

Elks Tampa 708 Elksize



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Greetings fellow Elks!

We are now in the final month of the first quarter of the year. It has been a busy couple of months so far. I continue to be thankful and amazed at the number of people who give and do so much in the name of Elkdom. Tampa Lodge is growing and prospering due to the support of our members. We may have a leadership team overseeing the Lodge, but it is the activism of the general membership that keeps the doors open and the bills paid. And our members are special!



Kristina with 2 of her sons.

One of them, Kristina Chowning, was just awarded the only annual We Deliver Award from Hillsborough County Schools. We knew she was special, but she was selected from a committee of HSCB employees and community members from over 300 nominations. Congratulations, Kristina! We look forward to working with you on our Community Investment Program in July.



Exalted Ruler Theresa Matthews

As I write this we are getting ready for the Florida State Elks Association Annual Convention. I have been to this convention for the last eight years; however, this will be the first time as the Exalted Ruler. I am looking forward to, believe it or not, going to the meetings! I enjoy learning what is going on with our Elk Lodges around the state as well as the nation. Our hospitality suite will be up and running with our Jolly Cork theme. I want to thank our Convention Committee; Chair, Brian Brantley, and committee volunteers Susie Harlow, Bonnie Quire, Patty Jankiewicz, Melissa Bertoch, Charles Stanford, Rick Smith, Shelagh Gombarcik, and Rita Smith. This group worked extra hard planning the hospitality room, making Cuban sandwiches, packing up the truck, and setting up the hospitality room. This will be a tremendous amount of work and I for one, greatly appreciate this team working on this event. I also want to give a special shout out to Bobby Green for traveling back to Tampa to attend the first meeting to review past conventions with the committee, and pass on supplies and give recommendations. And thank you to everyone who donated liquor, food, and supplies for the hospitality suite so we didn't have to spend too much from Lodge funds. You made a big difference.

We had numerous events in May that contributed to higher bar and kitchen sales than we have seen in some time. We thank Jerry Reid from Brandon Lodge for doing Karaoke on Saturday, May 2. We had a great night of fun and friendship, and we had some great singers and some good sports (me.) Cinco de Mayo on May 5th was a successful weeknight event, Thanks Rita Burrito! Bonnie Quire, Susie Harlow and their Hall Rental Committee did a wedding reception on May 9; then on the 10th the Lodge officers conducted the Mother's Day Ceremony which was followed by an Afternoon Tea. Shelagh did a beautiful job and also raised over \$500 on Mother's Day for ENF. On May 16 the convention committee put on a Toga party. The party was complete with Belly Dancers and an Ancient Greek Market (aka Chinese Auction). Chef Ralph was our guest chef and AI, our Leading Knight, assisted. The food was fabulous. Thank you very much Ralph and AI! Now the convention, and the last Saturday of the month is Shakin' Saturday!

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Afternoon Tea -Nobody left hungry!

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Steve Harmon, DDGER

From Steve Harmon, PDDGER, Lodge Secretary:

New Candidate for Membership

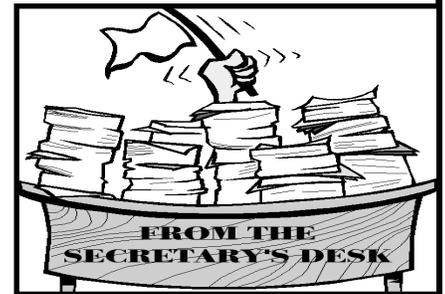
Proposed	Proposer	Occupation	Residence
John F Morris	Rick Schneider, PER	Retired Navy	Tampa
Donald M Phillips	Richard S Smith	Retired Air Force	Tampa

Candidates for Lifetime Membership

James Harlow
Charles Rice

Reinstatement Requests

Robert P Lehoullier
Harold L. Knuckles
Janet Schneider



Balloting will be on June 10th.



Flag Day Ceremony and Celebration

3:00

Come watch your Lodge Officers and local Boy Scouts perform the Elk's Traditional Ceremony while they present the historical flags of The United States of America.



Refreshments to follow.

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June will be equally as busy. The Lodge Officers, along with the local Boy Scouts, will conduct a Flag Day ceremony on June 14 from 3-5 pm, followed by refreshments. Our Americanism Chair, Richard Florance, will be planning this event. The LOE will conduct the annual Father's Day Ceremony on June 21. Refreshments will follow the ceremony.

