



LODGE OFFICERS:

EXALTED RULER - Wendy Hall
LEADING KNIGHT - Tracy Horrell, PER
LOYAL KNIGHT - Edie Hanley
LECTURING KNIGHT - Kim Van Walker
SECRETARY - Rick Schneider, PER
TREASURER - Kristie Horst
ESQUIRE - Debbie Brennan
INNER GUARD - Dee Cisneros, PER
TILER - Kim Benzing
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

House Committee Chair

Jacque LoCicero, PLP

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Daniel Armentrout, Dave Ripogle, Debbie Brennan,
Jason Brown, Paul DeLand PER, Suzanne Moore

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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

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tampa708secretary@outlook.com

A Message From your Exalted Ruler, Wendy Hall



E.R.'s REMINDER: Due to the much-needed replacement of the Lodge sewer line we will be closed from February 6th to the 10th. Should the work go more quickly than anticipated we will confirm a reopening date through email notice by Marty Quire and Facebook notice by Rebecca Sullins.

We are approaching both the ending of our Lodge year (April 1st) and one of the busier times in the year. The February 14th Lodge meeting will include nomination of the Lodge Officers for the 2024-25 Lodge Year. Any contested offices will be decided by vote at the February 28th meeting. I urge those interested to consider running for an office and to match their skills and experience to a Lodge position. Remember some Lodge positions require a commitment of time and talent. Another choice may be to seek one of the appointed positions through the new Exalted Ruler.

Please make sure to buy the 70s show tickets for February 3rd with great music, good food and a fun time.

March brings the Membership/Awards night, March 9th, when our achievers and hard workers are recognized. Plan to attend and be recognized or to help salute those who are. Then the year winds to an end on March 30th as we install those Officers who will lead and serve the Lodge through the following 12 months.

Hope to see you at the Lodge!

NEW MEMBER MINGLE

Tampa Lodge 708s Exalted Ruler & Officers
invite you to a New Member Mingle
To be held February 18th * from 4pm to 6pm.

PLEASE COME ENJOY SPECTACULAR FOOD FROM
BERNINI'S RESTAURANT IN YBOR CITY

BEEF, CHICKEN AND SHRIMP SKEWERS, PIZZA, TORTELLINI WITH CHICKEN IN A WHITE SAUCE
AND SAUSAGE WITH PASTA IN A RED SAUCE!

DONATED BY NEW MEMBER AND OWNER JASON FERNANDEZ

PLUS HANDMADE ICE CREAM FROM **UPTOWN CREAMERY**

DONATED BY OUR RENARD AND WHITNEY MAXWELL

PLUS GAMES, TRIVIA, & 50/50

QUESTIONS TEXT SHELAGH COMBARCIK PER AT 813-837-4246



February Elk Recognitions

ELK OF THE MONTH...Bonnie Atwood & Susie Harlow

Bonnie Atwood and Susie Harlow work together, mostly when no one else is around handling our gaming machines, their finances and their secure operation. In addition they handle operation of our Queen of Hearts game. The work takes lots of hours each week to insure everything runs smoothly. They deserve a big Thank You for their dedication and hard work.



OFFICER OF THE MONTH...April Holtzman & Tristan Reiber

This month I honor two Officers. April Holtzman and Tristan Reiber share the fact they are both newer Elks, and have each taken on a big task for the Lodge. April, in addition to helping with events including the Birthday Bash Committee, has done an awesome job as our Lodge Chaplain.

Tristan took over an open Lodge Trustee position serving as our two year Trustee. As a Trustee she is also a member of the Board of Directors. She has also been involved in many events including the popular Halloween party. Give them a thank you and let them know they are appreciated.



UNDER CONSTRUCCION
EXCITING IMPROVEMENTS AHEAD

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Supporting Reports

“LOE” BYLAW CHANGES TO BE VOTED ON FEBRUARY 4TH

Article V – Dues

Section A: The membership dues shall be \$15.00 a year, payable by April 15. The dues shall be prorated to \$7.50 to anyone becoming a new member after December 1.

