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Friday 4:00pm - 12:00am
Saturday 4:00pm - 11:00pm
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A Message From your Exalted Ruler, Wendy Hall



The leaves are falling, cold has crept in.....WAIT a minute....We are in Florida so welcome to the low 70s and maybe a few hours in the 60s.

Suddenly, it is time for the Holidays. We have been a busy Lodge with our Oktoberfest (lots of Oktoberfest Beer), the Blues, Bourbon and BBQ event (a resounding success as all enjoyed the food, drink and music), Casino Night, Halloween and our annual District Deputy Book Inspection. Upcoming are The Godfather Live show November 11th with a full Italian meal and fine entertainment. On the 17th of November we have The Improvaholics at 7:45 with their entertainment. These events provide much-needed funds for your Lodge and our charities. Thanks to everyone who came out to make these events successful!

November 9th to 11th the Florida State Elks Midyear convention takes place in St. Petersburg. Check the state site for details.

Veteran's Day is November 11th and your Lodge will be marching in the Town and Country Veteran's Parade. Join in and be a part.

Our Holidays then kick off Thanksgiving Day as your Lodge will be providing Turkey, Ham, Mashed Potatoes and dressing. Bring a dish to help us round out the meal. Check flyers in the Lodge for time and signup.

The 1st Sunday in December is our Memorial Service as we honor those who have passed to realms on high. Please plan to attend this special service.

As of this writing we have initiated 35 new members, a number of who are frequent visitors at the Lodge and taking part in our events. Welcome!

Membership is the lifeblood of your Lodge. We are striving to bring in new members and help retain current members. If you know of a Lodge member who has become disconnected for whatever reason, please visit with them. Invite them back and remind them that there are positive vibes throughout the Lodge, of our many charitable works and great community support.

Remember this is YOUR LODGE!

Welcome Our Newest Elk Members



JASON FERNANDEZ
SPONSOR
GRETCHEN DOMINGUEZ



JESSICA HOOD
SPONSOR
GEORGE HILFICKER



KRISTIN TERRY
SPONSOR
PAULA ROSSELLE



SANDY HUTTEN
SPONSOR
DEE CISNEROS



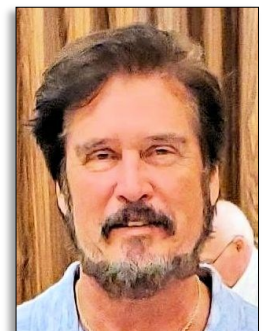
Enjoying your Lodge

Invite a Friend to join...the more the merrier!

November Elk Recognitions

ELK OF THE MONTH...DANIEL ARMENTROUT

Elk of the Month for November is Daniel Armentrout. He is an active member of the Lodge House Committee and the Army of Hope Committee Chair for this year. In addition he can be found most Friday nights at the POS system and helps to serve in the dining room as he has accepted the role of front of house for the kitchen. He makes himself available for whatever is needed and we should take a minute to thank him for his volunteer efforts next time you see him.



OFFICER OF THE MONTH...NORM BENZING

Officer of the Month for November is Norm Benzing, a member of the Lodge Board of Trustees (3 year) and Americanism Committee Chairman. He often helps with the set up and break down of Lodge events in the back room and handles the hot, difficult job of changing our sign in front of the Lodge. For a young member of our Lodge he and his wife Kim have truly stepped up to do whatever they can to support 708. Give him a thank you next time you see him.



Supporting Reports



Ladies of the Elks:

The holidays are upon us and your LOE is hard a work planning the 2023 Holiday Bazaar to be held starting this month on the November 30th and finishing on December 1st. As usual we are putting together unique and interesting gifts for the season as well as our signature Gasparilla assortment of goodies, not the least of which is our Gasparilla Wreaths. Be sure to mark your calendar, as you don't want to miss this one!

BTW...We are looking for donations of artistic, one of a kind gifts from our creative members and friends. So if you, or someone you know, have a talent you'd like to share please let us know. Every penny earned at the Bazaar benefits Children's Therapy Services.

This year the LOE was proud to be a major contributor to the highly successful Casino Night event put on to support our Youth Activities Committee. Jackie Jacobs, Activities Chairperson, did a fantastic job of raising funds to assure we will have an outstanding Children's Christmas Party for our area kids in need this year. Thank you Jackie!

