



LODGE OFFICERS:

EXALTED RULER - Wendy Hall
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LOYAL KNIGHT - Edie Hanley
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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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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



Happy New Year! Hope your Holidays were filled with enjoyment.

Have you felt it? I have!

Throughout the last two or three months a number of long-term and newer members have joined forces in several events for the Lodge. They have completed money making events for the Lodge and others for our primary charitable groups, youth and veterans. All-in-all the feeling for me is of a Lodge that is together and getting the job done as Elks. I am proud to be your Exalted Ruler!

Looking forward as we enter the final quarter of our year....

While this is written prior to New Years I am sure the New Years event, planned and conducted by Georgia Hilficker was a huge success. Georgia spent most of 2023 planning and preparing for this important Lodge event.

We will be hosting Gasparilla January 27th. It is all hands on deck as we bring 200 or more visitors to our day-long celebration of the Gasparilla Boat Invasion. We usually need 50 people to handle the event. Mark your calendar now and look for volunteer signup sheets on the bulletin board.

Next month is February....the month when we both nominate and elect our leaders for the ensuing year. A time for each of you to consider what part you might like to play in keeping our Tampa Lodge #708 moving forward and growing. We have enjoyed three consecutive years of growth during which the Lodge has grown from 302 members to approaching well over 400 current members. I see a number of capable newer members who can be a help in our growth. Consider it.

Support your Lodge. Come in, have a meal, or a cool drink. I'll see you there.

Wendy Hall, Exalted Ruler

Your 2023-24 Committee Chairs

Accident Prevention - Tommy Moore (tommoore4109@gmail.com)
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 Army of Hope - Daniel Armentrout, Chairman (Odannyboy@aol.com)
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 ENF Fundraising - Shelagh Gombarcik, PER (Shelaghgl@yahoo.com)
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 Membership Committee - Tracy Horrell, PER (tracywayh@gmail.com)
 Orientation - Shelagh Gombarcik, PER (Shelaghgl@yahoo.com)
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 Soccer Shoot - Patty Volpe (pattyandmrfox@gmail.com)
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 Jose Remon, Co-Chair (joseremon@gmail.com)
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 Youth Activities - Jackie Jacobs, (Jackie.jacobs1086@gmail.com)



IF YOU aren'T receiving EMAIL BLASTS FROM YOUR LODGE
HOW can you know!

IN case you weren'T aware, OUR LODGE SENDS OUT a WEEKLY LINEUP OF EVENTS
 AND EMAIL BLASTS ABOUT UP COMING SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND FUNCTIONS

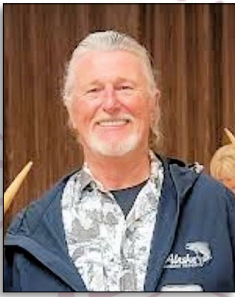
AS WELL AS THIS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER IN COLOR!

TO GET ON THIS LIST JUST EMAIL

tampa708secretary@outlook.com

YOU CAN ALSO KEEP UP ON FACEBOOK AT **Tampa Elks Lodge 708**

Welcome Our Newest Elk Members



Casey Stangel
Sponsored by
Rick Schneider, PER



Chris Roberts
Sponsored by
Mike Weathers



Christine Jones
Sponsored by
Jackie Jacobs



Jason Knost
Sponsored by
Mike Weathers



Kevin Siuda
Sponsored by
David Riplogel



Michael Torres
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Mike Weathers



Rachel Rousselle
Sponsored by
Paula Rousselle



Theresa Silveus
Sponsored by
Dee Wilson

ELK OF THE MONTH...JACKIE JACOBS

We hit the jackpot with this newer member. As Youth Activities Chairperson, she has led Back to School Party, Casino Night and Children's Christmas Party with much success. These activities benefitted children and families in need. Our Lodge is proud to salute Jackie as this month's Elk of The Month! Tell her thank you when you see her.



OFFICER OF THE MONTH...EDIE HANLEY

This year's Esteemed Loyal Knight and the VAVS Chairman for James Haley Hospital is Edie Hanley. She also serves as our Drug Awareness Chairperson. She and her daughter Crystal Johnson recently dropped off more than 400 crossword puzzle books to James Haley Hospital for our veterans. She is always willing to lend a hand and is this month's Officer of The Month. Please thank her when you see her at the Lodge.



Supporting Reports



Ladies of the Elks:

I want to thank everyone that came out in support of our Holiday Bazaar. This was one of our most successful years and that's all due to your generous spending! I'd also like to thank the Ladies that worked so hard to make this year such a success. Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, Laura Jones, and Suzanne Moore, PLP for helping in all phases of the event and in manning the tables. April Holtzman and Ruth Levin for donating the baked goods. As well as everyone that donated their crafts and special items to the sale.

