



## **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** –Dee Cisneros, PER  
**1 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Chrystal Johnson  
**2 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Tommy Moore  
**3 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Bob Orcutt  
**4 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Wendy Hall  
**5 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Doug Grant

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George Hilficker - georgehilficker@gmail.com

**House Committee Members:** Wendy Hall, Jacquie LoCicero, April Holtzman, Bonnie Atwood, Daniel Armentrout, and Kim Benzing

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Dee Cisneros, PER

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Georgia Hilficker

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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"

**Lodge Secretary email:**  
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## **A Message from your Exalted Ruler, Rita Smith**



Happy New Year!

A chance to refresh, try new things, make resolutions that sound good but are hard to keep. Here is an easy one- How about resolving to visit your Lodge at least once a month? There are too many names on our membership roster that I can't put a face to. Please come through that door so we can start or renew our acquaintance. You don't have to order alcohol to be social. The bar offers several choices of non-alcoholic beverages besides Coke. If you are not getting current information on the happenings, please feel free to email MQuire@Tampabay.rr.com and ask to be put on the list for a Monday reminder of the week to come.

We have games and other activities several nights a week, and some kind of food is available most nights. Come see what Thrift Store Team Trivia is all about on the 18th – you don't need to bring a team, we have them available!

Did you join for an opportunity to give back to your community? Join us on January 3rd to pop in on the Veterans meeting, then stay to sort clothing alongside the Elk Scholars for Hurricane Ian victims in Pine Island Center.

Are you a sports fan? We have tailgates on New Years Day, on January 7th, and whenever the Bucs are playing in the playoffs( I'm an optimist) We also air all the Lightning Games.

A music fan? You can sit and listen to live music most Fridays, and on Saturday the 7th we have our ever-popular Birthday Bash with Karaoke. We have a new Jukebox, and the bartenders can always ramp up, or tone down, the volume to suit the majority.

The month of January ends with our huge Gasparilla Invasion Party. We will be hosting Elks from many different Lodges, it a great time to lend a hand to your Lodge or to spend the day as a tourist. Or maybe a little of both! Sometimes, charity has to begin at home. We count on the proceeds from this event to help fund all of our end of the Lodge year's final moments – from the free membership dinner & awards night, to new shirts, jackets and name tags for new incoming officers, to the big Installation of Officers Celebration.

I will be looking for YOU at YOUR Lodge!  
In your service , Rita Smith, ER

## Your 2022-23 Committees

Americanism - Richard Florance, PER (rhflorance10@gmail.com) Chairman  
 Army of Hope - Daniel Armentrout, Chairman (Odannyboy@aol.com)  
 Auditing Committee - Chair Position Open, Robert Bordonaro, Sue Dortch  
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 Soccer Shoot - Mike Volpe (mvolpe1980@gmail.com)  
 & Christien Elkins (christienelkins97@yahoo.com)  
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 Veteran's Services - Jose Remon (joseremon@gmail.com)  
 Youth Activities - Patty Volpe (Pattyandmrfox@gmail.com)



## ***BUCS IN JANUARY***

***January 1st - Bucs against the Panthers 1:00pm  
 New Year's Day with food, beer and an exciting  
 game with like minded fans!***

***January 7th - Bucs against the Falcons 1:00pm  
 Tailgate food at half time. Let's support our team  
 and watch the game on the big screen!***

***"Anytime the Bus are playing in the  
 playoffs there will be a tailgate."***

# Welcome Our Newest Elk Members



Arthur Gustafson  
Sponsor:  
Dee Wilson



Katie Nelson  
Sponsor:  
Laura Jones



Kimberly Boussy  
Sponsor:  
Deborah Bregnan



Marla Hernandez Gomez  
Sponsor:  
Lynn Brown



Mary Louis Perusse  
Sponsor:  
Francis Aberle



# October Elk Recognitions

## ELK OF THE MONTH...TRISTAN REIBER

It was a year ago that Tristan was asked and accepted the task of procuring the weekly music for our Lodge. Having done that for the previous 3 months, I knew that that was a BIG ASK. Tristan has brought us new talent, with very few misses. Her latest contribution-Dueling Pianos – is an example of her talent at matching the music to the occasion. She was able to negotiate a great rate for us, too. She has also spent a Friday night cooking a meal alongside her sister. Last year, when I noted that running the cookoff meant I couldn't be out front, I asked Tristan to run the Super bowl Chili Cook Off for 2023, and I am thankful she is following through on that commitment.