Please consider joining us as we decorate the Lodge for the Holidays Nov. 24th. It's a lot of fun and a great way to start the Holiday Season. We'll be sparking up the Lodge from 11am to 2pm that Friday afternoon. Hope to see you there and Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

Executive Board

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

November Birthdays

Sue Moore 11/8 - Bob Suhrheinrich 11/27 - Betty Orcutt 11/30



NOVEMBER 11TH

is national Poppy Day and our lodge, in partnership with the American Legion, will be asking you to make a donation and wear a Poppy in support of our fallen and living heros that have worn our uniforms.

Shelagh Gombarcik, PER will have the poppies with her this month, so just ask and she will take your donation and give you a poppy.

In addition, when you make your donation your name will be included in the Fragrance Baskets raffle.

About Poppy Day:

After World War I, the poppy flourished in Europe. Scientists attributed the growth to soils in France and Belgium becoming enriched with lime from the rubble left by the war. The red poppy came to symbolize the blood shed by those who fought and those who continue to fight for our country following the publication of the wartime poem "In Flanders Fields." The poem was written by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, M.D. while serving on the front line in World War I, to honor soldiers killed in battle.

Grant Reports



Club Chivalry Reboot

Club Chivalry for Successful Students, the Elk run School Club at Robinson High School, is having a reboot this year. Tampa Elk Caroline Hand is no longer teaching at Robinson, so we found ourselves without a sponsor again. Luckily, Kailyn Morman, the Assistant Principal for Administration, has our back. We are both excited about going back closer to our roots with a hand selected group of students that really need the extra push to be successful in high school, concentrating on making sure the students have the supplies they need, and that they feel connected to their school and want to attend classes each day.

On September 16th we had our first Club meeting. We meet during 6th period, and Mondays are early release days so there are only 40 minutes for the Club meeting. Luckily, I had five great volunteers. As the students arrived. Carolyn Miller, PLP, took care of the raffle ticket distribution. Patty Volpe and Robert Bordonaro got the student's T shirt sizes, Betty Orcutt and Michael Volpe handed out slices of pizza, and I handled the drinks. Although I was expecting about 5 students from the invitation list of 50, 48 students showed up. When everybody was settled, we had the first drawing for a \$25 gift card. Ms. Morman spoke about the history of the school and Elks, and we held nominations for the 4 Club officers – President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Public Relations Officer. (Per grant rules, the Elks are the Treasurer). Next, I explained what Elks are and some of what we do, and then I introduced the volunteers. We had a couple of minutes before the bell rang, so took advantage of the fact that the Assistant Principal was there, and created a little mayhem by asking every student to get up and introduce themselves to somebody they don't know. Then it was time for the final gift card drawing, and we were done for the month.



Our October meeting was the 23rd
Too late for this month's Elksize. .

We need more volunteers! I need some that are available at midday on Monday. We also need volunteers for the occasional field trip. And especially, I need guest speakers that have something to say about the road to success starting in high school. To volunteer you must be approved by the Hillsborough County School Board, and the link to apply is on the homepage of Robinson High School or at [Volunteer Services / Overview \(hillsboroughschools.org\)](https://www.hillsboroughschools.org/volunteer-services/overview) It takes 2 days to 2 weeks to get an approval, but when you do, please notify me. I usually just text everybody, describe the event, and see who is available for each Club activity, so since I don't expect you to be at every meeting, I need a good crowd of potential volunteers. This is such a unique opportunity to see today's youth in the public school setting

And you even get a T-shirt!



Rita Smith, PER Project Manager

Past Events and Projects



On Friday, September 29th, Tampa Elks 708 members Chris Ragusa and Tom Knotts hosted an Oktoberfest feast at the lodge. Proceeds from the event went to the Tampa Elks 708 New Years Eve party fund.

The menu consisted of authentic German cuisine, including beer cheese soup, homemade pretzels, Jagaerschnitzel (port schnitzel with mushroom sauce), grilled bratwurst, poached weisswurst, German potato salad, red cabbage, and apple strudel. All dishes were prepared in house except for the apple strudel which was made by PER Courtney Weir.

