



LODGE OFFICERS:

EXALTED RULER - Wendy Hall
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INNER GUARD - Dee Cisneros, PER
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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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Friday 4:00pm - 12:00am
Saturday 4:00pm - 11:00pm
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A Message From your Exalted Ruler, Wendy Hall



As quickly as it began, so ends my year as your Exalted Ruler. Challenges were there from dealing with a major replacement of our sewer line to a flurry of Air Conditioning outages. With the help of many we addressed the problems. This leads me to the point of thanking each and every one of you who stepped up when something needed attention. From my BOD to individuals, support was there for me at every turn. That, my fellow Elks, is what we are all about! Also, a thank you to a very active House Committee that put together several events which helped us meet our budget projections.

By the way, please join us for the upcoming Member Awards Night March 9th and our Spectacular St. Patrick's day event on March 15th as well as our Installation Dinner on March 30th

I hope new members of Tampa #708...those who have joined in the last three years...Will continue to become active in our Lodge. Let people know you are willing to help and be involved. You will enjoy this, and quickly develop a feeling of being a part of the Lodge. Take time to visit with those who have been around a long time. Tampa Elks Lodge is 122 years old, one of the oldest community organizations in Tampa, and the 5th oldest Elks Lodge in Florida.

The heritage of our organization is rich with charitable activities. Several of our most active members have been members for 30, 40 and 50 years or more. I guarantee you will never have a warmer, more positive feeling than you will get by being involved. That involvement can be on a committee, for an event or seeking one of the Lodge offices.

The state of our Lodge as it stands is one of positive growth and financial stability. Our major fundraiser, Gasparilla, produced more than \$8,000.00 profit for the Lodge General Fund. Our membership showed a positive growth of new members over lost members for the third consecutive year.

Thank you again to everyone for placing your trust in me. It has been my pleasure to be your Exalted Ruler of Tampa Elks Lodge #708, The Pirate Lodge, for the 2023/2024 Lodge year.
Wendy Hall, ER

Your 2023-24 Committee Chairs

Accident Prevention - Tommy Moore (tommoore4109@gmail.com)
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Tampa Lodge 708 Supports our Veteran's in many ways!

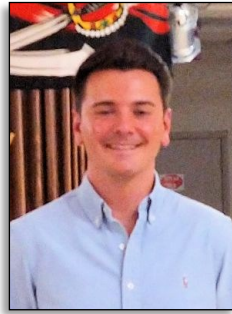
The Lodge presented 6 baby strollers and several boxes of diapers to the Hidden River Women's Veterans Clinic. They will be distributed as part of an annual Baby Shower program conducted by the clinic. Pictured above from left to right making the presentation are Crystal Johnson and Edie Hanley, V.A.V.S. representatives from Tampa Lodge to James A. Haley Hospital; Support Specialist Ashley Sard, the Women's Annex Clinic Representative and Exalted Ruler Wendy Hall from Tampa Lodge #708.

Specialist Sard told our Lodge representatives that without the help from groups such as Tampa Lodge the Baby Shower program would not be able to continue.

A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Members



Chandler Perry
Sponsor
T. Micheal Boyle



Cort Faulmann
Sponsor
Rick Schneider, PER



Cynthia Allen
Sponsor
Ruth Levin



Keith Stevens
Sponsor
Paul DeLand, PER



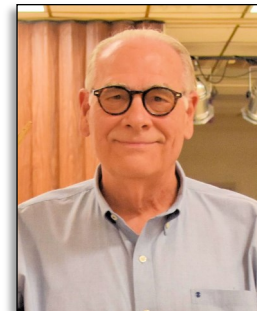
Kevin Gray
Sponsor
T. Micheal Boyle



Laura Bell
Sponsor
Patty Volpe



Paula Cardoso
Sponsor
T. Micheal Boyle



Thomas M. Boyle
Sponsor
Rae Ann Boyle

March Elk Recognitions

ELK OF THE MONTH...RITA SMITH, PER

Our March Elk of the Month is Rita Smith, PER. Rita is a long time member and staunch advocate for our Lodge. She works long and hard for our ENF Grants, obtaining most of those available. In addition she continues to lead our efforts in the Lodge's Impact Grant products, as well as sponsoring Club Chivalry at Robinson High School, working with Open Arms and much more. Additionally, she sees to it that our efforts and accomplishments are reported to Grand Lodge and appear in the Elk's Magazine. Thank her for her tireless efforts when next you see her.