The District VP Visits also start in the month of June. The first one will be in Holiday Isles on June 6. We will meet at the Lodge and car pool to the visitations. You are all invited to attend these fun and educational evening outings. We each bring our own nibblers to put on the table for cocktail hour, then there is a brief program and a dinner. The charge is usually only \$5.00. We are usually back to our Tampa Lodge by last call. Please join us! Just let us know by Wednesday so the host lodge is prepared for us.

On a final note, MEMBERSHIP! Our numbers our increasing, our delinquents have decreased, new faces are coming in the door and some old faces are returning. I love to see this. We say, Welcome Back! 300 members is our goal. The Grand Lodge is promoting +1 membership gain for each Lodge, but Tampa can do much better. Invite a friend to join you at the Lodge. That's how most members get started.

Until next month, I leave you with a quote by Melchor Lim, "No matter how sure you are of someone's appreciation and admiration, it's always nice to be reminded of it." Let everyone know how much you appreciate them. They will appreciate that you did.

Fraternally,
Theresa Matthews, Exalted Ruler

2015 State Convention May 21-24

About 49 of our Tampa #708 members and guests registered for the Florida State Conventions, which was again held at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort from May 21-24th. Please attend the Lodge Meeting June 10th for the Officer's Convention Reports. Some highlights were:



Setting up



Front Row Seats!



Tunes in the Courtyard



Saturday Night Banquet



Drum & Bugle Corp



Pirates!



More Pirates!



Chinese Auction



Did I mention Pirates?



Disney Kids!



Four Floors of Elks!



Volunteer Bartenders



Blinky Hats & Raffles



VA Artwork



**OLD ELK
TALES**
(MYTH BUSTERS)

Do you have to use the US Mail to send out a newsletter to every member?
NO!

Section 1.115 Notice: "Except as otherwise directed by Executive Order, any notice required to be sent or mailed to all Members of the Lodge may be included in the Lodge Bulletin or sent electronically to any Member who has given written authorization to receive notices electronically. Notice which is required to be served upon a specific Member must be served personally, by United States Mail or by United States Mail, Certified, Return Receipt Requested as specifically provided."

~Tampa Elks Lodge 708~
Past Exalted Ruler's (PER's)
~ PRESENT ~
~113th Anniversary-Dinner & Dance Party~
~August 22, 2015~ Business Casual Dress~
~Cocktails - 6:00 - 7:00 pm~
~ Dinner - 7:00 - 8:00 pm~
~ Elk Pins - "Membership Fidelity Awards"
to follow - 8:00 pm~
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~ Dancing - 9:00 - 11:00 O'clock Toast ~  
~ Live Music - by (T. B. A.) ~  
~ Tickets - \$15.00 Each - August 14th  
\$20.00 Each -- til Event ~  
More Info. Coming-- See July & Aug. Elksize



Gourmet Club - Candy Venable

Did you miss the chocolate covered bacon... the crispy pork chops...the pork stew...the ribs and sauerkraut? That was the just beginning - we even had bacon-flavored vodka shots! Fear not! On Sunday, June 28th, you'll have an opportunity to have Breakfast for Dinner! Think shrimp and grits, sausage-hash brown casserole, chicken and waffles, ham-potato quiche, frittatas, bread pudding, stuffed French toast...you get the idea! Join us Sunday, June 28th at 5:00 pm. with a breakfast dish (and the recipe!!) or a donation (toward our cookbook). As always, there will be trivia! Bon Appetit!



Celebrate our Nation's birthday at Your Lodge.

Beat the heat! 3:00 - 7:00

Join us for hamburgers, hotdogs, and all the fixins.

Live Music

Tickets only \$12.00

Kids under \$12 1/2 price

Behind the Bar  
or from Brian Brantley, PER

Proceeds Benefit our Veterans  
at James Haley VA Hospital



**Mission of the Partners In Progress**

***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's long term 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**

