



LODGE OFFICERS:

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2 YEAR TRUSTEE - Norman Benzing
3 YEAR TRUSTEE - Paul DeLand, PER
4 YEAR TRUSTEE - Laura Jones
5 YEAR TRUSTEE - Shelagh Gombarcik, PER

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Friday 4:00pm - 12:00am
Saturday 4:00pm - 11:00pm
Sunday 4:00am - 9:00pm

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A Message From your Exalted Ruler, Tracy Horrell



Change can be good if you open yourself up to it and embrace it! You know ATTITUDES are contagious! Is yours worth CATCHING? Some of you may be asking yourself "What does this mean?" If you look up the definition of "contagious" in the dictionary you will find it means: to spread from one person to another by direct or indirect contact. Germs are CONTAGIOUS, laughter is CONTAGIOUS, and yes, even attitudes are CONTAGIOUS. Having a positive attitude can spread like wildfire, PASS ONE ON TODAY!

We have new things going on in our Lodge. We are modernizing our Lodge while staying true to our Elk traditions and values. Look for in the weeks to come a new sign out front! Thank you to our bingo committee for making this project a priority. We have other projects being discussed and will keep you updated. If you have an idea, please share it with our house committee.

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever. Of all the gifts life offers, a loving mother is the greatest of them all. I love these quotes and wanted to share them with you. Mothers are truly special and we love them!

We invite you to our Mother's Day ceremony on May 12th. It will start at 3:00 pm and after the program, we will serve a light dinner. Look for more details on this event on Facebook and email blast.

Don't forget that the State Convention is coming up and you can find more information and sign up on the Florida Elks website. If you've never been you are missing out on a good time!

I hope to see you soon at the lodge!

In your service, Tracy Horrell, ER

Your 2024-25 Committee Chairs

708 Board of Directors - Chairman of the Board Laura Jones, Tracy Horrell, PER, Edie Hanley, Wendy Hall, PER, April Holtzman, Paul DeLand, PER, Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, Tristan Reiber, and Norman Benzing

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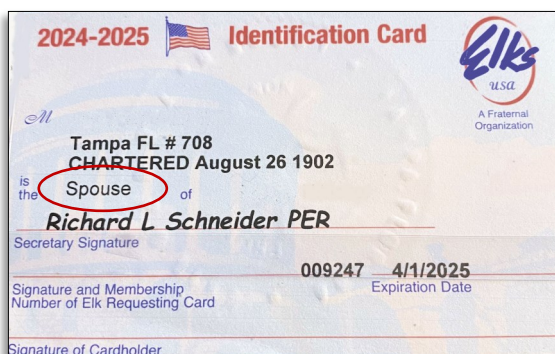
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Youth Activities - Jackie Jacobs, (Jackie.jacobs1086@gmail.com)



PLEASE NOTE!

Important information! State Laws Concerning Spouse Cards

As of May 1st, spouse card holders will not be able to purchase alcoholic beverages. All lodges have been notified that we must abide by this requirement to ensure that we are in compliance with Florida law. How can you visit your lodge and have a cocktail? You can become an Elk or have your spouse purchase a few drink chips for you. While we know this may be an inconvenience, unfortunately, it is something that we must implement to meet state mandates. Thank you for your understanding.

Jacque LoCicero, PLP
Chair, House Committee

Honoring One of Our Own...

Longtime Elk and Veteran Chris Ragusa was recently recognized at Tampa Bay Lightning game.



The Tampa Bay Lightning organization chose Tampa Elks 708 Lodge Veteran Committee Chairman, Chris Ragusa as their Anthem Salute honoree for their March 27, 2024 hockey game at Amalie Arena. Pictures of Chris from throughout his 37 years of enlisted and commissioned US Navy service were displayed on the Webtron screen for the 18,000 attendees. He then stood at attention as Sonya Bryson-Kirksey, a retired Air Force Technical Sargeant, sang the National Anthem. Chris was initiated into the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in 1988 at the BPOE Lodge 818 in Bowling Green, OH, and transferred his lodge affiliation after he moved to Florida in 2014.