Our guest deejay Chris Blackburn, general manager of The Dubliner Irish Pub in South Tampa, provided the musical entertainment. Our volunteer wait staff, who donned traditional German attire for this event, were friends and relatives of Chris and Tom's. The featured bier, an Oktoberfest Marzen, was brewed locally by BarrieHaus Beer Co., a microbrewery in Ybor City.

You may have noticed an eclectic crowd, including a recently initiated class of US Navy Chief Petty Officers selectees from the Tampa area, Cub Scouts and their families from Cub Scout Pack 1381, Scouts and Scout leaders from Scouts BSA Troop 22, and members of both American Legion Post 138 and Post 139. Many thanks to the Elks 708 members recruited by Georgia Hilficker that set up, decorated, and broke down the banquet hall for this event, and new Elk Jessica Hood and PER Dee Cisneros for expertly handling the beverages. Laura Jones assumed the thankless role of cashier. In all, we served over 110 meals.



Grant Reports

TAMPA ELKS 708 SOCCER AND BASKETBALL SHOOT

On Sunday, October 15th, we had the 2023-2024 Elks Hoop Shoot and Soccer Shoot. The venue was amazing. It was held at SLAM! Tampa, which is a K-12 Charter School in Citrus Park. Member Roshaun Gendrett is the Dean of Students and arranged for the competitions to be held in their indoor gym.

The Hoop Shoot is a free throw contest. The contestants get 25 shots. The winners move on to the district competition, December 2nd. There were first and second place medals for the boy & girl winners of the Hoop Shoot in each of the 3 age divisions as well as certificates of participation for everyone. I look forward to sponsoring our winners to the District Hoop Shoot and to State Hoop Shoot and even National Hoop Shoot competition in Chicago!

The Soccer Shoot is a free kick contest. The contestants get 15 shots to hit the goal. The goal was sectioned out in point value. The higher the kick into the net, the higher the points. It was fun to watch the kids exceed their own expectations. There were first and second place medals for these winners and the winners will move on the District Soccer Shoot, time/date/location to be determined. This contest is a State competition, so winners of the district contest will be moving on to the State competition at FEYC.

The Soccer & Hoop Shoot committee provided drinks, snacks, and Halloween candy during both events. All the volunteers and participants and their families dug into a fried chicken dinner from Publix that included green beans and mac & cheese with cookies for dessert. The adults were all entered into a raffle for a \$50 gift card. Tampa member, Kim Benzing, was the winner. Drug awareness bags with coloring books and crayons were also distributed to the participants.

Our volunteers confirmed that "many hands make light work". We had a total of 26 volunteers for our event. 8 were Non-Elks, the rest were Elks from Tampa, St. Pete, Holiday Isles, and Eustis Lodge. Here is the impressive list of everyone who came out to show their support for these 2 youth events. They made it look so easy too!

Carl Siebert, FSEA COO - Eustis Lodge
 Brian LoVetere, WCD
 Hoop Shoot Chair Theresa Sieber, PER, PDDGER
 Jessica Shaw, Holiday Isles Lodge
 Laura Jones, Trustee, Tampa Lodge
 Rita Smith, PER, Tampa
 Catherine Boino, Elks Legacy Scholar Recipient
 Roshaun Gendrett, Tampa Lodge
 Richelle Nickell, Tampa Lodge
 Daniel Armentrout, Tampa Lodge
 Lori Armentrout, Volunteer
 Michael Volpe, Tampa Lodge

Adam Harrell, Volunteer
 Bryan Sullins, Volunteer
 Becky Sullins, Tampa Lodge
 Christien Elkins, Tampa Lodge
 Ben Washington, Teen Volunteer
 Jacob Savard, Teen Volunteer
 Melissa Evener, Tampa Lodge
 Norm Benzing, Trustee, Tampa Lodge
 Kim Benzing, Tiler, Tampa Lodge
 Al Morales, St. Pete Lodge applicant
 Yaitza Blasini, Volunteer
 Konnor Evener, Teen Volunteer

I will keep everyone posted on the next events for the Soccer & Hoop Shoot District Contest. Hope to see lots of people in the crowd, cheering for our lodge winners as they take the shots to get them to the State Competitions!