Recommended change: The membership dues shall be \$20.00 a year, payable by April 1 The dues shall be prorated to \$10.00 to anyone becoming a new member after December 1.

Section B: A member delinquent on dues for 3 consecutive months, after April 15, shall be dropped. She/he may be reinstated at any time she/he desires by paying a reinstatement fee of \$2.00 plus the \$15.00 dues.

Recommended change: A member is considered delinquent after May 15, shall be dropped from the rolls. She/he may be reinstated at anytime she/he desires by paying a reinstatement fee of \$5.00 plus their dues of \$20.00

Article VIII – Elections

Section C: The newly elected and appointed officer's installation shall be held at the discretion of the outgoing President and soon after the election. Officers shall assume their duties at the April business meeting.

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Article IX – Duties of Officers

Section A: The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and Executive Board. The President shall perform the usual duties of the office, appoint committee chairpersons, and serve as “ex-officio” member on all committees. The president shall appoint the Chaplain and Parliamentarian. The President shall be entitled to expenses including up to 2 nights room, registration, and transportation to attend the Ladies' Conference. She/he shall be required to attend all LOE meetings and functions open to her/him at the conference and to report on them at the next meeting. In the event that two of the three eligible officers (President, Vice President, and Secretary) cannot attend, an alternate shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.

Proposed change: The President shall be entitled to expenses including up to 2 nights room, registration and transportation to attend the Elks State (FL) Convention. In the event the President can't attend Elks State Convention an alternate shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board. The President shall be entitled to expenses including up to 2 nights room, registration, and transportation to attend the Ladies' Conference. She/he shall be required to attend all LOE meetings and functions open to her/him at the conference and to report on them at the next meeting. In the event that two of the three eligible officers (President, Vice President, and Secretary) cannot attend, an alternate shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board.

Supporting Reports



Ladies of the Elks:



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

Greetings from the Florida Ladies of Elks.

2024 is off to a great start with visits to the North District and North Central District in January. It was great meeting new people and sharing all the great things FLOE has planned to benefit the FSEA State Major Projects.

Ladies, join us at the February Quarterly Meeting at the Florida Elks Youth Camp and learn more about FLOE and all we do for the FSEA Major Projects. Angel Program Reverse Draw tickets, benefiting FECS, will be available for a donation of \$20. Just a reminder, only 300 tickets will be available so be sure to get your early.

April 12- 14, 2024 to attend the 3rd Annual Ladies Weekend at the Florida Elks Youth Camp. A fun relaxing weekend for all ladies to mingle and make new friends while enjoying the beauty and delicious food prepared by the camp chef. Visit the FSEA website (floridaelks.org) to register. It promises to be a fun time you don't want to miss.

The 2nd Annual FLOE RV Rally "Camping for the Kids" benefiting the Florida Elks Youth Camp will be May 31-June 2, 2024. More information will be coming soon so save the date and tell all your friends. The RV Rally is open to everyone (not just Elks families). We hope to see you there.

Please check <https://floridaelks.org/floe> for more information relating to FLOE or email floeinformation@gmail.com with any questions.

Just a reminder, **EVERY** lady Elk, wife of an Elk and widow of an Elk are members of FLOE. There are no applications to complete nor dues to pay.

We would like to say "Thank You" for your continued support and look forward to seeing you.



February Birthdays

Susie Harlow 2/9 Crystal Johnson 2/15



ROBERT BORDANARO

January 3, 1947 - January 11, 2024

We are sad to inform you that one of our long time members, Robert Bordanaro past last month. Robert served the LOE, multiple times, as treasurer and parliamentarian and was a dedicated member.

He will be missed.

Grant Reports and Information



Most Valuable Scholarship Update

The District Level judging for the Most Valuable Scholar contest ended on January 10th. There were 35 entries judged by 3 Elks from 3 different Lodges, and the aggregate score is used to determine who moves up. I have been forwarded the names of those who advanced to the State Level.