OFFICERS OF THE MONTH...KRISTI HORST & KIM BENZING

There are again two Officers of the Month.

Kristie Horst assumed the job of Treasurer shortly after the Lodge year began. She has proven adept at handling the position and the computer programs involved. We thank her for accepting the position for an additional year, filling a spot that's notoriously hard to recruit. Thank her for stepping up as an officer.

Kim Benzing is a new officer this year, serving as Tiler. She has become involved in Lodge events lending a hand where ever needed and she and her husband Norm act as our Karaoke DJs at our monthly Birthday Bash. She also helps with Bar Bingo on Monday nights. Tell her thanks when you see her at Monday bingo.



Kristi Horst



Kim Benzing

Supporting Reports



Ladies of the Elks:

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our members for another very successful year.

Due to the events we put on; Horse Race, Low Country Boil, Christmas Bazaar, our Gasparilla Market Place, our Walk-a-Thon and the Father's Day Dinner as well as the handmade crafts we created for Gasparilla and the Christmas Bazaar we were able to contribute toward the repair of our sewer system, and provide \$2,000 to Children's Therapy Services. In additions we decorated the Lodge for Christmas. Quite a busy year!

We have had some very high-highs this year, but there have also been some lows. We lost one of our long time members, Robert Bordonaro, who's Celebration of Life will be held on March 1st at our Lodge. He will be missed.

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

March Birthdays

Tommy Moore 3/6 - Kathy Hall 3/6 - Sandra Brantley 3/8 Ziggy Ziegler 3/13 - Francis Salter 3/24

Grant Reports and Information



SO GARDEN

A GREAT IDEA THAT'S FOUND ITS TIME AND 708 IS THERE TO HELP!



On Saturday, Jan 20th, three members of the Tampa Elks Lodge arrived at the SOGarden site at 10:30 AM for a tour. We were met by Gardener Sandi Thompson, who explained that they have been making great progress in the year since they started. There have been some learning curves, such as three changes in the irrigation system to try to control costs, but there have been some major victories, too.

The rain barrel and sign were donated as an Eagle Scout project. The fencing of the perimeter was also an Eagle Scout project. The membership has grown, and in addition to the members individually owned gardens, they have about a dozen beds that are community beds planted in the hopes of donating fresh produce to local food pantries. This area is called the "Garden of Eatin'." Tampa Elks Lodge 708 donated \$500 from their Gratitude Grant specifically for the community garden. Pictured are Gardeners Elise Valdez and Sandi Thompson with Tampa Elks Lecturing Knight Kim VanWalker and PER Shelagh Gombarcik .

Grant Reports and Information

Tampa 708 is Proud to Support the Southeastern Guide Dogs Program

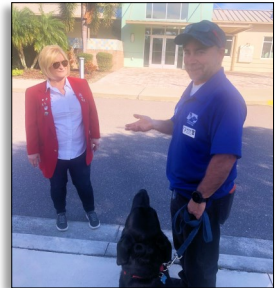
On January 30th at 2:15 exalted Ruler Wendy Hall, her sister and Leading Knight Tracy Horrell, PER and Rita Smith, PER made the trip to Palmetto Beach, home of the beautiful campus of Southeastern Guide Dogs. Tampa Elks have been involved with this charity since at least 2012, when Tracy Horrell, then the Exalted Ruler, and Paul DeLand PER, wrote a \$2000 Gratitude Grant for their “Paws for Patriots” program. Guide dogs are now trained on campus and then provided to the blind, the disabled, and to law enforcement. In the dozen or so years that Tampa Elks have been involved, the campus has grown from a one building office with outdoor kennels to a state-of-the-art facility, with separate buildings for breeding, administration, guest quarters for the disabled who come to train with their guide dog, puppies under 3 months, guide dogs in training and even a canine infirmary with full time staff. Tampa Elks have been recognized in more than one location as the facility has grown. Tracy Horrell, PER who is currently Tampa’s Leading Knight, has volunteered as a puppy trainer for several different dogs, taking them into her home at 3 months and “socializing” them until they are a year old and ready for more specific training.