Fraternally Yours, Patty Volpe, Tampa Hoop & Soccer Shoot Chair



Past Events and Projects



Blues, Bourbon & Barbeque

On October 6th the House Committee put on a Blues, Bourbon and Barbeque event that rocked the house! If you weren't there you missed a great band and an even better dinner. "Just Sayin"

The entire event was met with rave reviews, and to say the least we were thrilled at the response. As a matter of fact, as it came time for the band to leave, a collection was taken up to prolong their stay so everyone could continue dancing and enjoying the music. Our guests from St. Pete say they had a wonderful time and were so happy they chose to join us.

There were so many people responsible for this success and I'd like to thank them here and if you get a chance you might thank them too.

- Paul Deland, PER and Wendy Hall, ER for working tirelessly to provide us with the ribs and chicken and Georgia Hilficker for assisting them. (Not to mention giving us the recipe for exceptional mac and cheese.)
- Jason Brown for procuring the great Blues Band.
- Dave Ripogle for acting as our Bourbon Aficionado.
- Tommy Moore for his work in the kitchen.
- Wendy Hall, ER, April Holzman and Shelagh Gombarcik, PER for assisting in any way they could.
- George Hilficker for grilling the ribs
- The Brandise Family ladies from the Academy of Holy Names that helped serve the meal.

Past Events and Projects



Whether it was luck of the draw, or hitting jackpot, everyone who attended Casino Night enjoyed the comradery, community, and cause. From Craps to Blackjack, or Roulette to Texas Hold'em, we had a great time supporting the Elk's Christmas for the Kids Fundraiser.

Who really hit the JACKPOT though? The kids did! With 35 Elks members and 30 Guests, the Christmas for the Kids Fundraiser was a huge success.

As the youth committee chairperson, I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who made this night possible. Specifically, I want to thank Elks member's Chris Miles and Dean Valenti, as well as the Ladies of the Elks, for their support and sponsorship. I would also like to thank everyone who helped put the event together, this includes but is not limited to:

- Shelagh Gombarcik for managing the food for the evening
- April Holtzman, Rodney Kayton and Stephen Willis for helping Shelagh in the kitchen
- Susie Harlow, Betty Orcutt, Laura Jones, and Shelagh Gombarcik for helping plan and decorate
- Kim VanWalker for taking pictures
- Kristie Horst and Jacob Frost for working the cashier and Spin-to-win stations all evening

Final thank you to some of our other sponsors: Halo Salt. Skin. Spa, Brown & Brown Insurance, Founders Professional, Vanguard Specialty, The Maniscalco Family, Soho Sushi, Hungry Howie's Pizza, Long Bar Pub & Grill, and so many others. Anyone that was in attendance and would like to share comments or suggestions for the future please do so to: Jackie.Jacobs1986@gmail.com



Upcoming Events and Projects



LET'S DO FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AT THE LODGE

NOV 3RD

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

NOV 10TH

KITCHEN CLOSED PLEASE JOIN US TOMORROW FOR...

Tampa Elks Lodge 708 presents



November 11th

DOORS OPEN AT 5PM - ITALIAN DINNER 5:30
SHOW 7PM TO 9PM

Comic, Singer, Musician, Impersonator

JOE BEDDIA
\$30.00

It's an offer you just can't refuse! Public invited
DINNER: Italian Meatballs, Chopped Salad, Baked Ziti, Italian Sausage Peppers and Onions, Italian Lemon Cake
Get your tickets from a House Committee Member
1ST RESERVATION FOR 8 GETS CHOICE OF LOCATION
3016 W. GARDY BLVD, TAMPA, FL 33611

NOV 17TH

Friday Dinner
November 17th



West Tampa
Steak Night
Palomilla Steak

Black Beans & Rice, Plantains,
House Salad and Cuban Bread
\$15.00

Serving 6:30 to 8:30

Appetizer: Croquette \$3.50

Dessert: Flan \$3

Sign up by emailing 708meals@gmail.com or
Lodge LOE Bulletin Board
or text 813-245-6458

NOV 24TH

BAR FOOD MENU
AVAILABLE
COME HELP THE LOE
DECORATE THE LODGE
FOR

The Holidays

11AM TO 2PM
START THE SEASON WITH
FRIENDS

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

Nov. 6th - A&W Chili Dog or Plain Hot Dog with side and sweet treat.