Males and Females are judged separately. The number allowed per district is determined by the number of lodges in the district. The Wonderful West Central District has 8 Lodges, so we were allowed to forward 9 males and 9 females. ENF notifies the applicants of their status after each round.

Males moving forward to State Judging are Rohil Agarwal, Carson Wilbur, Tyler Teixeira, Benjamin Aviett, Ethan Koa, Noah Hall, Damien Clemente, Tanner Hallas, and Griffin Franzese. Tampa's number 1 Male, Benjamin Aviett, was advanced to State.

Females moving up are Caroline Geiger-Kalinski, Kayla Dudinsky, Zoey Vetter, Susmita Gudla, Lesslee Hendricks, Megi Doko, Faith Clark, Ishitha Panguluri, and Raissa Ramirez. Tampa's number 1 Female, Gudla Susmita and number 2 Female, Ishita Panguluri advanced to State Level Judging.

Rita Smith, PER
Tampa Scholarship Chair

ELKS CARING AND SHARING IN OUR VERY OWN COMMUNITY

The Academy of the Holy Names Rowing team is a 501c 3 charity that must raise funds to exist. They practice at Julian Lane Riverfront Park and share the Park Boathouse on Hillsborough River with other local longboat rowing teams. The longboats rowing up and down the river, early morning during the summer and early evenings during the winter, are an iconic part of the Downtown Tampa landscape. This team does community service with us both at the Lodge during children's parties and at Open Arms where we serve the homeless.

Thanks to the Gratitude Grant, on January 22nd it was the Tampa Elk's turn to give.

Pictured in front holding the check are Wendy Hall, Exalted Ruler and Tampa Elk Paul Deland, PER and Chairman of the Board.

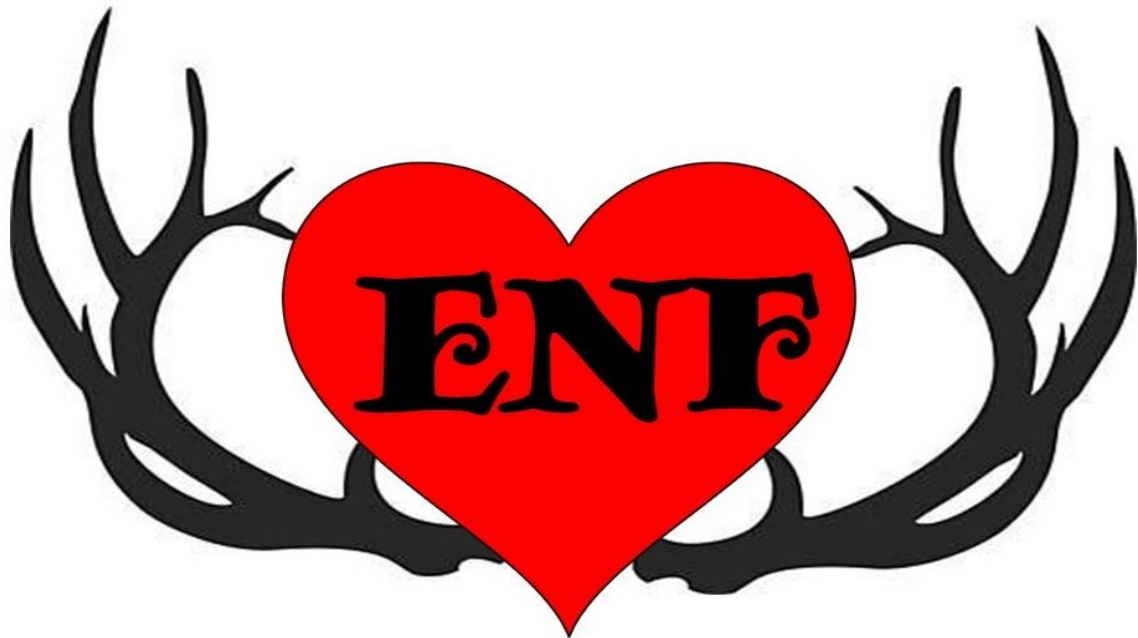
Behind them are about 40 members of the AHN rowing team that are used to being on the river during cold and drizzly weather. However, they suddenly realized they were IN the river as that was too much weight for the floating dock!