Gasparilla is upon us and the Ladies are working hard to put together a great Pop Up Shop, so please stop by and partake of our wonderful array of pirated goods and more. This looks like a amazing Gasparilla year and we are all excited to be part of it.

Attention all Ladies of the Elks members: We will be reviewing our By Laws in February. On the agenda this year is the changing of our membership fees from \$15 per year to \$20 per year. Please pay attention to our notices for the exact date and time.

January Birthdays

1/3 Robert Bordonro - 1/11 Raymond Hoffman

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

Sam Washington Goes to Washington DC

Each year the Florida State Association's Historical Program sends our veteran members to Washington D.C. to be part of the Parade of Heros, an annual event held on Memorial Day. This year we sent our distinguished member, Sam Washington. Here's what he had to say about his experience.

When I got back from the 3 day trip to D.C., a lot of people at the Elks were asking me "How did you like it?" At the time, it was hard to explain. Now, I have had the time to think about it. I now know why it was called, "Parade of Heros". Because every stop we made, was a "parade", and we were the only "float".

People cheered along the way, we were escorted by "Honor Guards" at every stop. The honor guard consisted of law enforcement personnel; some were JR ROTC, and there was a lot of cheering by passengers at the airports. We sang patriotic songs as we were being escorted. I don't know if the singing was planned, but it was suggested by Rudy. Apparently he heard me tell another Vet that the experience I felt reminded me of a Frank Sinatra song "The House I Live In" (also known as "That is America to Me").

Rudy then asked if I would sing the song and I told him that I didn't know all the words, so he pulled the words up on his phone. Then I said yes I'd sing the Sinatra song. After agreeing to sing...Rudy or someone else nearby suggested that we all sing "God bless America" and other patriotic songs. Anyone could start off and we all joined in. It was Amazing!

Thanks Sam, for representing Tampa Elks so well. We are proud to call you one of ours!



Grant Reports

Club Chivalry Report



On November 13th and December 11th, we had Club Chivalry Meetings. We have a large Club this year, and they are all in either the 11th or 9th grade. This was done on purpose, as the Asst Principle of Administration, Ms. Morman, hand selected the students. Because of the 2-year gap in their ages, we spent the November meeting on more team building. We did various exercises using 24 piece puzzles that are sold for children 5 and up. By the December Meeting, we were ready to have a guest speaker talk about his career. We served them pizza as a Christmas treat and a “sit down and shut up” incentive. Senior Master Sargent Sam Washington, retired, did a good job of holding the student’s attention while he talked about his career in the Air Force. The Selective Service system was discussed, and the fact that Sam Washington had been headed for a professional basketball career but was worried about being drafted into the Army. After hearing about the benefits of a 20-year career, he signed up for the Air Force. By the time he retired, he had three daughters and had a home in south Tampa. Following his retirement, Sam served another whole career as a Police Officer, mainly working at the airport. The students were remarkably attentive, asked some good questions, and overall, it was a good and informative meeting.

Sam Washington is a Tampa Elk and a 2023 participant in the Florida State Elks Associations’ Historical Parade of Heros event.

Rita Smith



Important Information



MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS JUDGING

The first level of the scholarship judging has been competed here at Tampa Elks Lodge #708. We received 27 applications this year, way down from the 50 we had 2 years ago. When looking for reasons for that huge drop, it's hard not to blame the pandemic. This year's seniors started their high school career in the fall of 2019. Schools shut down in the spring of 2020. Those kids did not have a normal high school experience, and they may never fully recover from that. The drop was not for lack of advertising or awareness that the grant was available. Those 27 we did receive were from all over the Tampa Bay Area.

Rick Schneider, PER, Lynn Szeliga, and I served as Tampa 708's judges. It took just over two weeks for all judges to get each of the 27 entries reviewed and graded. The composite score from the three judges becomes the final grade.

We will be sending the applications from the top 3 males and the top 3 females to the District Judges for their decision. At district level they will have 48 scholarships to judge - 6 from each of the 8 lodges in the Wonderful West Central District.

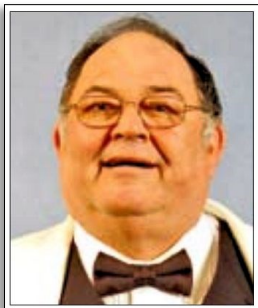
In the male division our first choice is Benjamin Avriett, who attends Plant H.S and plans to study performing arts. Second is Chase Hartman, from Sickles H.S., and Third is Logan Virgil, an IB student from Robinson H. S.