Nov. 13th - Italian Sausage Onions & Peppers Sandwich, side & a Sweet Treat

Nov. 20th - Birddog Sandwich, a side & Sweet Treat

Nov. 27th - White Bean & Ham Soup, 1/2 a BLT Sandwich & a Sweet Treat

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

***Nov. 3rd -**
Spaghetti Dinner, w/Salad & Bread \$7

***Nov 10th - Grill Night**

***Nov 17th - Grill Night**

***Nov 24th - Grill Night**

Upcoming Events and Projects



Happy Holidays!



QUARTER AUCTION

WITH A SURPRISE FUN TWIST!

SATURDAY, NOV. 4TH - DOORS OPEN AT 12PM

AUCTION - 1PM TO 3PM

THINK - UNIQUE GIFTS AND
TERRIFIC DECORATIONS AT A SUPER PRICE

How does a Quarter Auction work?

Entry fee of \$5 gets you a paddle and an event drawing ticket.

Additional paddles available for purchase.

The number on your paddle matches a number in our drawing basket.

Vendors will be present with goods for sale and donated auction items.

Additional donated auction items will be showcased.

When the auction begins, an item will be shown and a quarter value set.

If you want the item, you put in your quarters, per paddle,
and raise your paddle high! If we draw your number and you played it,
then you win!

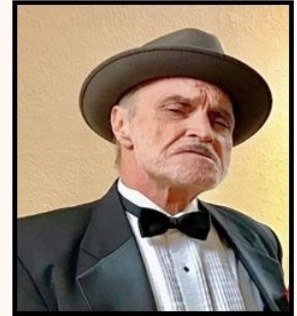
It's that easy!

*Grab your Quarters & Bring a Friend for a fun Afternoon
Refreshments & Food Available*

Upcoming Events and Projects

Tampa Elks Lodge 708 presents

The Godfather Show



November 11th

**DOORS OPEN AT 5PM – ITALIAN DINNER 5:30
SHOW 7PM TO 9PM**

Comic, Singer, Musician, Impersonator

JOE BEDDIA

\$30.00

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Italian Sausage Peppers and Onions, Italian Lemon Cake**

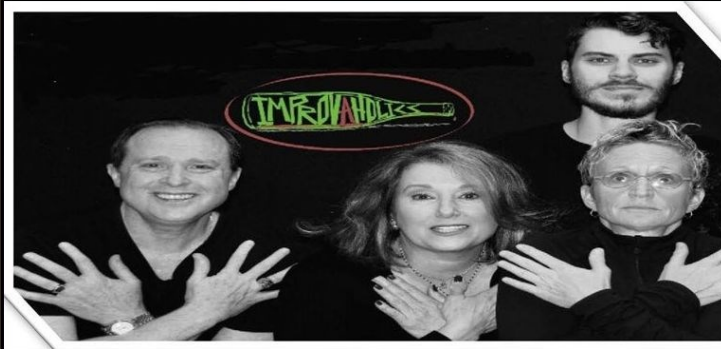
Get your tickets from a House Committee Member

1ST RESERVATION FOR 8 GETS CHOICE OF LOCATION

3616 W. GANDY BLVD, TAMPA, FL 33611

Upcoming Events and Projects

WE'RE BACK AGAIN!



Pre-Holiday IMPROV Comedy

THE



November 17th at 8pm

Adult Theme, But Clean

\$10.00 Admission

Proceeds benefit The Elks Lodge 708

Tampa  Lodge - 3616 W. Gandy Blvd.



Thanksgiving Dinner at 708

Thursday Nov 23rd

Doors Open at 12pm, Dinner at 2pm

Your Lodge will provide Turkey, Ham

Mashed Potatoes and Dressing

You bring your favorite side dish!

\$8 - with your Dish to Share

Advance sign-up and dish to share are mandatory.
Sign-up sheet on Lodge Bulletin Board after Nov. 1st

Upcoming Events and Projects



Join your LOE while they
decorate for

The Holidays

Friday, November 24th - 11AM TO 2PM

Start the Holiday off with friends!



