyed our Holiday Bazaar. As I write this we haven't had it yet so I can't give you an idea of how it went. However, we worked hard to put together an assortment of great gift items and I would love to hear your opinions and suggestions for next year.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Ladies for making our monthly meeting dinners. I appreciate you efforts,

December Birthdays

Carolyn Miller 12/22 - Shelagh Gombarcik 12/24

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



The Great Heart of Elkdom

ENF is good to you, and good for you! Can you be good to it?

ENF is the acronym for the Elks National Foundation. It is the Grand Lodge's Nation-Wide Trust Account that gives back to us much more than we give to it. This year, we will receive \$12,000 from ENF just in grant money to help our community. That money is used to feed the homeless, buy school supplies, T shirts and lots of snacks for Club Chivalry students, take Veterans experiencing homelessness to the zoo, buy gift cards so the homeless have a x-mas, reward teachers and students that show up to class in a low income neighborhood, and some is even donated to other organizations that do great work right here in Tampa. Every penny is spent in our community- not overseas, not in Harlem, *but right here in Tampa*, making lives better for some of our needier neighbors!

Other programs funded by ENF include the Drug Awareness Program, the Hoop Shoot, about 580 scholarships, and putting staff and money in every VA facility in the country. They also contributed over 600,000 to the State of Florida charities last year. They don't ask for much in return, considering all they give.

Can you please donate \$10 or more to ENF before the end of the year? You can drop a check made out to ENF with either Lodge Secretary Rick Schneider, PER, Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, or me. You can hand me cash and I will convert it to a money order for you. or you can donate online at this link: [Your Donation Will Help Build Stronger Communities! - Elks National Foundation](#).

Rita Smith,PER
 FSEA Elks Fundraising Chair

Grant Reports



Club Chivalry is Gaining Traction

We started the meeting with Carolyn Miller handing out raffle tickets. We raffle off 2 \$25 Gift Cards each Meeting – one at first bell to encourage the students to arrive on time, and one at last bell so they stay until the end. Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, PLP and Tommy Moore distributed the beverages we had brought, Betty Orcutt, Bonnie Atwood, and Elma Kelly covered the chips and cookies. And Robert Maloney tallied the election results.

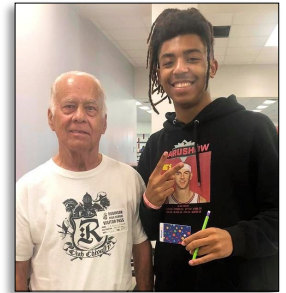
This year's Officers were all elected by an overwhelming majority:
 President – Jordon, an 11th grader (pictured here with Tommy Moore)
 Vice President – Miah – Another 11th Grader
 Jaiden – A 9th grader is the Secretary
 Markeria – Another 9th grader is our Public Relations

We were a little surprised by the Low attendance. Ms. Morman, the Vice Principal, explained that since there were so many 9th graders in the club this year, they probably didn't know they had to have their club card to be released from class.

Even with low attendance, we had a good meeting with team building games like head, shoulder, knee, cup and the left right passing game. We also distributed this year's Club T shirts. More than one student not in the Club wandered in to ask Ms. Morman how they could join.

Club Chivalry is considered a desirable club - even if it is mostly for refreshments!

Rita Smith, PER, Club Chairman



Florida Elks & Grand Lodge Still Have Scholarships Open for High School Seniors Until January 12th.

The Hope Scholarship is offered to Florida Students Only. This scholarship counts community service, school activities and citizenship as even more important than academics. In fact – you do not qualify if your unweighted GPA is over 3.59, but it does need to be at least 2.30. You must be an American citizen, and you must be a high school senior unless you are applying for law enforcement, fire, or corrections academy. *There is no affiliation with the Elks required to earn a scholarship.* Best of all – there is no restriction on the use of the scholarship other than you enroll in an American college or university, an accredited technical or vocational program, or a first responder's academy. Amounts range from \$3000 - \$30,000. The application opened August 1st and closes January 12th. You can find this application at [C. Valentine Bates Memorial Hope Scholarships \(floridaelks.org\)](http://C.ValentineBatesMemorialHopeScholarships(floridaelks.org))