😁 (look close at the girls feet!)

Rita Smith, PER, Grant Coordinator

Grant Reports and Information



Elks National Foundation

“The Great Heart of Elkdome”

Fundraising Dinner

Georgia & Shelagh are in the kitchen

Friday, February 23rd from 6:30 to 8:30pm

Come enjoy

Simple Onion Soup

Main course

Smothered Pork Chops with Mashed Potatoes

Fresh Green Beans and Yeast Rolls

Finish with

Mountain Dew Apple Dumplings

\$20.00

\$10 of which is your donation to ENF

Please sign up for on 708meal@gmail.com or on the Lodge bulletin board.

Grant Reports



Club Chivalry Report

Wow – What a field trip!



On January 11th at 8:30 in the morning 24 students from Robinson's Club Chivalry, 3 Elks, and the Vice Principal of Administration climbed onto a brand new 2024 coach tour bus for a full day's adventure. As students passed 9 year Elks member Robert Maloney, Jr they chose either an ice-cold apple or an orange juice. Rita Smith, PER handed the students a bag with a banana, Danish and 3 donuts, an ink pen and a lunch menu. It didn't take long before the kids were settled in and Ms. Morman, the VP, had the head count. The Tour bus driver, Orlando, was soon on Interstate 75 and looking at Tampa in the review mirror. About an hour in, 12 year Elk member Patty Volpe, 708's soccer and hoops chairman, collected the menus which were reviewed, and sometimes returned, for errors.

Our first stop was at a combination Circle K convenience store and Subway Sandwich stop. Patty Volpe ran the orders in – the rest of us stayed on the bus. We were, at that point, still about 45 minutes away from our destination – the ropes course at the beautiful Florida State Elks Camp in Umatilla FL. When the double gates opened to admit the bus, the bus became very quiet as the students absorbed their surroundings. Even the bus driver was impressed. We stopped and unloaded the bus outside of the enclosed pavilion, and had the students make a trip through the restrooms to wash their hands. Then we entered the enclosed pavilion for our scheduled lunch. We were a few minutes early, but the air was crisp and coffee or hot chocolate provided was most welcome while we waited.

Lunch was fantastic, I would never have made the choice of cheesesteak sandwiches for a group of high school kids, but they were well received, especially since all the veggies were added upon request. Waffle fries, a tossed salad and a cup of ice cream rounded out the menu. We were allotted an hour for lunch, but the students finished a little faster. Ms. Morman took a group down to the lake, while the Elks and Orlando filled the ice chest with drinks for the afternoon.

State COO Carl Seibert had thoughtfully arranged for a golf cart for our use, but we loaded the students onto the bus for the "right around the corner" ride to the ropes course. They were so excited when they saw it come into view!

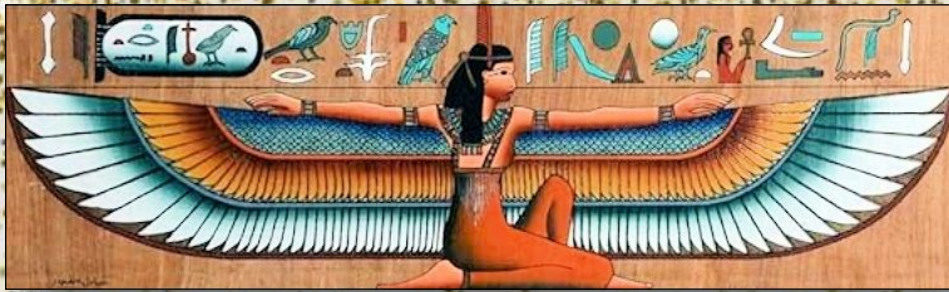
The next few hours were filled with some serious team building. Having overcome fear and physical challenges they would not normally be exposed to, their self-confidence grew. They also learned to trust students that they did not particularly know. And, watching, I saw some of the quieter students take on leadership roles. We let them get high, safely, and when they came down, they were changed!