When we arrived, we were met by Laura Senkow, a volunteer who had arranged for Carolyn Higgins to bring her dog, Noah, a goodwill Ambassador, to join us in the photo! Noah has a very calm, and very calming presence.

The check was delivered, and we drove across campus in the hopes of getting into the puppy kennels for a peek. Unfortunately, they were locked up for the day, but we did run into a volunteer that is on Tracy’s Macdill fundraising team – Nick Dinisio and his breeding dog Siren, who was still nursing puppies. The name Siren was chosen for this dog because of it’s two main meanings – The mystical siren – a strong female who commands power over men of the sea, and the more common siren which is an alarm, signal, or warning - in essence a guide to avoid danger.

It seems no detail is too small when preparing a dog for service!

Rita Smith, Grant Director



708 BOY'S STATE CANDIDATE

February 1st Max Chowning received his Delegate package for Boys State. He was one of only seven to receive this honor. This was made possible by 15 year Elk Francis (Frank) Smith, who is also Boys State chairman at American Legion Post 5. Prior to receiving the packet, the boys, all HS Juniors with outstanding credentials, participated in the Ceremony of the Four Chaplains, a moving story of war time heroism. Tampa Elks are proud to sponsor Max, a young man we have watched grow up and who has participated in many Elk Service Projects. You may know of some of Max’s family- Kristina Chowning, The Hilficker’s, The Harris’s, The Weils.

Congratulations to Max and his family on being selected for this prestigious scholarship!

Besides Frank Smith, ER Wendy Hall and PER Rita Smith attended the event at American Legion Post 5 in Tampa.



Grant Reports and Information

708 Veteran's Committee Invites Vets to the 70s

On February 3rd, Tampa 708's Veteran's Committee hosted 8 Veterans from New Beginnings of Tampa, a temporary housing and rehab center that reserves 30 beds for Veterans. We had a 70's party going on, so the meal was meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, and a roll with butter, followed by jello cake. There was live music, and Tampa Lodge Veteran committee member Evelyn Hemingway had the Veterans on their feet by the first set, as she led them in a Congo line. The gentlemen from New Beginnings stayed on the dance floor and had a great time. We had the band take a short break so our Lodge Veteran Chairman, José Rémon, could present a donation of \$500 to New Beginnings to be used towards their Veterans Service. All the Veterans and Tampa Veteran Committee members present were invited to get in the picture.



Spotlight on Attendance at Chamberlain High School

Bright and early on the chilly morning of Feb 21st I met up with Betty Orcutt at the local Wendy's fast food joint at 8AM to pick up 62 breakfast orders and transport them to Chamberlain High School.

Chamberlain HS is about 45 minutes from the Lodge at that time of the day. We knew that there were at least a couple of mistakes in the order we would have to address when we got there.

Luckily, Fellow Elk and the Chamberlain High School's Teacher and Resource Administrator, Kristina Chowning, was waiting for us out front with a cart. Between us three Elks, we managed to get the drinks and breakfasts into the cafeteria. We had to do some last-minute sorting, but we had each breakfast bag with the order form stapled to it lined up for the students to grab by the time the bell rang. The students were able to come in, grab their beverage and their breakfast, and move to a table to enjoy their food and friends.

The students that received the free breakfast were in the two homerooms that had the best attendance during the month of January. For a myriad of reasons, unscheduled absences have skyrocketed among high school students and even their teachers. Tampa Elks are shining a Spotlight on those who buck the trend and arrive at school on time each day. Two of the teachers who had perfect attendance in January won the raffle for a \$50 gift card.

Rita Smith, PER
Grant Coordinator



Upcoming Events and Projects



LET'S DO FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AT THE LODGE

MARCH 1

NO DINNER - GOOD EATS AT THE BAR



Robert Bordonaro

Celebration of Life
6:30pm
Refreshments will be served.