Through February 4th: Elks National Foundation still has a \$4000 scholarship open that is reserved for children and grandchildren of Elks. This is the Legacy Scholarship, and at least 15 will be awarded in the State of Florida. Last year we received 27 in this state. The sponsoring Elk must have been a member for 3 years but does not have to live in the same state as the scholar. Each state has a different quota depending on the number of Elks residing in the state. It is also a very competitive scholarship. These scholarship applications are graded on Academics, Charity, Community Service, and Integrity. Recipients will be required to serve the community with an Elks Lodge at least once a year. Apply at [Legacy Awards \(elks.org\)](http://LegacyAwards(elks.org))

Unfortunately, the MVS scholarship has closed, and your Lodge scholarship committee is busy grading them. If eligible, students should apply for both the MVS and the Legacy scholarships.

Contact me for help or more information. Rita Smith, PER

Did you know you can designate where your donations to ENF are used?
 Please consider joining ENF's Fidelity Club for as little as \$5.00 per month!

Grants



TAMPA 708 - TALKING TURKEY WITH OPEN ARMS



For about 8 years now, Tampa Elks Lodge has used the Beacon grant to provide a special holiday meal for the homeless at open Arms Ministry, a division of Hyde Park United Methodist Church. Originally, Courtney Weil took charge of the Kitchen at the Church, and we fed 200 to 300 men, women, and children the Sunday before Thanksgiving. That population dwindled greatly during Covid, as some were moved across the county into shelters and others did not survive. This year, we were told to expect about 120 guests. I don't think the total hit 100, but it was close.

All of the food was prepared at your Elks Lodge, The shopping was started over a week in advance, and the cooking starting on Thursday, when the 55 pounds of boneless breasts were cooked. On Saturday at noon, Douglas Grant, Steve Kraft, Jeremy Elkins, Ruth Levin and Norm Jones showed up to help prep the dishes. We had everything but the gravy oven ready and in the walk-in by the time we left about 4. Then on Sunday, at 7 AM, Doug Grant and I were back in the kitchen making gravy and running everything through the oven. Baking times varied, but at exactly 10:30 we had the cars loaded and headed to the church. Upon our arrival at the church, we were greeted by Tampa Elks Kim Van Walker and Michael Volpe. Our friend Susan Brandise and a dozen girls from her rowing team from the Academy of the Holy Names showed up to help us again this year. Elks Patty Volpe, Richelle Nickle, young Jacob, Sue Dawson, Joe Dawson and Amy Morantes rounded out the Elk's Crew.

Each of the guests was treated to Roasted Turkey Breast, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Bean Casserole, Candied Yams, Corn, Cranberry Sauce, a Roll with Butter and a slice of Pumpkin Pie with Whipped Cream. It was much more food than they are to used to getting at one meal, and the line for seconds, when offered, was very short. Fruit was also offered to the guests, it is purchased weekly by a parishioner who is a pediatrician. The coolers were loaded back into the cars, the Elk aprons gathered up, a leftover pie snagged, and we were back at the lodge about 12:30 – And I was home fast asleep before 2!

I love working with Open Arms Ministry. Their motto is “ Making God’s Love Real.” Or, as told to me when we first started, . “We don’t preach God’s Love, we show it.” Yes, they do!

Rita Smith, PER



Past Events and Projects

MEMOIRS FROM OUR HAUNTED LODGE HALLOWEEN PARTY!

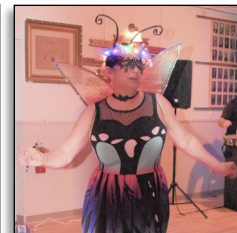
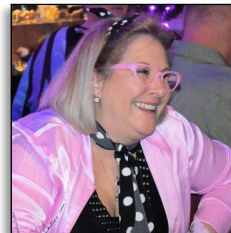
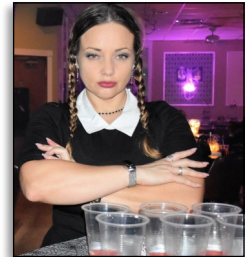
Summoning all thrill-seekers and mischief-makers!!

We're still buzzing from the "Haunted Lodge" Halloween Event that took place on October 28. The evening was nothing short of magical (and a little eerie). As guests entered through the moody Red Room Foyer, they were greeted by a custom-made chandelier courtesy of April Holtzman. The "Stretching Portrait" Bar offered a unique experience complete with a fire runway for ghosts who like to GET LIT! Our two newest members, Early Scrubs and E.A.T. Crowe, a.k.a the hitchhiking ghost banjo players, kept a watchful eye from the BPOE train.