MAY ELK RECOGNITIONS

ELK OF THE MONTH..COURTNEY WEIL, PER

This hard-working PER has stepped up this year to give a helping hand in the kitchen with her amazing cooking skills! You may not see her as her tasks are usually taking place when the lodge is not regularly open but she is hard at work making banks for the bartenders, shopping for food, cooking up some delicious meals, and working hard to keep the cost of goods down. Please help us by congratulating her and stopping in for one of her meals on Mondays and Fridays. You will be glad you did!



OFFICER OF THE MONTH...EDIE HANLEY

Edie has stepped up this year to be our Leading Knight and from her first day in that position she has made sure to keep me posted on repairs that are needed, volunteering to help out with our veterans, Club Chivalry and Queen of Hearts, and shaking you down for a 50/50 chance always for a good cause. She is devoted as an Elk and always willing to lend a hand. Please congratulate her!



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH...GEORGIA HILFICKER

What an amazing woman! From the moment this Elk year started she has been helping with planning installation food, Sunday dinners, and planning our end-of-the-year New Year's Eve bash. She is working hard to help Courtney with the cost of goods in the kitchen. She is a go-getter! She is always willing to help where she is needed! Please help me thank her for all her good deeds!



Supporting Reports



Chaplain's Corner by our chaplain, Crystal Johnson:

"Social connection is a healthy behavior, like eating an apple or getting enough sleep."
 H. Collins
 "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."
 1 Thessalonians 5:11



Ladies of the Elks:

Looks like the month of May is going to be a hopping month for the Ladies. We are starting it off with our annual Kentucky Derby Horse Race on Saturday, May 4th. Come and enjoy a cocktail or two, partake in a meal and place your bet on the winning horse. After that, you can spend your winnings at our live and silent auction. This is a fun event for all ages.

On May 18th the Ladies will take a leisurely walk from Ballast Point Park for our annual Walk-A-Thon to benefit Childrens Therapy Services. We will meet at Ballast Point Park at 10am and chit chat our way through the shaded neighborhood. Not able to participate? No problem. You can sponsor one of our Ladies who is walking. No donation is too small. One hundred percent of your donation goes to Childrens Therapy Service, hope to see you there.

Hope to see you at a Ladies event soon! Jacquie LoCicero, PLP, President, Ladies of the Elks

Executive Board
 Jacquie LoCicero, PLP- President
 Shelagh Gombareik, PER, PLP- Vice President
 April Holtzman - Secretary
 Laura Jones - Treasurer
 Suzanne Moore, PLP - Chaplain
 Ruth Levin - Parliamentarian

MAY Birthdays

Robert Orcutt—5/5



MY WARRIOR'S PLACE

On March 27th Bonnie Atwood, Crystal Johnson and Edie Hanley presented a \$500 check from Tampa Lodge 708 to a program called My Warriors Place .

The program director shared how her son had been killed in Afghanistan. She knew she wanted to do something to honor veterans but she was not sure what. She prayed and often would talk to her son. She was looking for a sign. One day when she was at the beach she found a bullet in a wave by her feet. Could this be the sign?

Her son loved studying about World War II and the Vietnam War. Ironically, when she had someone look at the bullet they discovered it was a misfire bullet from the Vietnam War. There it was, her sign.

She was not sure what direction to go since she didn't have a lot of money. She was able to purchase property and set up some retreat houses for veterans, first responders, and law enforcement in Ruskin. If you qualify the nightly fee is a nominal donation. It is a worthwhile program and we were proud to present them with the donation.

Edie Hanley, Leading Knight

HELPING VETERANS ON BEHALF OF TAMPA 708

On April 13, Edie Hanley, Representative of the James Haley Hospital & Crystal Johnson, Deputy Representative were honored to assist Tiffany Ellis, a veteran who is receiving services from James Haley Hospital, with shopping for much needed work cloths.

Tiffany was referred to us by Ashley Sard one of the volunteer coordinator at James Haley.

It was such a pleasure helping this very deserving veteran on behalf of our Lodge.