MARCH 8



Friday Dinner
March 8th
Shelagh and Tommy
are in the kitchen

Fish and Chips
Coleslaw, Hush Puppies,
and Dessert
\$11.00

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

MARCH 15

Join us for a
Friday March 15th
6:30pm
St. Patrick's
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 **Thucys Rumous Beard Pudding**
\$20.00

MARCH 22



Friday Dinner
March 22nd
Something New!
Shrimp and Grits

with Salad, Cornbread
and Dessert
\$15.00

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

MARCH 29

NO DINNER - GOOD EATS AT BAR

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL
Installation of Officers Banquet
FOR TAMPA LODGE 708 AND THE
Ladies of the Elks Officers
SATURDAY MARCH 30TH
6PM ANNOUNCEMENTS - 7PM CEREMONY
DINNER TO FOLLOW
POTATO LEEK SOUP, SLOW COOKED HAZY PORK ROAST WITH MASHED POTATOES
AND GRAVE GLAZED CARROTS & YEAST ROLLS-DESSERT: BLACK FOREST COBBLER
PLEASE SIGN UP ON TAMPA708MEALS.COM OR SIGN UP 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

BAR BINGO

Served Mondays 6pm to 7:30pm
All Menus \$9.50 including tax

- March 4th - HOT DOG, WITH A SIDE & A SWEET TREAT**
- March 11th - BBQ MEATLOAF SANDWICH, W/SIDE & A SWEET TREAT**
- March 18th - ITALIAN MEATBALL SANDWICH W/SIDE & SWEET TREAT**
- March 25th - PHIL CHEESESTEAK 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

- *March 7th - Spaghetti Dinner, w/Salad & Bread \$7**
- *March 14th - Grill Night**
- *March 21st - Grill Night**
- *March 28th - Grill Night**

Past Events and Projects



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 GASPARILLA CREW

Our sincere thanks to all who extended typical Tampa #708 hospitality in making a very fun day for the guests who attended our 23rd annual Gasparilla Boat Parade Party. This was one of the best event days on record, and the entire day was very successful.

A special thanks to the volunteers of this year's Gasparilla event which included 11 Past Exalted Rulers of Tampa Lodge #708 and 3 PERs from other lodges.

FROM TAMPA: Frank Palladini PSP; Steve Harmon PDDGER; Shelagh Gombarcik PER/PLP; Richard Florance PER; Tracy Horrell PER/PLP, Paul DeLand PER, Dee Cisneros PER, Chris Miles PER, Rick Schneider PER, Courtney Weil PER, Rita Smith PER/PLP.

FROM OTHER LODGES: Jeanne Reinhart PDDGER, Largo Lodge; Tony Fratello PDD, Tarpon Springs Lodge; and Sonja Lopez DDGER, Largo Lodge.

Those other members and non-Elks who graciously volunteered their time and efforts before, during, and after the event are deeply appreciated and include (Forgive us if we missed anyone.):

Wendy Hall ER	Susie Harlow PLP	Sue Moore PLP
Eddie Hanley	Tommy Moore	Crystal Johnson
Jake Slater	Laura Jones	Bonnie Atwood
Jacquie LoCicero PLP	George Hilficker	Jessica Hood
Georgia Hilficker	Kim Van Walker	Debbie Brennen
April Holtzman	Debbie Palladini	Rose Durant
Tommy Miller	Ed Palladini	Norm Benzing
Kim Benzing	Sam Weil	Norman Jones
Ruth Levin	Karyn Jacobs	Sharon Dobson
Joe Dobson	Patricial Gilland	Kerry Devine
Tony Springer	Amy Baird	Steve Kraft
Cindy Allen	Vincent Palladini	Connor Palladini
Lorrie Palladini	Chris Henning	Madison

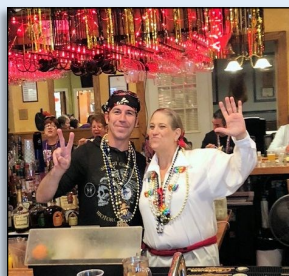
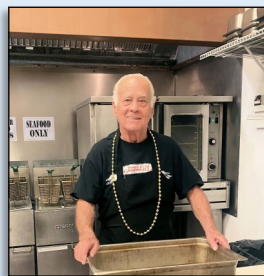
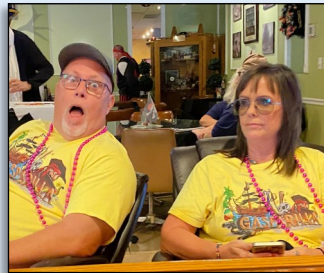
Again, our very sincere thanks to all for a job well done!