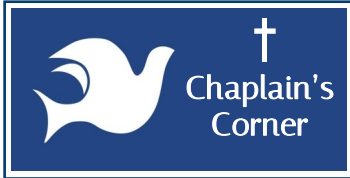
## OFFICER OF THE MONTH...DOUGLAS GRANT, TRUSTEE

Doug has been my ride or die this year. I asked Doug to be on the House Committee last year – but he ran for Trustee to learn the business end of our Lodge. He is now well versed in areas like budget and inventory and understands the statutory requirements of his position. He is also my go to when my physical limitations get in my way – especially in the food service area. Events like Christmas in July, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and the ER Christmas party would not have been nearly as successful without his help, and sometimes his intervention, in the kitchen. He now knows both the kitchen and the business better than most, and he has faithfully served the lodge this year.





# Supporting Reports



Your competition isn't other people.  
 Your competition is your procrastination. Your ego. The unhealthy food you're consuming, the knowledge you neglect. The negative behavior you're nurturing & your lack of creativity.  
 Compete against that.  
 "Whatever you do work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men." Colossians 3:23



## Ladies of the Elks:

You know the Christmas season is upon you when the Ladies have their annual LOE Christmas Bazaar. Last month the Ladies held their annual Christmas Bazaar, one of the largest in recent memory. The Ladies gathered gifts for your family and friends and the membership shopped til they dropped! We had everything from designer perfume to items to stuff those Christmas stockings. Thank you to all who participated! Even though the Ladies were busy helping the shoppers, we noticed and appreciate everyone who took the time to stop by and make a purchase.

If you are looking to show your Gasprilla Pride, the Ladies have handmade Gasprilla wreaths. There is a wreath on the LOE board for you to look at. A signup sheet is on the LOE board, or you may call/text me. Speaking of Gasprilla, look for the LOE at this years' Gasprilla extravaganza at our lodge. The Ladies always have fun items for everyone. We will, again, have our tattoo booth to benefit Children's Therapy Services. Stop by and get a tattoo and donate to Children's Therapy Services.

On January 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am, the Ladies will gather to celebrate 50 years for service to their lodge and community. Along with lunch, we will celebrate the Ladies' accomplishments over the last 50 years. Our history is rich and sometimes colorful. This is a reservation only lunch. If you would like to join us, please sign up on the LOE board or you may call/text me at 813-245-6458. The Ladies welcome all who would like to celebrate with us.

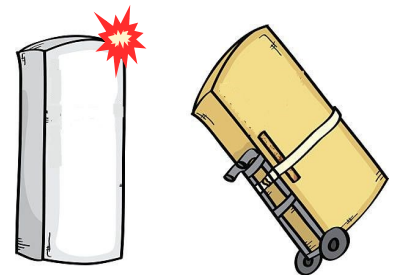
## JANUARY LOE BIRTHDAYS

Robert Bordonaro- 1/3      Raymond Huffman- 1/11

**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**

## OUT WITH THE OLD...IN WITH THE *New!*

On a quiet Friday night in November at the lodge, with only 120+ members and guests in attendance, our freezer POOPED OUT ON US! Could it have happened at a more inconvenient time? Could it have ran just one more day so that we didn't have to deal with it on a night that we had guests? NOPE! That freezer had a mind of its own and that was that. Knowing that a freezer is vital to the running of the kitchen, your LOE stepped up and purchased a new freezer for our lodge. It was delivered, installed and I'm sure already full, in December. Thank you to Tommy Moore who waited with me for the delivery men. Also, a BIG thank you to all the LOE members who were at our December meeting who did not hesitate to move quickly on the purchase of a new freezer.