Horrell, PERS, Addison & Tracy  
6/2015  
James, Howard 3/2016

**SILVER INVESTORS \$21 - \$50**

Osterbrock, Debbie 11/2015

**BRONZE INVESTORS \$10-\$20**

*YOUR NAME HERE?*

**PLATINUM INVESTORS - \$100+**

**Smith, Rita 4/2015**  
**Appel, Jackie 5/2015**  
Palladini, PSP, Frank & Ebba Jean 6/2015  
Brennan, John 8/2015  
Suhrheinrich, Bob 9/2015  
Suhrheinrich, Candi 9/2015  
Thomas, PER, Victor & Berniece 11/2015  
Palladini, Debbie & Durant, Rose 3/2016  
Deese, John & Kathy 4/2016  
Fennell, Pat and Marilyn 5/2016  
In Memory of Jerrye and Patrick Fennell 5/2016  
Pickenpaugh, Vernon and Betty, PSP 5/2016  
Walbart, Mark 6/2016  
In Memory of Ebba Jean Palladini

From the Editor:  
apwurita@hotmail.com

Articles, flyers and pictures should be received by the 15th of the month.

Frist Priority will be for advertising the current month's activities and/ or events.

Save the Date flyers for more than 2 months out should be shrinkable to a quarter page.

**Be an SOB!**

(Smiling ole Booster)  
\$10.00 per year helps offset  
the cost of the Elksize.



In Memory of Charlie Fiveash 5/2015  
Christopher Miles 11/2015  
Howard James 3/2016  
Bob and Candi Suhrheinrich 9/2016  
John and Kathy Deese 4/2016  
Pat and Marilyn Fennell 5/2016  
Vernon and PSP Betty Pickenpaugh 5/2016  
Donna Morris Halsey 7/2016  
Debbie Osterbrock 11/2016  
In Memory of Harold Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018  
Vera Wright 3/2018

# Hot Dog!

Wienie Wednesday

\$1.00 Hot Dogs on Meeting Nights



6:15-  
7:15

+  
1 hour  
after  
the  
Meeting

## Sunday Funday

### Wii Bowling

New Tournament each Sunday

Play until you lose.

Everyone Welcome!

4:00 most Sundays

2:00 Third Sunday each month



## New Tuesday Summer Hours


















**Taco Tuesday**

**6-8**

Beef and Chicken

Taco and Nacho Bar

Please make a donation

Proceeds go to ENF


















## June Movies 8:00 PM

- June 2 - Still Alice
- June 9- When Harry Met Sally
- June 16-American Sniper
- June 23-Bridesmaids
- June 29-The Family Man

## \$2.00 Trivia

### Thursday, June 18th

### 7:00 PM



**Hosted by  
Candi & Bob Suhrheinrich**

All questions are multiple choice.  
Prizes are awarded for each round.  
Come early for the best seats.

Hello and Happy June!

Summer is approaching fast. Flag Day and Father’s Day are both celebrated this month, but this year they fall on two separate weekends so will not be combined into a one day event. Watch for the LOE notices or flyers about father’s Day; We will be finalizing our plans at the next LOE meeting on June third.

Thanks to everyone who has been supporting the lodge and ladies in all the exciting things that have been happening. Please keep coming in as often as you can. Unfortunately I had to miss a few days due to my own or my family’s illnesses. There are some things that are better not to share.

If you haven’t renewed, please come back, and I invite all members of the LOE to bring an eligible guest with them when they come to the meetings. The meeting starts at 7:30, but we gather at 6:45 to enjoy a meal prepared by a volunteer each month. I want to thank Berni Turpin for those lovely sandwiches last month. Donna Morris Halsey is our scheduled chef for June. There are still a few months left open if you would like to display your crowd pleasing culinary skills. We reimburse you for your expenses; talk to any officer for details and limits. The sign up sheet is posted on the LOE Bulletin Board.



Suzanne Moore

I leave you with this, my dear friends, family and Elks:

“ We have only to keep our hearts and eyes open, and we will be overwhelmed with the multitude of God’s Blessings.”

Suzanne Moore, PLP, Lady President

  
 Always Remain a Lady!   
 LOE Membership Renewals were due on April First. If you over-   
 looked that date, please see any Officer to submit your cash or check.   




365 Club

Berni Turpin, Chair

Florida Elks Children’s Therapy Services , the beneficiary of the money collected in those little green houses around the lounge area, provides both physical and occupational therapy in the child’s own home. There are 23 mobile units covering the 67 counties in Florida. FECTS receives no government assistance but is funded solely through the donations of members. Please make your loose change matter!

I received generous donations from Lisa Snyder and from the green houses placed around the Lodge. Things are generally slower in the summer for Florida Elk Lodges, but those therapists are as busy as ever. If you don’t have loose change, it is ok to fold up a dollar to put in the house, too. Just write you name on the bills if you want me to mention your donations.