The Portrait Parlour transformed into a spooky haven for both nibbles and the main course, paying homage to past LOE..from the 19th century. The Haunted Cemetery, a pitstop on the way to the dance floor, allowed guests to pay their respects to past members. They were encouraged to snap pictures, and maybe, just maybe, capture surprise ghosts (or guests) in them! One such apparition, Constance Hatchaway, the ghost bride, made a special appearance over the Séance Round Table.

A round of applause to all the costume contest winners, especially Ruth and Norm, who stole the spotlight winning the couples category as the Dill and the Doe. Kudos to the committee whose hard work and creativity made this spooktacular night possible. We'll see you at next year's Halloween extravaganza – it promises to be a hauntingly good time!

Tristan Reiber, Halloween Committee Chair.



Past Events and Projects

The Godfather Show



A rousing night of great food, a fun crowd and The Godfather himself was held Saturday, November 11th. Joe Beddia (Godfather) had the crowd laughing and applauding with gusto. Several in the crowd ended up drawn into Joe's web of comedy and it made for even more laughter.

The evening was kicked off by a fine Italian meal prepared by Jacquie LoCicero and her crew. It was delicious and fit the evening perfectly.

From impersonations, to musical interludes, jokes and vocals, Joe Beddia showed quite an array of talents. All in all it was a relaxing and well received event. Everyone appeared to have a good time.

A number of volunteers made the evening run seamlessly and I'd like to give a big hearty thank you to Jacquie Lo Cicero, LP, Tommy Moore, Wendy Hall, ER, Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, Sue Moore, PLP, Dave Riplogle, Debbie Brennan, Laura Jones, Susan and Brooke Brindise, Norm and Ruth, and Tracy Horrell, PER. *(Sincerely hope we didn't miss anyone)....Paul DeLand, PER & Event Chairman*



Upcoming Events and Projects



Guess What...It's Time for the ER

Christmas Party!

Saturday, December 9th - 6:30pm till ?

ER will provide Roast Pork, You bring your holiday side dish and a \$10 to \$15 White Elephant Gift.

This is always a fun event so see you there!

We will be drawing for the New Year's Eve suspect winners.



2023 Tampa Elks Lodge 708

Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, Dec 16th - 11am to 2pm
for Children Ages 1 to 17

3616 W. Gandy Blvd, Tampa, FL 33611

Please send your child's Name and Age to
pattyandmrfox@gmail.com

Upcoming Events and Projects



LET'S DO FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AT THE LODGE

DEC 1ST

Friday Dinner November 3rd
 Shelagh and Tommy are in the kitchen
All in One!
Southern Style Fish Dinner
 Start with...
 Mini Cornbread Muffins w/Honey Butter
Dinner: Fried Fish, Shrimp, with French Fries or Grits, Fried Okra, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies
 and **Dessert...**Italian Lemon Cake
ALL FOR: \$18.00
 Serving 6:30 to 8:30
 Sign up by emailing 708meals@gmail.com or on the Lodge Bulletin Board

DEC 8TH

BAR FOOD AVAILABLE JOIN US TOMORROW FOR...

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Christmas Party!
 Saturday, December 9th
 6:30pm till?
 ER will provide Roast Pork
 You bring your holiday side dish and a \$10 to \$15 White Elephant Gift.
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DEC 15TH

Friday Dinner December 15th
STEAK NIGHT

NEW YORK STRIP
 Corn on the Cob, French Fries with Honey Dill Sauce, Salad and a Dinner Roll
 \$18.00
 Appetizer: Onion Rings \$3.50
 Dessert: Cheesecake \$3.00
 Serving 6:30 to 8:30
 Sign up by emailing 708meals@gmail.com.
 Or on the Lodge Bulletin Board or text 813-245-6458