Edie Hanley, Leading Knight



Grant Reports and Information



Club Chivalry Report Marching towards Summer

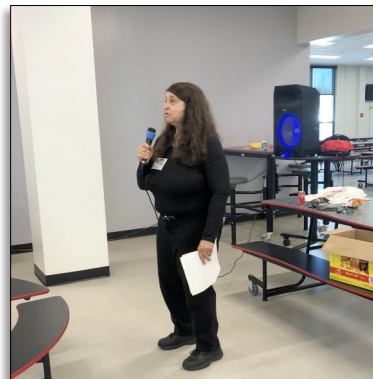
The March Club Chivalry Meeting had a lot of moving parts. First, we had an ENF Legacy Scholar, Luca Dye, come to help us. Legacy Scholars are required to do community service with an Elks Lodge at least once a year. Lucas is a sophomore at the University of Tampa, He proved to be a very nice and helpful young man. Then we had the regular refreshments, and drawings for the \$25 gift card raffles.

We also had Loyal Knight, Edie Hanley come in as the guest speaker and talk about the Drug Awareness Program. When the students were asked if they knew somebody who had overdosed, at least 2/3rds of them raised their hands! This was a topic they needed to hear more about, and Edie, with her experience working for the Sheriff's Department, did a good job. She also provided them with a DAP bag with some literature, and a red ribbon.

While Edie was talking, most of the volunteers, Shelagh Gombarcik PER, Bonnie Atwood, Carolyn Miller, Lucas Dye and Patty Volpe, headed outside to a picnic area behind the cafeteria to hide Easter eggs. We had 305 of them, and there were only a few real hiding spaces, so most of the eggs were hidden in plain sight. There were 10 golden eggs with a special prize- when the finder opened them, they learned if they had won a \$10 gift card, or an extra bag of candy.

Even with all that going on, when the students found all the eggs and we still had about 15 minutes left to eat the candy and enjoy some free time outdoors before the bell rang. The last meeting of the school year is April 15th. Remember, to volunteer you must register as a volunteer with Hillsborough County School Board. That approval is good for 3 years. Let me know if you are registered.

Rita Smith, PER, Project Manager



Grant Reports and Information

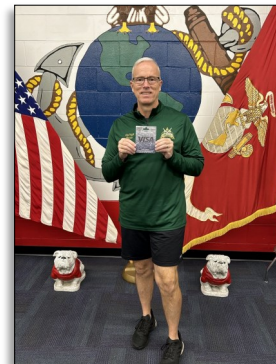
Shining a Spotlight on Attendance at Chamberlain High School



This grant did not play out exactly as I envisioned it, partly because both our school connection and I had health issues. But we managed to get it done. Instead of rewarding one class and two teachers a month from October through March, we ended up rewarding the winning classes and teachers in larger groups in February and March. With a larger March group of 4 classrooms equaling 121 students, ordering from a fast-food restaurant was not going to work. The School Liaison -Elk member Kristina Chowning, came up with a perfect solution – using the school’s Culinary Department to cater the breakfast. They gave us a great price of only \$5.00 a head – we furnished the drinks. This meant that even more of the school knew that Tampa Elks were in the building! Of course, beverages for 121 are a lot of drinks to purchase, chill, transport, unload and serve – and it turned out to be pouring rain the morning of the big event. It also turned out to be scheduled even earlier than the February breakfast – we were due at Chamberlain by 8:30.

I was just a few days post-surgery and Betty Orcutt had a brace on her arm, so we could not assist with the unloading of all those drinks. Both Kristina Chowning and Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, were totally drenched by the time they got into the school. Luckily, our discomfort was not shared by the students who had earned the reward. The students were very glad to have great choices of beverages, free food, and a free period socializing in the cafeteria instead of in the classroom. We had a class of exceptional students with good attendance join us, and they even brought the Easter bunny along! Before we left, we had the pleasure of presenting some of the 12 gift cards that went to teachers who had perfect attendance from January through March, that was a lot of fun!

This was an unusual use of the Spotlight Grant, and we appreciate the fact that Elks National Foundation agreed that the Chamberlain HS project was an extension of our Robinson HS Project. Your donations to ENF fund projects right here in your community!