Frank J. Palladini, PSP PGLESQ
Gasparilla Chairman

Paul DeLand, PER
Gasparilla Vice-Chairman



GASPARILLA FUN IN PICTURES



Past Events and Projects



The 70's Still Rock!



On February 3rd the Lodge held a 70's party in the main hall. 10 of the veterans from New Beginnings joined the celebration and Jose Remon, part of the veteran's committee, presented a \$500.00 check for the organization from the Gratitude Grant that our Lodge was awarded. The festivities included a door prize, trivia questions for the 70's, and a best costume judging.

Most of the event was paid for through contributions from some of our members and 50/50 donations. The profits from the event will be used for repairs and maintenance of our building. A wonderful meal was prepared by our Leading Knight Tracy Horrell, PER, PLP which included: meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans and a roll. Ruth Levin made a beautiful homemade cake which had various tied colors inside. The band was a major success and played a variety of tie-dyed music from the era. Everyone enjoyed it, including the veterans.

Edie Hanley, Loyal Knight

A Successful New Members Mingle To Say the Least



The new member mingle was a huge success! New Elks were greeted by our Exalted Ruler Wendy Hall as well as longtime members.

More than 40 new members were introduced to just some of the activities that Tampa Lodge does within the community. Longtime members shared their passion for helping veterans, and children. They offered suggestions on how to become more involved within the lodge and in the community.



We were blessed with a fabulous donation of food and treats from **Bernini's** and **Uptown Creamery** and we are so thankful to Jason Fernandez and Whitney and Renard Maxwell.

Thanks again to all who attended and helped. This is a great way for Elks to come together and help our community grow!
Tracy Horrell, PER, PLP



Upcoming Events and Projects

— LIGHTS, Camera, ACTION —

JOIN US FOR THE 2023-2024

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS DINNER

WATCH AS YOUR EXALTED RULER PRESENTS,
ELK OF THE YEAR— OFFICER OF THE YEAR— CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
AND SO MUCH MORE – FOLLOWED BY THE

THE LADIES OF THE ELK

PRESENTING THEIR OUTSTANDING MEMBERS

MENU: SALAD,
CREAMY MUSHROOM CHICKEN,
MASHED POTATOES,
DESSERT

MARCH 9TH
6PM COCKTAIL HOUR
6:30PM DINNER
CEREMONY TO FOLLOW



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL
Installation of Officers Banquet
FOR TAMPA LODGE 708 AND THE
Ladies of the Elks Officers