We stopped and picked up our Subway sandwiches on the way home. The students went in and filled their own drinks. They were talking and laughing before they ate, but the bus got very quiet after that. As we approached the school, Ms. Morman called out – If somebody near you is asleep – please wake them up! The January regular Club meeting is Club Photo day. I will let you know who made the yearbook next month.

Rita Smith, PER
Club Chivalry Project Manager



Past Events and Projects



TAMPA 708

2024 NEW YEAR'S EVE

I'm very proud of how our New Year's Eve 2024 event went. However, since it was my idea, and since I was part of raising the money to underwrite it, I'm getting a lot of credit for its success. Well let me tell you, "It Took a Village".

Due to the members that helped by contributing money for the food supporting the Sunday dinners, and Rodney Kayton and Stephen Willis who put on a quarter auction then contributed the funds to the event, as well as Chris Ragussa and Tom Knotts who put on the Oktoberfest, our evening was completely underwritten. All the ticket sales, over \$6,000, went to directly to Lodge operations account.

Those were just the financial helpers...we had a large group of physical assistance as well. Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, and Laura Jones were with me every step of the way. April Holtzman, Debbie Brennan, Ismeny Ramirez, Yannet Sabatt, Daniel Armentrout, my family Donnielle and Albert Weil, Raegan, Ayden and Leah Weil, Christine Harris and Norm and Kim Benzing, who either served, set up, decorated, cooked or did all three.

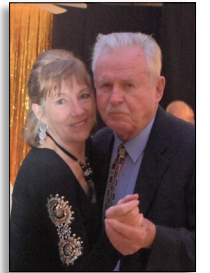
I sincerely hope that everyone in attendance was glad they bought a ticket and enjoyed the evening. I know the band "Jazz Phools" were fantastic, and the service was top notch. I hope the food lived up to my hype and the storyline added to the overall event. I'm including an entire page of pictures so those who were not with us can see how it went, and I'm hoping will be sorry they missed it. Since I intend to put something together in the coming year, I will need everyone's support!

Much of the Lodge physical infrastructure and kitchen appliances are in need of help or replacement. If you enjoy the use of the Lodge, and appreciate the support we provide our community, veterans, and children in need, this is an easy way to keep us moving forward. You have to admit special events are a fun way to help our Lodge! Buy a ticket, bring a friend, volunteer to help. You won't be sorry.



Past Events and Projects

NEW YEAR'S EVE CONTINUED



Upcoming Events and Projects



LET'S DO FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AT THE LODGE

FEB 2ND

Friday Dinner February 2nd

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: \$15.00
 Serving 6:30 to 8:30
 Sign up by emailing 708meals@gmail.com or on the Lodge Bulletin Board

FEB 9TH

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FEB 16

Friday Dinner Feb 16th
STEAK NIGHT



Goz Filet
 with a House Salad,
Potato Salad with Crispy Bacon and Truffle Oil, Roasted Broccoli
\$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

FEB 23



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 Fundraising Dinner
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 Main course
 Smothered Pork Chops with Mashed Potatoes
 Fresh Green Beans and Yeast Rolls
Finish with
 Mountain Dew Apple Dumplings
 \$20.00
 \$10 of which is your donation to ENF
 Please sign up for en708meals@gmail.com or on the Lodge bulletin board.