In the female division Susmita Gudia from King H. S. took first place. She plans a career in Health Care. Second was Ishitha Panguluri, from Freedom H.S. and in third place is Kaylienne Brandis, who lives in Tampa now but is finishing her senior year at Dunedin H. S. We wish all these amazing high school students the best of luck as their applications proceeds through the process!

Rita Smith, PER

Tampa 708 Scholarship Chair

JOHN WAYNE, PER HONORARY MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL



John and his wife Flo spent thousands of hours at the Lodge over the years, doing much more than I can remember.

John was the Youth Camp Chairman for several years prior to applications going on line. He was also a member of the Drug Awareness Committee, The Youth Committee, and one of the first men to join the LOE, where John helped with numerous Easter Parties.

I think John and Flo manned every Chinese auction table and convention sales table for ten years or so around the millennium. John went through the chairs and became the Exalted Ruler in 2009, where he had a successful year. Following his year as ER, John became the Chair of the Tampa Past Exalted Rulers Association, a position he held until he moved out of South Tampa.

Following the death of his wife, and with mounting health problems himself, John has not been able to spend much time at Tampa Lodge #708, but he has maintained his membership and is deserving of the Honor and the perks that come with it.

John is over 65, and has been a member for 28 years.

Sincerely, Rita Smith, PER

Past Events and Projects

Children's Christmas Party



With twinkles in their eyes and smiles on their faces, children from all over Tampa Bay strolled into the Tampa Elks Lodge #708 on Saturday, December 16th. We hosted over 100 children and their families for our annual Youth Committee Children's Christmas Party. The families were greeted with smiles by members and volunteers. As they found their seats, they were overjoyed to see tables filled with coloring pages and games. They waited patiently for Santa (Paul DeLand, PER) and his Pirate friend (Stephen Willis) to arrive. Once Santa said a jolly "HO-HO-Hello" to the children, they all took turns sharing their Christmas wishes. They were most excited to get a picture with Santa - thanks to Kim VanWalker! While they waited for their turn to see Santa, they were able to participate in other crafts and games. Some of these included: decorating cookies (donated by Sandy and Carl Jacobs), decorating ornaments, making reindeer food, and a fun snowball toss.

While the kids were participating in the fun activities, the parents were able to shop for toys in our Antler Room. This would not have been possible without our "Elks Elves" that picked up the Walgreens Toy drive toys, our members who donated toys, and our members who contributed money to the committee. We are so thankful and want to express a huge "thank you" to everyone! More specifically, we are especially appreciative to a generous anonymous donor, Paula Rouselle, Jack Johnson, Sam Washington, and Sharon Dobson.

At the end of a fun few hours of shopping, games, and crafts, the families enjoyed a spaghetti dinner. A huge thanks to our chefs who were hard at work in the kitchen - Dee Cisneros, PER, Shelagh Gombarcik and April Holtzman. Once the kids had full bellies, it was time to say good-bye. After a spectacular day of fun and reindeer games, the children grabbed their Christmas goodie bags on the way out and waved a "see you soon" to Santa!

We are continuously overwhelmed at the support our committee gets for our Youth - we had 49 volunteers who showed up ready to help. Thank you to everyone that came to lend a hand, whether it was decorating before the party or assisting during the party - you are greatly appreciated!

The youth committee can't wait for our next big activity with the Children of Tampa Bay. Thanks again and Happy Holidays! Jackie Jacobs, Children's Activity Chairman



Past Events and Projects



2023 ER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Each year our Lodge holds a much loved ER Christmas Party that is always well attended...and this year was no exception. There is always dinner and this year the Lodge provided herbed port roast created by Georgia Hilficker with delicious side dishes and desserts brought in by our members and enjoyed by all. Enjoy we did!

Norm Benzing, one of our Trustees, acted as MC for the annual White Elephant gift exchange and did an excellent job of it. There were wonderful gifts, funny gifts and some just down right hilarious gifts. Many were so popular they made the rounds several times before finding a permanent home.

The Christmas spirit was evident everywhere you looked and I feel safe in saying everyone enjoyed the festivities and the fellowship.

I'd like to thank the folks that helped make this year's event such a success. Norm Benzing for taking the Mic, Shelagh Gombarcik, PER and April Holtzman for help setting up and breaking down, Georgia Hilficker for preparing the main course and everyone else that stepped up to help.

Hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season...and Welcome to 2024 Wendy Hall, ER



Upcoming Events and Projects

**GASPARILLA
2024**



**It's time to
Party like a Pirate
with Tampa Elks 708!**

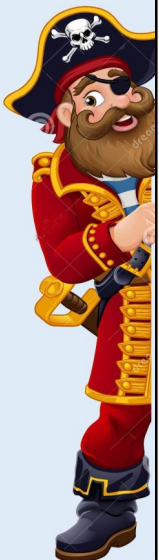
Saturday, January 27th

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 BEADS
 - . GAMES, ACTIVITIES & PRIZES
 - . MULTIPLE TVS TO VIEW THE PARADE AS IT MARCHES DOWN HISTORIC BAYSHORE BLVD.
 - . LIVE MUSIC
 - . ALL YOU CAN EAT DINNER & MORE
- ALL THIS FOR \$80.00 PER PERSON!
(BRING A LAWN CHAIR)**

THIS YEAR WE WILL ALSO RAFFLE OFF AN
IONVAC SMARTCLEAN V2, SMART MAPPING
ROBOT VACUUM WITH APP/REMOTE CONTROL



Upcoming Events and Projects



LET'S DO FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AT THE LODGE

JAN 5TH

Friday Dinner



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

JAN 12TH

Friday Dinner
Jan 12th



Smoked Sausage & Chicken Alfredo
with a House Salad

Served with an appetizer of Fried Ravioli
and including a dessert
\$15.00

Serving 6:30 to 8:30

Sign up by emailing 708meals@gmail.com,
Or on the Lodge Bulletin Board

JAN 19TH

Friday Dinner
Jan 12th



STEAK NIGHT

NEW YORK STRIP

Baked Potatoes, Corn on the Cob,
House 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

JAN 26TH

BAR FOOD AVAILABLE

**PAPA ELKS
GASPARILLA
2024**



**HOPE TO SEE YOU
TOMORROW AT OUR
GASPARILLA FEST!**

**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**

Jan 1st - NO FOOD - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Jan 8th - FISH SANDWICH WITH A SIDE AND A SWEET TREAT

Jan 15th - CHILI DOG OR REGULAR HOT DOG, SIDE & SWEET TREAT

Jan 22nd - CHICKEN TENDER SANDWICH WITH A SIDE & SWEET TREAT

Jan 29th - BEAN SOUP & A BLT WITH 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**

***Jan 4th -**

Spaghetti Dinner, w/Salad & Bread \$7

***Jan. 11th - Grill Night**

***Jan. 18st - Grill Night**

***Jan. 25th - 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 James A. Haley Veteran's Hospital.
 Please come and support our injured vets.



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

January



January 20th

**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

**Jan 9th
Prizes to winners
No cell phone**

Good Eats

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

- NOW AVAILABLE FROM YOUR BARTENDER:**
- BASKET OF FRENCH FRIES..... \$3**
 - 2 PORK EGG ROLLS..... \$5**
 - CHICKEN TENDERS &
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**

Lodge Business and Projects



Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America
A Fraternal Organization

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3616 W. Gandy Blvd.
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813-839-8928

Paul K. DeLand, II, PER
Tampa Elks Lodge #708
"The Pirate Lodge!"
Chair, Tampa Lodge Board of Directors

December 27, 2023

Dear Members of Tampa Elks Lodge #708:

Your Lodge Board of Directors is turning to our membership as we face a major sewer problem not anticipated in our budget.

The main sewer line from the rear of the building to the road behind the Lodge is both untenable in its current condition, and needs to be addressed immediately to prevent further Lodge damage. Repairs have been an ongoing problem for several years. Frequent and recent calls to repair our blocked Lodge sewer line have led to a video showing breaks and broken sections of the existing line.

Totals for replacing the line exceed \$14,000.00 as a minimum with several bids received.

We must look to our members for help in the form of donations to a sewer fund being established as a restricted account.

Any donations, from a small amount to sizeable offerings will be appreciated. We are especially asking those capable of doing so to provide donations which will have a positive impact on our needs.

We will recognize those donors who wish it...and likewise...maintain anonymity if requested. Please forward such donations by check or debit/credit card to the office, or mail them to the Lodge address;

**Tampa Elks Lodge #708
3616 W. Gandy Blvd.
Tampa, Florida 33611**

I personally thank you for your consideration and any help you give your Lodge. Please remember time is of the essence as replacement must be completed as soon as possible.

Yours in Elkdom,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul DeLand".