The Ladies of the Elks
are looking for homemade & hand-crafted
items for our annual
Christmas Bazaar being held
Nov. 30th & Dec. 1st

If you, or someone you know, is artistic
and would like to donate some of their
creations, please let us know. We would like
to add some new creative items to our bazaar.

Please contact Jacquie at 813-245-6458, if you
have something that you feel will add to this
unique shopping experience.

Thank you for supporting your LOE.

Upcoming Events and Projects

LADIES OF THE ELK



HOLIDAY BAZAAR

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30TH
& FRIDAY DECEMBER 1ST**

TIME: 6PM TO 8PM

**HOMEMADE ITEMS &
BAKED GOODS**

*Packaged to take to a party
or give as a gift.*

**GASPARILLA JEWELRY,
WREATHS & MORE**

*Grab unique gifts and delicious
treats while you support
the LOE...a great holiday combo*

Ho, ho,



Upcoming Events and Projects

TAMPA ELKS COLLEGE FOOTBALL WATCH PARTY

FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLES **FLORIDA GATORS**



SUNSHINE SHOWDOWN

Saturday, November 25 2023 (TBD)
Gainesville, Fl

50/50 Raffle & More

Door Prizes

Team Sport Giveaways

Tailgate Potluck

A house Divided! Come join in and cheer on your team as the Noles take on the Gators in the Swamp! Food, Fun, Football and excitement.

Wear your School Colors and show your SPIRIT!

For more info or questions, call Dee (813) 839-8928



Join Jason & Crystal
The 2nd Tuesday of the
Month at 7pm
for a rousing game of
TRIVIA
Nov. 14th
Prizes to winners
No cell phone



November 18th
Be part of this fun night of
pot luck, cake and Karaoke.
Bring a covered dish, your
best voice and an appetite.
7pm

Upcoming Events and Projects

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE MOXIE ESTATE



Be among the lucky few to attend this once in a lifetime event.

Hobnob with celebrities as you await the opening of Holt Moxie's infamous safe.

Enjoy live Big Band and Jazz Music

7pm Appetizers and Lots of Action so be on time!

8:30 Buffet Dinner

Carving station: Beef & Pork Tenderloin

Buffet: Caesar Salad, Roasted Veggies, Fresh Green Beans, Glazed Carrots, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Herb Roasted Baby Potatoes, Swedish Meatballs, White Fish Piccata, Buttered Noodles & Yeast Rolls - Dessert Surprise!

12pm Champagne Toast

\$70.00 a Ticket

This is an integrated Murder Mystery Dinner

Be a sleuth, find the murderer/murderers, or enter to become a suspect. Everyone plays for a great prize at the end.

The Lodge will be closed for this event.

Ticketed Guests Only

Only 100 tickets will be sold, so ask your bartender early.

Please 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.

Lodge Business and Projects

YOUR HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

- 🏠 Thank you to all who came out and supported the HC's event on October 6th.
- 🏠 The kitchen has added chicken wings to the bar food menu. You get 7 wings and bleu cheese for \$9.50 (including tax).
- 🏠 Now that the weather is a bit better, the HC is looking to spruce up the breezeway. It is in need of some cleaning. If you would like to lend a helping hand, let one of the HC members know.
- 🏠 Thank you to George Hilficker for updating our PLP, LOE wall of pictures.

EXALTED RULER

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



- Huge Thank you to Chris Miles, PER and Jim Dreby for bringing in the fans while our front AC was not working.
- For Tracy Horrell, PER, Candy Suhrheinrich and Paul DeLand, PER for efforts at reducing our delinquent dues list.
- For their help in our Blues, Bourbon and BBQ event:
 Jacquie LoCicero, Sue Moore, Debbie Brennen, Paul DeLand, PER, Dave Replogle, Daniel Armentrout, Jason Brown, Wendy Hall, ER, Edie Hanley, George Hilficker, Georgia Hilficker, Tommy Moore, David Replogle, Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, Jimmy Dreby, and Christien Elkins. Finally a special shout out to the bartenders at the Blues event, Dee Cisneros, PER and Stacy Helfer, for their hard work that night. As well as Tristan Reiber, Chris Miles, PER, Dean Valenti, Teil Allen and T. Michael Boyle for contributing to the fund allowing the band to stay longer.
- To Jackie Jacobs for her exceptional job with Casino Night! Not only did she put on a fantastic event, but she got the bulk of it underwritten. Can't wait to see her Children's Christmas Party!
- To Patty Volpe and her volunteers, for an outstanding effort with the Basketball and Hoop Shoot this year.