Jacquie LoCicero, PL

As the Kitchen Lead I'd like to thank the LOE for getting us a freezer and for doing it so quickly. I can't tell you how badly it was needed!!      Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, Georgia Hilficker



# Grant Reports

## Club Chivalry Report

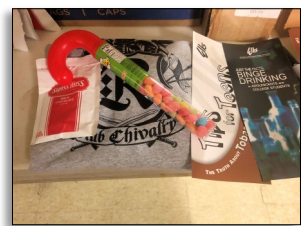


On December 5<sup>th</sup> the Lodge sponsored the Christmas party for Club Chivalry. Normally, there is no food or drinks allowed in the Auditorium, but Robinson High School made an exception for us that day. We began the meeting handing out pizza. This was multipurpose, since now the students' hands were busy, they couldn't hold their cell phones. Our guest speaker, fellow Elk Dr Kristina Chowning, began as soon as they were all seated. Kristina Chowning is the volunteer lead for Relay for Life of Tampa next spring. She teaches Avid at Coleman Middle School this year, but she was the founding force behind Club Chivalry when she worked at Robinson. The Relay will be at Robinson on April 28<sup>th</sup> from 6 PM to 5 AM. Her main goal that Monday was to get the students knowledgeable and enthusiastic about the Club Chivalry Relay 4 Life Team. She did such a good job, that we now have 13 students on the team. Each of these students need to raise \$100 in donations to the American Cancer Society to earn a T shirt and the privilege of staying past 11 PM. I can't use grant money for this, so expect to hear more - a lot more- about the need for our Elk members to sponsor these students.

Kristina did not limit herself to just one topic- she explained the origins of the Club to the students and gave a lot of credit to the Elks for their support over the years. She then moved on to talk about the Florida Elks Youth Camp. We plan to take Club Chivalry to the camp this February to do some teambuilding on the ropes course. By the time Kristina was finished, there was palpable enthusiasm in the room. But, alas, she had to leave them wanting to hear more as it was time for our final event of the meeting - handing out the Christmas gifts. We gave the Club Officers the privilege of handing out the gifts. Each student received a Drug Awareness labeled bag containing a packet of hot chocolate, a candy filled plastic candy cane, a DAP brochure on the dangers of smoking and another on binge drinking, and a long-sleeved T shirt with the Club Chivalry logo in it.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup>. It is the Club photo day, so all volunteers should wear their t-shirts and get in the photo with the Club. You are never too old to appear in a high school yearbook!

Rita Smith, ER Project Manager



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW VETERAN'S GROUP

We are now partnering with three veteran oriented organizations, The VA Domiciliary, Liberty Manor for Veterans and New Beginnings of Tampa. Thanks to the support of the community and Elks members, we'll be able to expand further.

On November 18th we hosted our new group "New Beginnings of Tampa" with a lamb dinner and all the fixings. They truly seemed to enjoy themselves and we are proud to be of assistance to this organization.

Pictured here: Pastor Tom and 8 Veterans from New Beginnings, a housing and rehab facility in N Tampa. The meals were paid from funds earned by the Lodges Veterans Committee. Included in the a picture is Debbie Brennon, committee Secretary, (front left) volunteer Evelyn Hemingway, and Committee Chair José Remon (right back center.)