**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**



Served Mondays 6pm to 7:30pm
All Menus \$9.50 including tax
Feb 5th - BBQ PULLED PORK SANDWICH, W/SIDE & SWEET TREAT
Feb 12th - ITALIAN MEATBALL SANDWICH, WITH A SIDE AND A SWEET TREAT
Feb 19th BLT SANDWICH WITH /SIDE & SWEET TREAT
Feb 26th - CHICKEN TENDER SANDWICH WITH SIDE & 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
***Feb 1st - Spaghetti Dinner, w/Salad & Bread \$7**
FEB 8TH-LODGE CLOSED FOR REPAIRS
***Feb 15th - Grill Night**
***Feb 22nd - Grill Night**
***Feb 29th - Grill Night**

Upcoming Events and Projects



Let's Rock Back to the 70's

Saturday, February 3rd
6:00pm TO 11PM

Dance the Night Away
with music by The Mixx

\$20.00

Dinner... Tracy Horrell will be in the kitchen
 cooking up meatloaf, mashed potatoes,
 Green beans, rolls and a cake

Plus we will play 50/50

All proceeds to benefit the Lodge renovations.
 Please come and support our Lodge

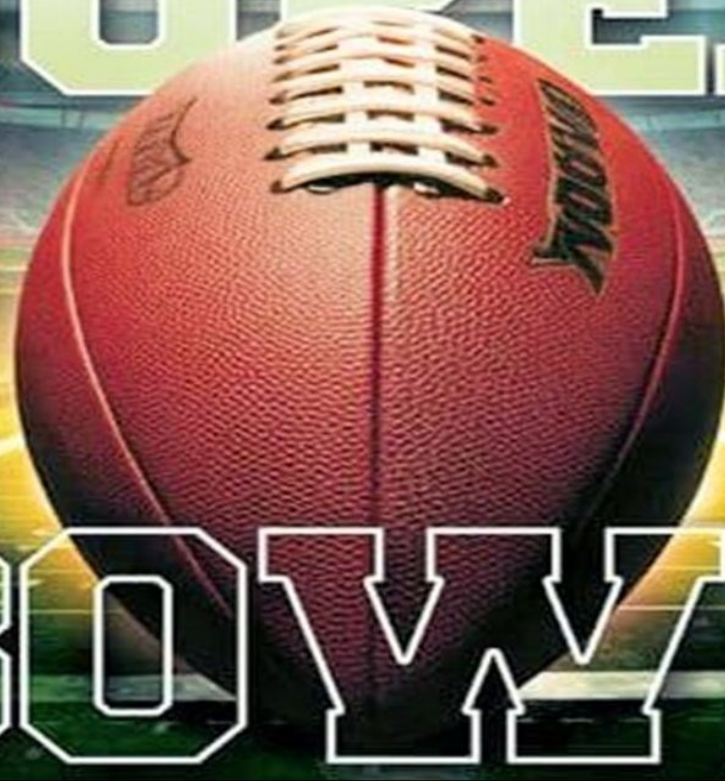


Upcoming Events and Projects

JOIN TAMPA 708 FOR A

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

SUPER



BOWL

EXTRAVAGANZA!

BIG SCREEN TV, COLD BEER AND COCKTAILS, SPORTS TRIVIA WITH PRIZES AND FOOD AT HALFTIME, CHILI COOK-OFF WITH PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACE WINNERS
CHILI OFFERINGS SHOULD BE IN BY 4PM FOR JUDGING.



MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BRING AN APPETIZER.

Upcoming Events and Projects

Tampa Elks #708 present a VINTAGE, THRIFT, AND CRAFT SALE



FEBRUARY 17, 2024

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

3616 W. Gandy Blvd.

Tampa, FL 33611

Vendors: Reserve a spot!

Inside: \$20 for 1 table, 2 chairs (limited Space)

**Set Up available inside on Friday, February 16th
from 3:00 to 6:00 PM**

**Outside: \$10 for a spot and you provide your
own table and chairs.**

**Contact: Susie H. at 813-205-1762 or
Lisa S. at 813-390-5325**

Refreshments: Food & Drinks will be available for purchase.

MEMBER DONATIONS MAY BE DELIVERED ON FRIDAY NIGHT, FEB 16TH ONLY, FROM 3PM TO 8PM.
ACCEPTABLE DONATIONS ARE: NEW OR LIKE NEW COOKWARE, SERVING DISHES, KNICK KNACKS,
JEWELRY, COLLECTIBLES, ANTIQUES, TOYS, GAMES, & PUZZLES.
NO CLOTHING, OR FURNITURE PLEASE. NO LINENS UNLESS NEW AND IN PACKAGING.