Past Events and Projects

Introducing our 2024-2025 Lodge Officers



Tracy Horrell, PER
Exalted Ruler



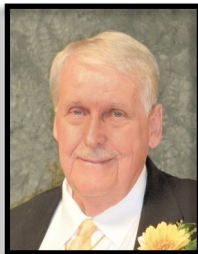
Edie Hanley
Leading Knight



April Holtzman
Loyal Knight



Wendy Hall, PER
Lecturing Knight



Rick Schneider, PER
Secretary



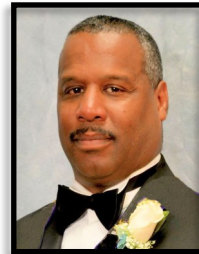
Kristi Horst
Treasurer



Crystal Johnson
Chaplain



Debbie Brennan
Esquire



Dee Cisneros, PER
Inner Guard



Kim VanWalker
Tiler

What a beautiful evening, enjoyed by all the members who attended our Annual Installation of Officers on March 30th. The evening began with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres that the ladies generously donated and arranged. The ceremony started sharply at 7:00 with Frank Palladini, PSP, PGESQ doing the installation. Officers took their oath and obligation for the incoming 2024/2025 year. The Ladies had their beautiful candlelight ceremony performed by Marilyn Fraterillo, PLP who did a wonderful job of installing our Ladies organization.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by our own Georgia Hilficker and the evening was topped off with a yummy black forest cobbler with ice cream. I want to thank all my officers for their commitment to serving our lodge and community. I want to thank the members for having faith in this group of officers and for all those who helped make it a special event.

Extra kudos to Shelagh Gombarcik for her hard work making the hall look so beautiful. An extra thanks to Frank Palladini, PSP, PGESQ, for his support and performing the installation. Thank you to Georgia and her amazing kitchen crew for serving a great meal.

In your service, Tracy Horrell, ER

Let's welcome the newly installed officers for the Ladies of the Elks 2024-2025. The night was capped off with our beautiful candlelight ceremony and we were honored to have Marilyn Fratello, PLP install our 2024-2025 officers. The LOE is looking forward to an exciting and successful year.

Left to right; Shelagh Gombarcik, PER,PLP,VP, April Holtzing, Sec., Laura Jones, Treas., Jacquie LoCicero,LP, Suzanne Moore, Chaplain, Ruth Levin, Parliamentarian.



Upcoming Events and Projects



708's Mexican Dinner Night May 5th

SERVING AT 5PM

CHIPS AND SALSA INCLUDED WITH EACH MEAL

- 2 ENCHILADAS (BEEF OR CHICKEN) REFRIED BEANS, MEXICAN RICE, ENSALADA \$11.00
- 3 FISH TACOS, REFRIED BEANS, MEXICAN RICE, ENSALADA \$12.00
- 3 BEEF TACOS, REFRIED BEANS, MEXICAN RICE, ENSALADA \$10.00
- 1 ENCHILADA (BEEF OR CHICKEN) & 2 FISH OR BEEF TACOS, REFRIED BEANS, MEXICAN RICE, ENSALADA..... \$14.00

EXTRAS:

- PICKLED JALAPEÑOS \$1.00
- EXTRA SOUR CREAM..... \$.50
- QUESO DIP \$2.00
- GUACAMOLE \$3.50

DESSERT:

- FLAN \$3.00



PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS ON 708MEALS.OM OR TEXT GEORGIA AT 813-294-6200
THIS IS A FUNDRAISER FOR OUR 2025 NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Upcoming Events and Festivities

**COME ENJOY THE 2024
LADIES OF THE ELKS**

Spectacular
Kentucky Derby Night

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH

7:00PM

DINNER SERVED FROM 5:30PM TO 7PM

Menu - Bourbon Pork Sliders,

Pimento Cheese Pasta Salad and Deviled eggs

Horses on sale now \$10 per horse

(See LOE board member to purchase)

Betting windows open at 6:30

Live & Silent Auction - Derby Hat Contest

Spin the Wheel for a
GIFT CERTIFICATE

Each Spin \$5

Certificates from \$5 TO \$50

Jello Shots & 50/50 for the Charity

(TO BENEFIT THE LOE AND
THE CHILDREN'S THERAPY SERVICE)