# Grants Report



## ENF SCHOLARSHIP JUDGING 2022-2023

We are at the next step in the judging period for the ENF Scholarship applications for this year. Mid November was the end of the enrollment period and the following 6 applicants have moved to the next level of judging

The 6 applicants moving forward are:

Ephraim Jones - Cambridge Christian School

Samuel Terry - Brooks De Bartalo

Lauryn Tanner - Leto High School

Tejas Raxwell - Carrollwood Day School

Isabella Socci - King High School

Lilliana Molena - Leto High School

## Veterans Committee Report

### WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

On the chilly morning of December 17, 2022 five members of the Tampa Lodge Veteran's Committee hosted nine Veterans from New Beginnings for the third outdoor outing covered by the Freedom Grant we received in May. We met up for a leisurely breakfast at Pach's Pace at the Tahitian Inn. We had prearranged for outdoor seating to minimize risk of any of the current viruses causing havoc. The Elks spaced ourselves out among the Veterans, giving us more opportunity to truly socialize and get to know them. The food was good, the service was about as expected on a busy Sunday morning, but the company was exceptional. We had exactly the 5 Elks required by the grant – Jose Remon, Chair, Debbie Brennon, Secretary, Kathy Hall, Joe LoCicero, and me.

After breakfast, the Elks and their guests headed to American Legion Post 5 Cemetery for the Wreaths Across America ceremony scheduled to begin at noon. Upon arrival, it was apparent that the gates to parking were opened earlier than the expected 11:30 time, but once we were all parked and assembled, we were pleased to see that the Cemetery Corporation's officers – Alyse Duffy, President, Bonnie Obrien, Secretary, and Barbara Fuerst, Treasurer had arranged for us to have reserved front row seats. The Post put on a very moving 20-minute ceremony, featuring the JRPTC from Jefferson High posting the colors, a number of speakers, the Laying of Wreaths for each branch of the service, and a three gun salute interspersed with a few appropriate songs. Each attendant was invited to lay a wreath, while saying the name of the interred aloud and reflecting on the cost of freedom. Following the ceremony, box lunches donated from Mission BBQ were available in the Social Quarters. The Veterans that had been seated at my table – Marshal, Sutton and Herman, - all proclaimed that they had truly enjoyed the ceremony. Rita Smith, ER



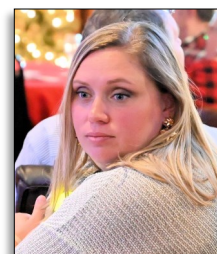
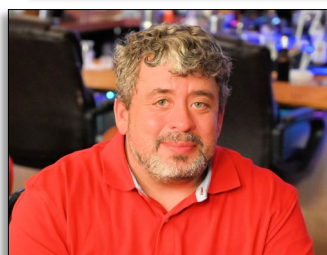
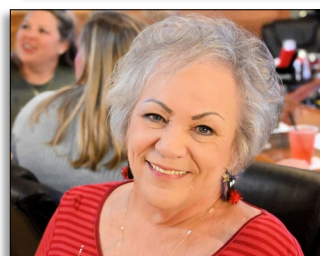


# Past Events and Festivities



## Christmas Party 2022

Thank you to everybody who took time out of their busy Holiday Season to come to the Christmas Party on the 10<sup>th</sup>. It was gratifying to see a room full of Elks. I trust you had plenty of delicious food, and a great time singing, listening or dancing to the Dueling Pianos and their players, Mele and Justin. The music and the fellowship were phenomenal fun, and we can give credit to Tristan Reiber for the idea. When you say potluck, you never know exactly what will show up, but I must say that the heavily laden dessert table was a sight to behold! Behind the scenes, Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, Christien Elkins, and Trustees Tommy Moore and Douglas Grant contributed heavily to the party's success, and I am grateful! Rita Smith, ER





# Upcoming Events and Projects

## YOUR LOE PRESENTS GASPARILLA AT CHRISTMAS!

### THE PERFECT GIFT AT THE PERFECT TIME! ONLY 10 AVAILABLE

# \$60.00

### DELIVERY JAN. 2ND SIGN UP ON THE LOE BULLETIN BOARD OR TEXT JACQUE AT 813-245-6458



### GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS

JOIN US FOR ANOTHER

## SUPER BOWL CHILI COOK-OFF

### & POTLUCK



### FEBRUARY 12, 2023 ELKS LODGE 708

Make the  
best chili to  
win cash  
prizes



CHILI MUST BE DROPPED OFF "READY FOR JUDGING"  
(NO TOPPING ALLOWED) BY 3:30PM TO COMPETE.