NOVEMBER LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 1st - LOE General Meeting - 7:00 - Dinner 6:15
- 7th - BOD Meeting - 6:30
- 8th - Membership Meeting - 6:00
- 8th - Elks General Meeting - 7:30
- 13th - Veteran's Meeting - 6:30
- 21st - House Committee Meeting - 6:30
- 24th - New Member Orientation/Installation 6:30
- 22nd - Elks General Meeting Canceled- 7:30

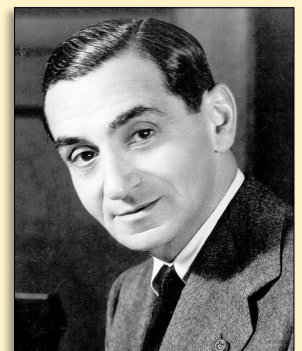
Honoring Departed Elks

Irving Berlin

1888 to 1989


























Famous American Composer and Musician

New York Lodge #1 New York, NY



Tampa Elks Lodge #708

November 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 LOE GENERAL MEETING 7PM LOE DINNER 6:15PM 	2 SPAGHETTI DINNER NIGHT \$7.00 6PM-7:30 	3 SHELAGH & TOMMY FISH FRY NIGHT MINI CORN MUFFINS W/ HONEY BUTTER, FRIED SHRIMP AND FISH, FRENCH FRIES OR GRITS, FRIED OKRA, HUSH PUPPIES, COLESLAW AND A LEMON CAKE \$18.00	 QUARTER AUCTION WITH A SURPRISE FUN TWIST THINK GIFTS & DECORATIONS 1PM TO 3PM SEE PG 11
5  Bucs vs Cowboys 12pm Tailgate Food Please bring Pot Luck	6 A&W CHILI DOG OR PLAIN HOT DOG SIDE & SWEET TREAT  6:30PM \$3 DONATION	7  7:30PM BOD MEETING 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHOLICS REHEARSAL	8 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM  7:30PM GENERAL MEETING	9 GRILL NIGHT BURGERS & MORE 6PM-7:30 	10 BAR FOOD AVAILABLE PLEASE JOIN US TOMORROW FOR THE GODFATHER SHOW  Comic, Singer, Musician, Impersonator JOE BEDIA Dinner a Show \$30.00 See page 12	
12  Bucs vs Titans 1pm Tailgate Food Pls bring Pot Luck Dish	13 ITALIAN SAUSAGE PEPPERS & ONION SANDWICH WITH SIDE & SWEET TREAT VETERAN'S COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM  6:30PM \$3 DONATION	14  At 7pm with Jason & Crystal 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHOLICS REHEARSAL	15 6:30pm NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY INITIATION	16 GRILL NIGHT BURGERS & MORE 6PM-7:30	17 WEST TAMPA STEAK NIGHT PALLOMILLA STEAK SEE PG 10  Pre-Holiday IMPROV Comedy 8pm-\$10 See Pg 9	18 Kitchen in use for Open Arms  NOVEMBER Birthday Party Karaoke, Potluck Dinner, and Cake Bring a Covered Dish 7pm
19  Bucs vs 49ers 4:05pm Tailgate Food Pls bring Pot Luck Dish	20 BIRD DOG SANDWICH WITH SIDE & SWEET TREAT  6:30PM \$3 DONATION	21  HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHOLICS REHEARSAL	22 NO MEETING 		<i>Let's Decorate the Lodge for Christmas Together</i>  See Pg 14	25  FLORIDA STATE VS FLORIDA WATCH PARTY SEE PAGE 16
26  Bucs vs Colts 1pm Tailgate Food Pls bring Pot Luck Dish	27 WHITE BEAN AND HAM SOUP 1/2 A BLT WITH SIDE & SWEET TREAT  6:30PM \$3 DONATION	28 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHOLICS REHEARSAL	29	30 LOE HOLIDAY BAZAAR 6PM TO 8PM  GRILL NIGHT BURGERS & MORE 6PM-7:30 		

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