Upcoming Events and Projects

**CHECK OUT
OUR NEW
FRIDAY NIGHT
HOURS**



LET'S DO DINNER AT THE LODGE WITH COURTNEY

MAY 4TH

**KITCHEN CLOSED - GOOD EATS
OPEN AT THE BAR**

Join us tomorrow Night



MAY 10TH



May 10th
Courtney & Sammy
are in the Kitchen
**Prime Rib
Dinner**

with Caesar Salad, Baked Potato
(butter and sour cream),
Herb Roasted Veggies,
& a Dinner Roll

\$22.00

**Appetizer: Onion Rings...\$3.50
Dessert: Espresso Cheese Cake...\$4.00**

Serving 6:00 to 8:00

Sign up by emailing 708meals@gmail.com,
or on the Lodge Bulletin Board by the
Thursday before the event.

It's very important you sign up for your dinner
as we cannot assure there will be enough
for walk-in guests!

MAY 17TH



May 17th
Courtney & Sammy
are in the Kitchen
**Short Rib
Dinner**

with Cauliflower Cheese Soup,
Mashed Potatoes, Carrots,
and a Dinner Roll

\$19.00

**Appetizer: Georgia's Fried Artichokes
With Aioli Sauce...\$3.50**

Dessert: Chocolate Cake...\$4.00

Serving 6:00 to 8:00

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or on the Lodge Bulletin Board by the
Thursday before the event.

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as we cannot assure there will be enough
for walk-in guests!

MAY 24TH

**GOOD EATS
OPEN AT THE BAR**

**KITCHEN
CLOSED
HOPE YOU'RE
AT THE
CONVENTION**

MAY 31ST



May 24th
Courtney & Sammy
are in the Kitchen
**Stuffed
Pork Chop**

with House Salad, Mashed Potatoes,
Green Beans, & a Dinner Roll

\$16.00

**Appetizer: Fried Zucchini...\$3.50
Dessert: Courtney's Rum Cake...\$4.00**

Serving 6:00 to 8:00

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or on the Lodge Bulletin Board by the
Thursday before the event.

It's very important you sign up for your dinner
as we cannot assure there will be enough
for walk-in guests!

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.

WANT TO GET ON THE REMINDER EMAIL LIST? SEND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO GEORGIAHILFICKER@GMAIL.COM

DINNER SERVED FROM 6:00PM TO 8:00PM

BAR BINGO

**Served Mondays 6pm to 7:30pm
All Menus \$8.50 including tax**

May 6th - Chicken Parm Sub, w/French Fries, or
Antipasto salad over lettuce, both come with a
sweet treat.

May 13th - Meatloaf Sandwich w/chips or 1/2 a
Meatloaf Sandwich w/Split Pea Soup & both come w/a
sweet treat.

May 20th - BLT Sandwich w/side or 1/2 BLT
with Tortellini Pasta Salad both with a sweet
treat.

May 27nd - Empanadas w/Rice & Beans or
Copycat 1905 Salad, both come 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**

***May 2nd - Spaghetti Night**

***May 9th - Grill Night**

***May 16th - Grilled Cheese & Tomato
Soup or Rubeen Sandwich w/French
Fries or Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad**

*** Wednesday - May 23th - Grill Night**

***May 30th - Italian Sausage w/onions
& peppers & French Fries or Meatball
Sub w/French Fries or Spinach Salad
w/Hot Bacon Dressing**

Upcoming Events and Projects



TAMPA ELKS 708
COMEDY
ROAST & TOAST

FRANK PALLADINI, PSP, PGESQ

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH

Cocktail Hour 4pm (Cash Bar)

Buffet Dinner 6pm - \$20

Program Starts 7pm

Steamship Round, Au Gratin Potatoes

Elk Beans, Rolls, Salad & Dessert

Reservations Requested

Call 813-831-4280 leave a Voice Message

Dress Business Casual

Upcoming Events and Projects

2023-2024 GOURMET CLUB

THIS MONTH'S HOSTESS IS RUTH LEVIN

MAY 19TH – 5PM

CHECK YOUR DNA &
GRAB THAT FAMILY
COOKBOOK
IRISH, FRENCH, CUBAN
OR ITALIAN

BRING A FAVORITE
DISH FROM YOUR
HERITAGE TO SHARE
AND A STORY TO GO
WITH IT!