\*\*LODGE WILL PROVIDE CHILI TOPPING FOR POTLUCK\*\*



## Upcoming Events and Projects



*Help us  
Celebrate* **50**  
*Years*

The LOE Celebrates 50 years of service to our Lodge and our Community with a celebratory luncheon.

**Saturday, January 14th, 11:30 am**

Inspirational program highlighting the LOE throughout the years.

Lunch Menu:

Spinach Ricotta Pie, Strawberry Spinach Salad, Shrimp and Crab Deviled Egg and a Trio of Mini Tarts for Dessert

Reservations Required. Sign up between Jan 2nd and 11th on the LOE Board or Text: 813-246-6458 - Donations Gratefully Accepted



# Upcoming Events and Projects



## LET'S DO FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AT THE LODGE

DEC. 2ND



**SEAFOOD  
PLATTER  
WITH**

**FRIED SHRIMP, FISH & CLAMS,  
HUSH PUPPIES, COLESLAW  
\$17.00**

**APPETIZER: FRIED MUSHROOMS  
\$3.50**

**DESSERT: ITALIAN CREAM CAKE**

*ENTERTAINING US:*  
**JEFF MERRIL**

JAN. 13TH



**BBQ  
PORK  
RIBS**

**WITH BUTTERED PARSLEY  
POTATOES, BAKED BEANS, CORN  
ON THE COB, COLESLAW & YEAST  
ROLLS \$19**

**APPETIZER: JALAPENO POPPERS  
\$3.50**

**DESSERT: APPLE DUMPLINGS \$4**

*ENTERTAINING US:*  
**CHARLES MELIN**

JAN. 20TH

*Special  
Event*

*No Friday  
Night  
Dinner*

JAN. 27TH

**Arrgg...  
We're getin  
ready for the  
invasion Mates!  
Can't be a  
cookin when  
the pirates are  
comin!**

**Come Party like  
a Pirate...eat  
drink and be  
merry-tomorrow**

JAN. 28TH

**CASPARILLA  
2023**

**It's that time again to  
Party like a Pirate  
with Tampa ELKs 708!  
Saturday, January 28th**

Buses will pick up from selected Lodges at 7am

**You will Enjoy:**

- All you can eat breakfast
- A bagged lunch and a great view of the Boat Invasion from the Davis Island waterfront
- Pirate Bands
- Games, Activities & Prizes
- Multiple TVs to view the parade as it marches down historic Bayshore Blvd.
- Live Music - Kris Pierce
- All you can eat dinner
- And More

All this for \$19.00 per person!  
(Bring a Lawn Chair)

Tickets may be purchased at  
[www.tampaelks.com](http://www.tampaelks.com)



**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](mailto: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**

- Jan 2nd** – Spanish Bean Soup & Cuban Bread \$6
- Jan 9th** – Tuna Melt with chips \$7
- Jan 16th** – Shrimp Salad Sub with Chips \$9
- Jan 23rd** – Pork Fried Steak Sandwich With chips &9
- Jan 30th** – Roast Beef Sandwich on white bread with potato salad.



## QUEEN OF HEARTS

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

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

**\*Jan 5th –  
Spaghetti Dinner, w/Salad &  
Bread \$7**

- \*Jan 12th – Grill Night**
- \*Jan 19th – Grill Night**
- \*Jan 26th – Grill Night**



## Upcoming Events and Projects



Elks  
National  
Foundation, Inc.