Upcoming Events and Projects

LINE DANCING FOR YOUNG & OLD

TAMPA ELKS 708
3616 West Gandy Blvd

THURSDAY FEB 15th
7:30 - 8:30 pm
For Fun, Fitness
& Fall Prevention



“95% of success is just showing up!”

Beginning line dance for those who love music, want to reduce their risk of falling, have fun, and make new friends. Line dancing is one of the most popular activities at parties and events around the world.

- **Reduce your risk of falls**
 - **Increase energy**
 - **Burn calories**
 - **De-stress**
- **Increase brain function**
- **Improve balance & posture**
 - **Make new friends**

Yes you can!

No prior dance experience necessary

Cost: Elks Members - \$5. Non-members - \$7.00

Instructor: June Kittay BSED.AFAA.CEO Tampa Bay Bodies

Upcoming Events and Projects



“Save the Date” for These Important Events




Awards **DINNER**

MARCH 9, 2024

Please mark your calendar for this special recognition event and help our ER as she thanks those that have served our Lodge so well this year.

In addition, our remarkable LOE will also recognize their outstanding members.

Tampa 708 Officer Installation Ceremony & Dinner

March 30, 2024

Make note of this date so you can stand witness to the installation of our **2022/2023 officers.**

Dinner will be served as part of this event.



Upcoming Events and Projects



Join us for a


St. Patrick's

Friday
March 15th
6:30pm

For a true St. Pat's Celebration
Corned Beef and Cabbage
Irish Dancers
and a Great Band

Find your **pot of gold** in
the 50/50 drawing



and fall into **Tracy's Famous Bread Pudding**

\$20.00



Upcoming Events and Projects



**Join us on
MONDAY NIGHTS
FOR
FUN...FUN..FUN
AND MONEY!**

**DEE CISNEROS IS
YOUR MC SO COME ENJOY
HIS DULCIT TONES!**

6:30 PM



**KITCHEN NOT OPEN
BUT YOU'RE HUNGRY?
WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!**

NOW AVAILABLE FROM YOUR BARTENDER:

- BASKET OF FRENCH FRIES\$3
- 2 MINI EGG ROLLS\$5
- CHICKEN BITES &
FRENCH FRY BASKET\$5
- FRIED MOZZARELLA CHEESE STICKS\$5
- PERSONAL PAN PIZZA
CHOICE OF CHEESE OR PEPPERONI \$5
- 12" PIZZA - CHOICE OF
CHEESE, PEPPERONI OR SUPREME..... \$9
- 7 WINGS WITH BLEU CHEESE \$9.50

February



February 17th

**Be part of this fun night of pot
luck, cake and Karaoke.**

**Bring a covered dish, your
best voice and an appetite.**

7pm



**Join Jason & Crystal
The 2nd Tuesday of the
Month at 7pm
for a rousing game of**






TRIVIA

Feb 13th

**Prizes to winners
No cell phone**

Lodge Business and Projects

YOUR HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

-  We will be installing a new handicap parking sign in our parking lot to accommodate our members in need.
-  I'd like to thank Addison for helping with the January 19th steak night. I really appreciate his willingness to step in at the last minute.
-  I'd also like to thank Chris Miles in advance for volunteering to grill the filets this month on Feb 16th.
-  Please plan to attend this month's general meetings when there will be officer nominations (Feb 14th) and officer elections (Feb 28th). This is your opportunity to be heard.
-  Just in case you've missed it...the Lodge will be closed starting the 6 through the 10th for the sewer repair we so desperately need. Cross your fingers they complete it in that amount of time.