BRING A DISH OR A
DONATION AND AN
APPETITE

Trivia...Trivia...Trivia...Trivia

GOING...GOING...
GONE!



Super Quarter Auction May 11th

Doors Open 12pm - Auction at 1pm

**OUR MYSTERY BAGS ARE LIKE
A BOX OF CHOCOLATES...
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU MIGHT GET!**

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
Lunch Basket will be Available*

Upcoming Events and Projects

BIRTHDAY PARTY Bash

Saturday
May 18th

Bring a Dish and Share in the
Potluck Dinner at 7pm

Karaoke begins at
8:00pm with KJs

Norm and Kim Benzing

This month the Karaoke theme is a
70's Disco Party



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

Ladies of the Elks Auxiliary
Tampa Lodge 708



Saturday, May 18th
Ballast Point Park

We will meet at Ballast Point Park at 10am and leisurely make our way down Bayshore and back. Ladies of the Elks, Elks, friends and family members, children and pets are all welcome to join us for this annual event.

If you cannot join us, please sponsor a member of the Ladies of the Elks to help us reach our goal.

ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF YOUR DONATION WILL GO TO CHILDREN'S THERAPY SERVICES.

This will allow physical therapists to give in-home therapy services to children across our great state of Florida.

Need more information: contact Sue Moore at 813-390-2930 or email msnana7@verizon.net



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

TRIVIA





May 14th
Prizes to winners
No cell phone

Save the Date
Father's Day Picnic
June 16th - Following the Flag Ceremony



Lodge Business and Projects

AROUND THE HOUSE WITH THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

-  Dave Ripogle is our contact person for Danny, our cleaning service. You may contact Dave at 813-230-5842
-  Looking for a way to help your lodge? Consider helping serve our members when food is available from our kitchen. We need servers for Monday, Thursday and Friday, volunteer as little or as much as works for you. Contact Daniel Armentrout at 727-641-8197.
-  Are you a member having an event for the lodge and need a little help with getting a bartender or knowing if the kitchen is available. Your contact person is Ruth Levin. Come to any HC meeting and let the HC know what your event is, we will get it on the calendar and assist you in what you need.
-  Thank you to Nelson, Jessica, and Jason. Word on the street is that they did some much-needed pressure washing and sprucing up our breezeway.

EXALTED RULER



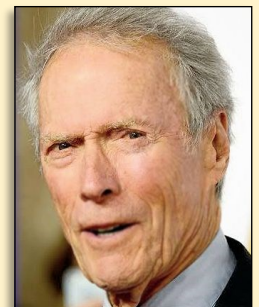
- Chris Miles, PER - After working late all day he came to check on the propane smell coming from the kitchen. Thanks
- Nelson Gramh- For working so hard making our breezeway look beautiful with new flowers.
- Edie Hanley- For picking up the trash and nasty belongings behind the building.
- Ruth and Norm- Coming to help out in the kitchen.
- Wendy Hall, PER - stepping in to take on hall rentals.
- Thanks to those who have donated booze for our booze wagon.

MAY LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 1st - LOE General Meeting 7pm Dinner 6:15
- 8th - BOD Meeting - 6:30
- 8th - Elks General Meeting - 7:30
- 13th - Veteran's Meeting - 6:30
- 21st - House Committee Meeting - 6:30
- CANCELED DUE TO CONVENTION**
- ~~22nd - New Member Orientation—6:30~~
- ~~22nd - Elks General Meeting & Installation—7:30~~