# ELK SCHOLARS COME TO TAMPA

**and They Need Your Help!**

## Clothing Drive for the Pine Island victims of Hurricane Ian

Please clean out your closets  
and bring your gently used donations,  
sorted by size, to the Lodge between

**Jan. 1st and Jan. 3rd.**

**Ask your kids and neighbors too.**

**All sizes needed.**

**On Jan. 4th our 2022 Elk scholars will  
take them to the island where members of  
the Pine Island Elks will distribute them.**

***(It's important to sort them here as there is no  
longer a Pine Island Lodge Building.)***





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- . **And More**

**All this for \$75,00 per person!  
(Bring a Lawn Chair)**

**Tickets may be purchased at  
[www.tampaelks.com](http://www.tampaelks.com)**



## Upcoming Events and Projects

# *Gasparilla 708 is ALL THAT! Check Out Last Year!*



## Brotherhood Will be our Guests



### **On January 22nd the Brotherhood Riders will be our guests**

A group of first responders who have dedicated an 8 day, 550 mile ride through Florida, covering 70 to 90 miles a day for 85 fallen heroes who died in the line of duty in 2021 protecting their communities, will stay overnight in our Lodge. We will provide them dinner, breakfast and a safe place to sleep. Please join us Sunday Jan. 22nd around 4 to greet them. Dinner will be served to members by the LOE for a nominal fee, which will be donated to the riders cause.



# Lodge Business and Projects



## IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP!

Nomination of officers is the first meeting in February, February 8th. Think about the folks you would like to be nominated to run your Lodge in 2023-2024.



Be there to vote! If there are elections they will be held at the second February meeting, February 22nd.



Membership & Awards night February 25th!

# EXALTED RULER



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

Patty and Mike Volpe , with Paul Simone– great job on the Quarter Auction- fantastic FUN raiser  
 Nina Carrol - for the candied Yam donation  
 The Higgins – generous Thanksgiving donation.

April Holtzman, Bonnie Atwood, Doug Grant and Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, and our non-Elk volunteers for their assistance with serving the homeless a hot Thanksgiving dinner on a cool Sunday morning.

Shelagh Gombarcik, PER - for her assistance setting up on Halloween, Thanksgiving, and the ER Christmas Party.

Christian Elkins – Changing the sign on short notice, and helping move tables.

Tommy Moore, Trustee - for his help putting up the Jail and helping with curtains and tables for our events.

Trustees Doug Grant and Tommy Moore - for help with the quarterly “deep clean” of the kitchen.

Wendy Hall and Laura Jones - for jumping behind the bar at the Christmas Party.

Daniel Armentrout – Emergency waiter.

Bonnie Atwood – Emergency banker.

George Hilficker & Melissa Bertoch - for teaming up to score shelves for the shed.

## JANUARY LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 2nd - LOE Board Meeting 6:30
- 3rd - Veteran’s Meeting - 6:30
- 4th - LOE General Meeting - 7:00 - Dinner 6:15
- 10th - BOD Meeting - 7:30
- 10th - House Committee Meeting - 6:30
- 11th - Membership Meeting - 6:00
- 11th - Elks General Meeting - 7:30
- 18th - New Member Orientation - 6:30
- 24th - House Committee Meeting - 6:30
- 29th - Elks General Meeting & Initiation - 6:30