**LOTS HAPPENING AT YOUR LODGE THIS MONTH...
CHECK IT OUR AND BRING A FRIEND**

EXALTED RULER

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



- Pirate Crew for their help in Gasparilla Raids: Paul DeLand, PER; Norm Benzing, Trustee; Rodney Kayton; Stephen Willis; Shelagh Gombarcik, PER; April Holtzman; Debbie Brennan; Tracy & Addison Horrell, PERs;
- Georgia Hilficker and her crew for the delicious food and the awesome New Years Eve Party!
- Shelagh Gombarcik for all she does in the kitchen and decorating the Lodge for Gasparilla....
- Jason Brown and Crystal Johnson for doing trivia night.
- Chris Miles for his adventure containing the water flood from our A/C System! (Also for Norm Benzing, and Edie Hanley for helping mop up after the flood!)

FEBRUARY LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 12th - Veteran's Meeting - 6:30
- 13th - BOD Meeting - 6:30
- 14th - Membership Meeting - 6:00
- 14th - Elks General Meeting - 7:30
Officer Nominations at this meeting
- 20th - House Committee Meeting - 6:30
- 21st - New Member Orientation/Installation 6:30
- 28th - Elks General Meeting - 7:30
Officer Elections at this meeting

Honoring Departed Elks

**Gene
Autry**

1907 to 1998

**Actor & Country
Music Singer**



















**Burbank, CA
Lodge #1497**



Tampa Elks Lodge #708

FEBRUARY 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1 SPAGHETTI NIGHT 6PM-7:30  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	2 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	 Let's Rock Back to the 70s Saturday, February 3rd 6:00pm TO 11PM Dance the Night Away with music by The Mixx \$20.00 Dinner... Trivia Horsell will be in the kitchen cooking up mulligatawny, mashed potatoes, green beans, tater tots and a coke Plus we will play 50/50 <small>All proceeds to benefit the Lodge operations. Please see our sign up for details.</small>	
4	5 HALL RENTAL VETERAN'S COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM  BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	LODGE CLOSED FOR SEWER REPAIR					10
11  6:30pm CHILI COOK OFF HALFTIME FOOD & TRIVIA SEE PAGE 12	12 CPR HALL RENTAL 6pm to 10pm  BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	13  7:30PM BOD MEETING  TRIVIA NIGHT At 7pm with Jason & Crystal 7PM to 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	14 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM  7:30PM GENERAL MEETING Officer Nominations	15 LINE DANCE CLASS 7:30PM SEE PAGE 14 GRILL NIGHT BURGERS & MORE 6PM-7:30  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	16 Vintage, Thrift & Craft Fair Set Up In Back Hall 3pm to 6pm STEAK NIGHT 6OZ FILET HOUSE SALAD POTATO SALAD W/ CRISPY BACON & TRUFFLE OIL ROASTED BROCCOLI \$18.00	17 Vintage, Thrift & Craft Fair 9am To 2pm See pg 13  FEBRUARY Birthday Party Karaoke, Potluck Dinner, and Cake Bring a Covered Dish	
18 NEW MEMBER MINGLE PARTY YOUR ER AND OFFICERS INVITE YOU TO COME ENJOY FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP see page 2	19  BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	20  HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM 7PM to 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	21 6:30pm  NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY INITIATION	22 GRILL NIGHT BURGERS & MORE 6PM-7:30  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	 Elks National Foundation "The Great Heart of Elkdom" Fundraising Dinner Georgia's Shlegah are in the kitchen Friday, February 23rd from 6:30 to 8:30pm Come enjoy Simple Chicken Soup Main Course Smothered Pork chops with Mashed Potatoes Fresh Green Beans and Roast Potatoes Plus with Mountain Dew Apple Dimpplings \$20.00 80% of which is your donation to ERF Please sign up for us 10days before on our Lodge Facebook page SEE PAGE 6	24 CPR HALL RENTAL 9am	
25 Cub Scout Banquet in Hall 2pm to 5pm	26  BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	27 7PM to 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	28  7:30PM GENERAL MEETING Officer Elections	29 GRILL NIGHT BURGERS & MORE 6PM-7:30  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM			

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