Paul DeLand, PER
Chairman, Board of Directors

Lodge Business and Projects

YOUR HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

- 🏠 Big thank you to Jimmy Dreby for stepping in at the last minute to grill steaks on December 15th. Don't know what we would have done without him
- 🏠 Please welcome our new server, Jackie Brown, Jason Brown's daughter. She will be helping out on Friday nights occasionally.
- 🏠 If you have anything in the back room you do not want to be discarded please remove it immediately. It is imperative that we keep the hall clean and clear of debris for our hall rentals. Remember, this is our living room to those who rent the hall.
- 🏠 We are currently looking for volunteer bartenders for Tuesday nights. If you are interested please contact Paul DeLand at 813-376-5401

EXALTED RULER

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



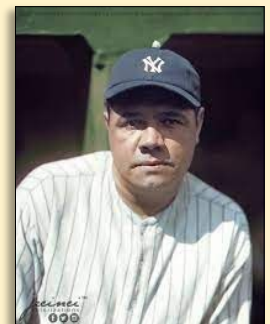
- Dee Cisneros for making sure that we have food to eat on Wednesday nights before our Lodge Meetings and before initiations.
- Norm Benzing for hosting Karaoke and emceeing the white elephant gift exchange at this year's ER Christmas Party.
- Crystal Johnson and Jason Brown for putting on Trivia every 3rd Tuesday of the month.
- Paul DeLand, PER for putting together the pirate invasions that went out to several lodges as well as Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, April Holtzman, Stephen Willis, Rodney Kayton, Norm Benzing, Tracy Horrell and Debbie Brennan for dressing as pirates for the occasion.
- Georgia Hilficker for preparing the delicious herbed pork roast served at the Christmas party.
- A special thanks to Rita Smith, PER for her exemplary job of procuring grants that help our Lodge and our community. She recently applied for, and received the Gratitude Grant.

JANUARY LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 3rd - LOE General Meeting - 7:00 - Dinner 6:15
- 8th - Veteran's Meeting - 6:30
- 9th - BOD Meeting - 6:30
- 10th - Membership Meeting - 6:00
- 10th - Elks General Meeting - 7:30
- 16th - House Committee Meeting - 6:30
- ?th - New Member Orientation/Installation 6:30
- 24th - Elks General Meeting - 7:30



















Honoring Departed Elks

**Babe
Ruth**
1895-1948
**Baseball
Hall of Fame
Member**
New York, NY
Lodge #1



Tampa Elks Lodge #708

JANUARY 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  6:30PM \$3 DONATION	2 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHOLICS REHEARSAL	3 LOE GENERAL MEETING 7PM LOE DINNER 6:15PM 	4 SPAGHETTI NIGHT 6PM-7:30  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	5 SHELAGH & TOMMY FISH FRY NIGHT MINI CORN MUFFINS W/ HONEY BUTTER, FRIED SHRIMP AND FISH, FRENCH FRIES OR CRITS, FRIED OKRA, HUSH PUPPIES, COLESLAW AND A LEMON CAKE \$18.00	6
7  Bucs vs Panthers TBD Tailgate Food Pls bring Pot Luck Dish	8 VETERAN'S COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM FISH SANDWICH W/SIDE & SWEET TREAT  6:30PM \$3 DONATION	9  7:30PM BOD MEETING  At 7pm with Jason & Crystal 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHOLICS REHEARSAL	10 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM  7:30PM GENERAL MEETING	11 GRILL NIGHT BURGERS & MORE 6PM-7:30  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	12 SMOKED SAUSAGES AND CHICKEN ALFREDO WITH SALAD, FRIED RAVIOLI AND A DESSERT \$15.00	13 HALL RENTAL BROWN 6PM-11PM
14	15 CHILI DOG OR PLAIN HOT DOG W/SIDE & SWEET TREAT  6:30PM \$3 DONATION	16  HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHOLICS REHEARSAL	17	18 GRILL NIGHT BURGERS & MORE 6PM-7:30  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	19 HALL RENTAL RV GROUP 5PM-11PM STEAK NIGHT NEW YORK STRIP, BAKED POTATO, CORN ON THE COB, HOUSE SALAD \$18.00 ONION RINGS \$3.50 CHEESECAKE 3	20  JANUARY Birthday Party Karaoke, Potluck Dinner, and Cake Bring a Covered Dish
21	22 CHICKEN TENDER SANDWICH W/SIDE & SWEET TREAT  6:30PM \$3 DONATION	23 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHOLICS REHEARSAL	24  7:30PM GENERAL MEETING	25 GRILL NIGHT BURGERS & MORE 6PM-7:30  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	26 BAR FOOD AVAILABLE	 SEE PG 9
28	29 BEAN SOUP W/ BLK SANDWICH & SWEET TREAT  6:30PM \$3 DONATION	30 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHOLICS REHEARSAL	31			

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