## Honoring Departed Elks

**Al Jolson**

**1886-1950**

**American Entertainer**

**New York, NY  
Lodge #1**



# Tampa Elks Lodge #708

## January 2023

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b>  Hurricane Relief Clothing Drive See pg 6</p> <p> Bucs V 1pm Panther Tailgate Food</p>	<p><b>2</b>  Hurricane Relief Clothing Drive See pg 6</p> <p> <b>LOE BOD MEETING 6:30 PM</b></p> <p> <b>BAR BINGO!</b> 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>	<p><b>3</b>  Hurricane Relief Clothing Drive &amp; Sorting 5pm to 9pm See pg 6</p> <p>VETERAN'S COMMITTEE MEETING - 6:30PM</p> <p> <b>HELP! Calling all CUBAN MAKERS! 6PM</b></p>	<p><b>4</b>  <b>LOE GENERAL MEETING 7PM</b> <b>LOE DINNER 6:15PM</b></p>	<p><b>5</b> SPAGHETTI DINNER NIGHT \$7.00 6PM-7:30</p> <p> <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b> DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM</p>	<p><b>6</b> SHELAGH &amp; TOMMY FRIED FISH, FRENCH FRIES OR GRITS, COLESLAW, HUSH PUPPIES &amp; SHRIMP CHOWDER \$16 FRIED MUSHROOMS \$3.50 LEMON CHIFFON \$4 MUSIC</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p> Bucs V Falcons 1pm Tailgate Food</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p> <b>BAR BINGO!</b> 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>	<p><b>10</b>  <b>HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM</b></p> <p> <b>7:30PM BOD MEETING</b></p> <p>7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL</p>	<p><b>11</b>  <b>MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM</b></p> <p><b>7:30PM GENERAL MEETING</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> GRILL NIGHT BURGERS AND MORE</p> <p> <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b> DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM</p>	<p><b>13</b> BBQ PORK RIBS, BUTTER PARSLEY POTATOES, CORN ON THE COB, COLESLAW, BAKED BEANS &amp; CORN BREAD \$19 JALAPENO POPPERS \$3.50 PEACH COBBLER \$4 MUSIC</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p> <b>BAR BINGO!</b> 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL</p>	<p><b>18</b> NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION 6:30pm</p> <p><b>THRIFT STORE TRIVIA 6:30PM</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> GRILL NIGHT BURGERS AND MORE</p> <p> <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b> DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM</p>	<p><b>20</b> HALL RENTAL HORRELL</p> <p>TBD</p> <p><b>WATCH FOR "THIS WEEK"</b></p>	<p> <b>Help us Celebrate 50 Years</b></p> <p>The LOE Celebrates 50 years of service to our lodge and our community with a celebratory luncheon.</p> <p>Saturday, January 14th, 11:30 am Inspirational program highlighting the LOE throughout the years.</p> <p>Lunch Menu: Spinach Ricotta Pie, Strawberry Spinach Salad, Shrimp and Crab Deviled Egg and a Trio of Mini Tarts for Dessert</p> <p>Reservations required. Sign up between Jan 2nd and 11th on the LOE board or text: 813-546-5626 -reservations gratefully accepted</p> <p><b>SEE PAGE 6</b></p>
<p><b>22</b>  <b>Brotherhood RIDERS</b> <b>COME GREET THE BROTHERHOOD RIDERS 5PM</b> <b>SEE PAGE 13</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> CLUB CHIVALRY 10:45-11:40</p> <p> <b>BAR BINGO!</b> 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>	<p><b>24</b>  <b>HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM</b></p> <p>7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL</p>	<p><b>25</b> NEW MEMBER INITIATION During the meeting</p> <p> <b>7:30PM GENERAL MEETING</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> GRILL NIGHT BURGERS AND MORE</p> <p> <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b> DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM</p>	<p><b>27</b>  <b>Gasparilla Set up</b></p> <p> <b>HELP! Calling all CUBAN MAKERS! 1PM</b></p>	<p> <b>Gasparilla 2023</b></p> <p><b>It's that time again to Party like a Pirate with Tampa Elks #708 Saturday, January 28th</b> Show us off pick up from central lodge at 7am.</p> <p>10:00am-11:00am A bagged lunch and a special view of the Wheel Invention from the Bay Island waterfront Pirate Parade.</p> <p>11:00am-12:00pm - Open a bottle of wine - Multiple TVs to view the parade as it marches down historic Sunshine Skyway.</p> <p>Live Music - Rock, Blues - All you can eat dinner - And More</p> <p>All this for \$25 per person! (Bring a Lawn Chair) Tickets may be purchased at <a href="http://www.tampaelks.com">www.tampaelks.com</a></p>
<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p> <b>BAR BINGO!</b> 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL</p>				

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**FOR THE PINE ISLAND VICTIMS OF HURRICANE IAN  
ACCEPTING DONATIONS - JANUARY 1ST TO THE 3RD  
All sizes needed. Presorted by size preferred.**

**SEE PAGE 11**

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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.