CELEBRITY ELKS










Clint Eastwood
World Renowned Actor
Monterey, CA
Lodge No. 1285



Tampa Elks Lodge #708

MAY 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 LOE GENERAL MEETING 7PM LOE DINNER 6:15PM	2 COURTNEY'S SPAGHETTI DINNER W/SALAD & CUBAN BREAD  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	3 KITCHEN CLOSED GOOD EATS AVAILABLE	COME ENJOY THE 2024 LADIES OF THE ELKS' Spectacular Kentucky Derby Night SATURDAY, MAY 4TH 7:00PM DINNER SERVED FROM 5:00PM TO 7PM Horses on sale now \$10 per horse (See LOE board member for purchase) Betting windows open at 6:30 Live & Silent Auction Derby Hat Contest Spin the Wheel for a GIFT CERTIFICATE Each Spin \$5 Certificates from \$5 TO \$50 Jello Shots & 50/50 for the Charity
 Georgia is in the Kitchen Spring Things up! 5:00pm See page 8 for Menu	6 CHICKEN PARM SUB W/ FRENCH FRIES OR ANTIPASTO SALAD OVER LETTUCE BOTH W/SWEET TREAT BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	7 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	8  7:30PM BOD MEETING  7:30PM GENERAL MEETING	9 THURSDAY NIGHTS 6:00 TO 7:30PM BURGERS & FRIES  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	May 10th Courtney & Sammy are in the Kitchen Prime Rib Dinner with Caesar Salad, Baked Potato (butter and sour cream), Herb Roasted Veggies, & a Dinner Roll \$22.00 Appetizer: Onion Rings...\$3.50 Dessert: Express Cheese Cake...\$4.00 Serving 6:00 to 8:00 Sign up by emailing 708meals@gmail.com, or on the Lodge Bulletin Board by the Thursday before the event. It's very important you sign up for your dinner as we cannot assure there will be enough	GOING...GOING...GONE! Quarter Auction Doors Open 12pm Auction 1pm See Page 12
 Ceremony 3pm Light Dinner will be served	13 6:30PM VETERAN'S COMMITTEE MEETING MEATLOAF SANDWICH W/CHIPS OR 1/2 MEATLOAF SAND & CUP OF SPLIT PEA SOUP BOTH W/ SWEET TREAT BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	KITCHEN CLOSED FOR CLEANING		16 CONVENTION MEETING 7:30PM GRILLED CHEESE & TOMATO SOUP OR RUEBEN W/FRENCH FRIES OR GRILLED CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	May 17th Courtney & Sammy are in the Kitchen Short Rib Dinner with Cauliflower Cheese Soup, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, and a Dinner Roll \$19.00 Appetizer: Georgia's Fried Artichokes With Aioli Sauce...\$3.50 Dessert: Chocolate Cake...\$4.00 Serving 6:00 to 8:00 Sign up by emailing 708meals@gmail.com, or on the Lodge Bulletin Board by the Thursday before the event. It's very important you sign up for your dinner as we cannot assure there will be enough for walk-in guests!	18 LOE Walkathon See pg 13 MAY Birthday Party Karaoke, Potluck Dinner, and Cake Bring a Covered Dish 7pm SEE PAGE 13
19 GOURMET CLUB 5pm	20 BLT SANDWICH W/SIDE OR 1/2 BLT W/ TORTELLINI PASTA SALAD BOTH W/SWEET TREAT BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	21 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	22 6:00 TO 7:30PM BURGERS & FRIES  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	2024 FLORIDA ELKS STATE CONVENTION - ORLANDO		
STATE CONVENTION	27 EMPANADAS W/RICE & BEANS OR COPYCAT 1905 SALAD BOTH W/SWEET TREAT BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	28 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	29	23 KITCHEN CLOSED FOR CONVENTION GOOD EATS AVAILABLE AT THE BAR	24 KITCHEN CLOSED FOR CONVENTION GOOD EATS AVAILABLE AT THE BAR	25 KITCHEN CLOSED FOR CONVENTION GOOD EATS AVAILABLE AT THE BAR
26	27 EMPANADAS W/RICE & BEANS OR COPYCAT 1905 SALAD BOTH W/SWEET TREAT BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	28 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	29	30 ITALIAN SAUSAGE W/ONIONS & PEPPERS W/ FRENCH FRIES OR MEATBALL SUB W/FRENCH FRIES OR SPINACH SALAD W/HOT BACON DRESSING  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	Friday Dinner April 26th Chicken Marsala with Italian Salad, Pasta, and Roasted Broccoli with Garlic Bread \$16.00 Appetizer: Fried Ravioli - \$3.50 Dessert: Strawberry Short Cake - \$4.00 Serving 6:00 to 8:00 Sign up by emailing 708meals@gmail.com, or on the Lodge Bulletin Board by Thurs night. If you'd like to receive a reminder email each Wednesday, please send your email address to georgiahf1chkr@gmail.com	

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