SATURDAY MARCH 30TH

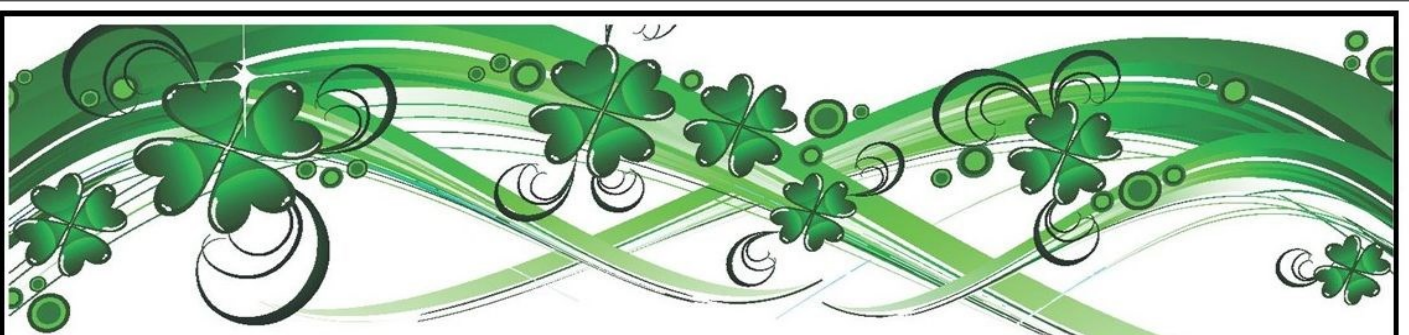
6PM ANNOUNCEMENTS - 7PM CEREMONY

DINNER TO FOLLOW

POTATO LEEK SOUP, SLOW COOKED HERB PORK ROAST WITH MASHED POTATOES
AND GRAVY, GLAZED CARROTS & YEAST ROLLS—DESSERT: BLACK FOREST COBBLER

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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



Saturday
March 16th at 7pm
 Bring a Dish and Share in the
Potluck Dinner

Karaoke begins at 8:00pm with KJs
 Norm and Kim Benzing

This month the Karaoke theme is a
 Tribute to Toby Keith, along with all
 your other favorites!



Join us for prizes, trivia, fun, and fellowship!

Lodge Business and Projects



Partners in Progress or PIP

Platinum Investors
\$100+

Pat Fennell 3/3/2023

Richard Florance 5/2023

Frank Palladini 5/2023

Mr. & Mrs. Hilficker 7/2023

Jackie Apple 8/2023

To increase the financial strength of Tampa Elks Lodge #708, ensuring that our Lodge will be around for another 100 years. We will accomplish this by rebuilding our capital through investments made by Lodge Partners who are determined to secure Tampa Elks Lodge #708 future. Interest earned on the investments will remain in the investment account and help to increase the overall financial strength of our Lodge.

Gold Investors \$51-\$99

Silver Investors \$21-\$50

Bronze Investors \$10 - \$20

Lodge Business and Projects

YOUR HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT



I'd like to thank all my House Committee members for the work that was accomplished this year: Easter Event, Blues Bourbon & BarBQ, Quarter Auction, cleaning up the Lodge, keeping the kitchen running, Florida/Florida State Watch Party and more.



A thank you goes out to Tommy Moore, Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, Steve Kraft, and Dee Cicneros, PER for all their work in the kitchen.



Welcome to our new bartender, Kristi.

EXALTED RULER



- To Edie Hanley for putting together the 70s Party...It was a blast!
- To Norm Benzing and Dee Cisneros for tirelessly working on our cleanup efforts.
- We thank our new member Jason Hernandez of Bernini's for providing the food and to Whitney and Renard Maxwell for providing the hand-made ice cream for our Member Mingle.
- To Suzanne Moore, PLP for her efforts in organizing the closets
- To Jacquie LoCicero for providing the Monday and Friday meals.
- To Dee Cicneros, PER, Tommy Moore and Shelagh Gombarcik, PER for preparing the food for Thursday Grill nights.
- To Courtney Weil, PER, for providing the food for our Member Appreciation Awards night, and to the ladies of the LOE for providing the dessert.



Our Leading Knight...Tracy Horrell, PER, PLP would like to send a big thank you to those who texted, called, and messaged her while she was sick with shingles. It truly meant a lot and made her smile knowing people care!

Also, thanks to Edie, Crystal, and Jason for their thoughtfulness in making stuffed shells it was delicious!

Huge thank you to the Board for getting our sewer pipe replaced and to all the members who have been patient knowing this work needed to be done!