DEC 22ND

BAR FOOD AVAILABLE

Happy Holidays

DEC 29TH

BAR FOOD AVAILABLE SEE YOU AT THE NEW YEAR'S PARTY
NEW YEAR'S MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

 Live Big Band and Jazz Music
 7pm Appetizers & Lots of Action so be on time!
 Escargot, Shrimp Cocktail, Grilled Sausage Bites, and an extravagant Charcuterie Board.
 8:30 Spectacular Buffet Dinner
 Caesar Salad, Beef & Pork Tenderloin, White Fish Piccata, Swedish Meatballs, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Herb Roasted Baby Potatoes, Fresh Green Beans, Roasted Veggies, Glazed Carrots, Yeast Balls, Assorted Desserts, Coffee Bar
\$70.00 a Ticket - Selling out Fast!
 Be a sleuth, find the murderer/murders, or enter to become a suspect. Everyone plays for a great prize at the end.
 This is a Ticketed Guests Only Event
 Please remember to fill in the information on the ticket stub and check the box if you would like to be included in the raffle to become a suspect. This means to see your name appears on the guest list and you receive much needed information. Your suspect names will be drawn at the ER Christmas Party in December.
 Attire: Jackets, Suits or Tux for men.
 Cocktail Dresses or Ball gowns for women.

PLEASE SIGN UP AT 708MEALS.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
 All Menus \$9.50 including tax

- Dec. 4th - ITALIAN MEATBALL SANDWICH, SIDE AND A SWEET TREAT
 - Dec. 11th - MEATLOAF SANDWICH, SIDE AND A SWEET TREAT
 - Dec. 18th - SPANISH BEAN SOUP WITH BLT, AND A SWEET TREAT
 - Dec. 25th - LODGE CLOSED
- Sides are subject to change depending upon availability.



QUEEN OF HEARTS

Donation by 6:45pm
 Drawing at 7pm

- Thursday Nights Served 6pm to 7:30
- *Dec. 7th - Spaghetti Dinner, w/Salad & Bread \$7
- *Dec. 14th - Grill Night
- *Dec. 21st - Grill Night
- *Dec. 28th - Grill Night

Upcoming Events and Projects

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12pm Champagne Toast

\$70.00 a Ticket - Selling out Fast!

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This is a Ticketed Guests Only Event

Please remember to fill in the information on the ticket stub and check the box if you would like to be included in the raffle to become a suspect. Then return it to assure your name appears on the guest list and you receive much needed information.

Four Suspect names will be drawn at the ER Christmas Party in December.

**Attire: Jackets, Suits or Tux for men.
Cocktail Dresses or Ball gowns for women.**

Upcoming Events and Projects

Save the Date for



Saturday, Feb 3rd

**Music By
The Mixx**

More to Come!



December



December 16th

**Be part of this fun night of
pot luck, cake and Karaoke.
Bring a covered dish, your
best voice and an appetite.**

7pm

Lodge Business and Projects



2022 MEMORIAL SERVICE

It's time to recognize the members we lost in 2023. Please join our officers as they gather to commemorate their passing.

**December 3rd at 11am
In the Lodge Hall
To Our Absent Members:**

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|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| ◆ John F. Brennan | Born 1939 | 12yr Member |
| ◆ Christa K Smith | Born 1960 | 3yr Member |
| ◆ Ronald Dominguez | Born 1939 | 20yr Member |
| ◆ Mike Stiers | Born 1953 | 2yr Member |
| ◆ Jules R. Wazelle III | Born 1958 | 5yr Member |
| ◆ Pat Fennell | Born 1934 | 40yr Member |
| ◆ Janet Schneider | Born 1944 | 20yr Member |
| ◆ Elinor P. Smith | Born 1951 | 17yr Member |

Refreshments will be served following the service.

Lodge Business and Projects

YOUR HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

- 🏠 Thank you to April Holtzman for doing the kitchen laundry! This is a larger help than you know.
- 🏠 Earlier this year the kitchen was given a freezer by Ruth Levin and Norm Jones. The kitchen knew it would be a help, but we never knew what a help it would be. Thank you for your generous donation.
- 🏠 If you are having an event or project, please remember to put away all of your items in a timely manner. This becomes an issue when showing the hall for a rental and whenever the lodge is having a meeting or event.