As well as the members who contributed financially, we are forever grateful! We have some great folks at Tampa Elks Lodge 708

MARCH LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

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

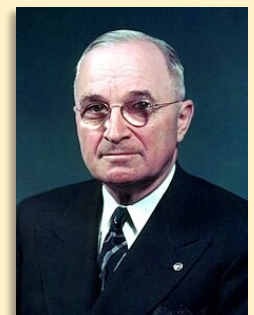
Honoring Departed Elks

Harry Truman

1884 to 1972














American 33rd President

Kansas City, MO Lodge #26



Tampa Elks Lodge #708

MARCH 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<p>1 </p> <p>Robert Bordonaro Celebration of Life 6:30pm Refreshments will be served</p>	2
3	<p>4 HOT DOG WITH SIDE & SWEET TREAT</p> <p>BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>	<p>5 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHOLICS REHEARSAL</p>	<p>6 LOE GENERAL MEETING 7PM LOE DINNER 6:15PM</p> 	<p>7 SPAGHETTI NIGHT 6PM-7:30</p>  <p>QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM</p>	<p>PER Association Meeting in Hall</p> <p>Friday Dinner March 8th Shelagh and Tommy are in the kitchen</p> <p>Fish and Chips Coleslaw, Hash Potatoes, and Dessert \$11.00</p> <p>Serving 6:30 to 8:30 Sign up by emailing 708mca@s3@gmail.com, or on the Lodge Bulletin Board</p>	<p>Light, Comedy, Action JOIN US FOR THE 2024-2025 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS DINNER MEALS ARE SERVED BY THE ELKS CASH OF THE YEAR - OFFICER OF THE YEAR - OFFICER OF THE YEAR AND 10 MORE AWARDS - PRESENTED BY THE LADIES OF THE ELK PRESENTING THAT OUTSTANDING MEMBER</p> <p>MENTAL SLEAZE 6PM CREAM MESSIAH CHICKEN 6:30PM MESHED POTATOES, DESSERT</p> <p>MATCH #74 8PM COURTNEY HOUT 6:30PM ESTIMATE TO FOLLOW</p>
10	<p>11 BBQ MEATLOAF SANDWICH W/ SIDE & SWEET TREAT</p> <p>BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>	<p>12 7:30PM BOD MEETING</p>  <p>TRIVIA NIGHT At 7pm with Jason & Crystal 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHOLICS REHEARSAL</p>	<p>13 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM</p>  <p>7:30PM GENERAL MEETING</p>	<p>14 GRILL NIGHT BURGERS & MORE 6PM-7:30</p>  <p>QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM</p>	<p>16 March Birthday Party Karaoke, Potluck Dinner, and Cake Bring a Covered Dish 7pm</p>  <p>Join us for a St. Patrick's Day 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 Tacos, Empanas, Baked Potatoes \$20.00</p>	
17	<p>18 ITALIAN MEATBALL SANDWICH W/ SIDE & SWEET TREAT</p> <p>BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>	<p>19 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM</p>  <p>PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE POLLING IN BACK HALL</p> <p>7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHOLICS REHEARSAL</p>	<p>20 6:30pm NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY INITIATION</p> 	<p>21 GRILL NIGHT BURGERS & MORE 6PM-7:30</p>  <p>QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM</p>	<p>23 Hall Rental CPR Training 9am</p>  <p>Friday Dinner March 22nd Something New! Shrimp and Grits with Salad, Cornbread and Dessert \$15.00</p> <p>Serving 6:30 to 8:30 Sign up by emailing 708mca@s3@gmail.com, or on the Lodge Bulletin Board</p>	
24	<p>25 PHILLY CHEESE STEAK SANDWICH W/ SIDE & SWEET TREAT</p> <p>BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>	<p>26 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHOLICS REHEARSAL</p>	<p>27 7:30PM GENERAL MEETING</p> 	<p>28 GRILL NIGHT BURGERS & MORE 6PM-7:30</p>  <p>QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM</p>	<p>29 YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR BRONNOL Installation of Officers Banquet FOR TAMPA LODGE 708 AND THE Ladies of the Elks Officers SATURDAY MARCH 30TH 6PM ANNOUNCEMENTS - 7PM CELEBRATIONS DINNER TO FOLLOW PHOTO BOOTH SLOW DOWN COINED AFTER PAIR DANCE WITH MESHED POTATOES AND SPIN, GAZZOS, COTTAGE & YEAST BREADS-CLASSIC BLACK PAPER CORNBREAD PLEASE RSVP TAMPA@BARRELBY30S.COM OR THE LODGE BULLETIN BOARD</p>	
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