EXALTED RULER

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



- A big thank you to Tristan Reiber, Jason Brown and their crew for giving us such a wonderful Haunted Halloween. The decorations were over the top! Great job guys.
- Daniel Armentrout for organizing the Quarter Auction last month in support of the Lodge as well as Patty and Mike Volpe for stepping up to help. Also, a quick shout out to Georgia Hilficker and Laura Jones for their donation of the surprise bags that were so well received.
- Paul DeLand, PER for his hard work on our evening with the Godfather as well as Laura Jones, David Ripogle, Tracy Horrell, PER and Debbie Brennan for jumping behind the bar when we needed them. Great event Paul.
- Laura Jones for stepping to help with making banks and doing paperwork while Paul was sick.
- Rita Smith, PER and her crew for her work with Open Arms. (See article on page 6)
- Dee Cisneros, PER for single handedly taking on Thanksgiving Dinner at the Lodge. Such a big job for one person and I really appreciate his selfless support. Also, Jessica Hood for giving up her day to tend bar.
- A special shout out to our members for supporting all our events and activities!!

DECEMBER LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 6th - LOE General Meeting - 7:00 - Dinner 6:15
- 11th - Veteran's Meeting - 6:30
- 12th - BOD Meeting - 6:30
- 13th - Membership Meeting - 6:00
- 13th - Elks General Meeting - 7:30
- 19th - House Committee Meeting - 6:30
- 20th - New Member Orientation/Installation 6:30
- 27th - Elks General Meeting Canceled- 7:30

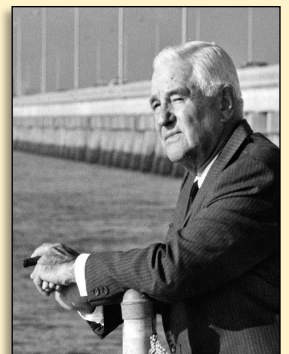
Honoring Deceased Elks

**William
Howard
Franklin**

1901 to 1980























**Proposed the
Howard Franklin
Bridge Project**

**Tampa, Florida
Lodge #708**



Tampa Elks Lodge #708

December 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 SHELAGH & TOMMY FISH FRY NIGHT 	2 HALL RENTAL KELLY
3 LODGE MEMORIAL SERVICE HONORING OUR 2023 DEPARTED MEMBERS 11AM  Bucs vs Panthers 12pm Tailgate Food Please bring Pot Luck	4 ITALIAN MEATBALL SANDWICH W/SIDE & SWEET TREAT \$9.50  6:30PM \$3 DONATION	5 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHOLICS REHEARSAL	6 LOE GENERAL MEETING 7PM LOE DINNER 6:15PM 	7 SPAGHETTI NIGHT 6PM-7:30  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM Drawing at 7PM	8 HALL RENTAL 5PM TO 11PM BAR FOOD AVAILABLE JOIN US TOMORROW FOR THE ER PARTY!	 Guess What... It's Time for the ER Christmas Party! 6:30pm till ? See Page 9
10  Bucs vs Falcons 1pm Tailgate Food Pls bring Pot Luck Dish	11 VETERAN'S COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM MEATLOAF SANDWICH W/SIDE & SWEET TREAT  6:30PM \$3 DONATION	12 7:30PM BOD MEETING  At 7pm with Jason & Crystal	13 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM  7:30PM GENERAL MEETING	14 WALGREEN'S TOY PICKUP GRILL NIGHT BURGERS & MORE 6PM-7:30  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM Drawing at 7PM	15 HALL RENTAL MAC DILL STEAK NIGHT NY STRIP, CORN ON THE COB, FRENCH FRIES, SALAD \$18 SEE PG 10	 2023 Tampa Elks Lodge #08 Children's Christmas Party 11am to 2pm See page 9 DECEMBER Birthday Bash
17  Bucs vs Panthers 1pm Tailgate Food Pls bring Pot Luck Dish	18 SPANISH BEAN SOUP & BLT SWEET TREAT \$9.50  6:30PM \$3 DONATION	19 Cub Scout Pack 1321 Court of Honor in the Back Hall  HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHOLICS REHEARSAL	20 6:30pm NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY INITIATION	21 GRILL NIGHT BURGERS & MORE 6PM-7:30  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM Drawing at 7PM	22 BAR FOOD AVAILABLE MERRY CHRISTMAS!	23
24  Bucs vs Jaguars 4:05pm Tailgate Food Pls bring Pot Luck Dish	 Merry Christmas	26 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHOLICS REHEARSAL	27  7:30PM GENERAL MEETING	28 GRILL NIGHT BURGERS & MORE 6PM-7:30  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM Drawing at 7PM	29 BAR FOOD AVAILABLE HOPE TO SEE YOU NEW YEAR'S EVE!	30
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