From the House Committee

Christopher Miles, Chairman

We find ourselves in a New Elk Year continuing to tweak and adjust Lodge Lounge/Club Operations to better serve members and their guests. Here's a look at some of the "adjustments" we're making.

Georgia Hilficker, Laura Jones and Courtney Weil are heading up the "Kitchen Kouncil" to provide Great Food and Service for the Restaurant side of the Lodge. Many of you have had a chance to experience Great Food from the kitchen crews and Service from our new and returning Volunteer Service Staff. I'd like to take the time to thank those who volunteer, I know the huge amount of thought, time and effort you put into it and I appreciate your help.



Christopher Miles

Everyone should keep in mind not only are these jobs unpaid, but volunteers are taking time out of their busy lives to try and provide members and guests with an enjoyable and quality experience. In addition, this is the first "job" in the hospitality industry for most of our high school volunteer servers who solely work for tips. So if something is wrong, please be courteous and give them a chance to make it right. However, if you have an issue you don't feel was adequately resolved, ask for a member of the House Committee or call me directly (Chris Miles 813-495-2308) and we'll do our best to address your concern.

On the Lounge side ***We Are No Longer Closing Early.*** HOORAY! That means even though the "Last Call Light" is On, you can order a drink all the way up to closing time. So if you come in at 11:59 pm on a Friday don't fret, you still have time to order a drink! In addition, if we have enough people enjoying each other's company at the Lounge we'll stay open late no matter what day of the week!

Sunday June 7th at 5 PM we will have a small wine tasting for our **Next Red Wine Event**. We'll of course continue to have House Red, but we're going to be changing up our Call brand. We will do our best to find the right combination of taste, quality, and price. Please email me at [legalmiles@gmail.com](mailto:legalmiles@gmail.com) subject line NEXT RED WINE EVENT or you can leave the information with the bartender if you would be willing to come in for the tasting, or if you have a wine suggestion for us to try. If we have enough **reservations** we may have cheese and crackers and/or plan a spaghetti dinner to accompany the tasting. When making wine suggestions please write down the wine's vintner, brand name and where you purchase it. Please leave the information with the bartender or email me at [legalmiles@gmail.com](mailto:legalmiles@gmail.com), with the subject line Next Red Wine Event.

The House Committee held some special events such as Karaoke and Shaking Saturday and we're continuing Wii Bowling every Sunday and Trivia and the Gourmet Club once a month. Weinie Wednesdays gives you a chance to eat before and after the meetings, and more events are being planned over the coming months.

Finally, changes aren't always as easy as having good food, drinks and more socials. We all understand the cost of doing business has gone up over the last few years and that's true for the Lounge and Kitchen as well. With that in mind we are reviewing prices and will have to make changes to be cost effective, and **price changes will be implemented beginning Monday June 15.** So I'm inviting ALL Lodge Members to come to the June 8<sup>th</sup> House Committee Meeting @ 7pm to discuss those changes. While change is tough, we have to adapt to conform with Elk Business Practices and procedures, so if you would like the opportunity to voice your opinion, make sure you are there.

Miles



It is OUR house.

**Theresa Matthews | Exalted Ruler**

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**Robert Bordonaro**

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*Feeling left out?*

**Get email updates and event reminders** from our webmaster and information distributor,

**Marty Quire.**

Send an email to [mquire@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mquire@tampabay.rr.com) and add Marty as a contact.



**Toga Party!**

Sometimes, raising the fun level is as important and raising funds.

**This time we did both!**

Thanks goes first to everybody that bought a ticket and made this event successful. Participation is the number one priority for success. Thanks to Ralph



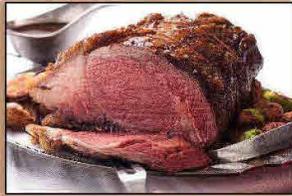
Shep, Brian Brantley, Elizabeth Perritt and Al Schnut for their hard work in the kitchen. Thanks Chris Elkins for going above and beyond your normal duties. Thanks to Melissa Bertoch and Charles Stanford for making and selling the jello and pudding shots. Thanks to Rick Smith for bringing in \$165 in gift certificates for the Greek market. Other market or door prize donations for prizes were made by Lisa Snyder, Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP, Sue Moore, PLP, Susie Harlow, PLP, Theresa Matthews, PLP and Rita Smith, PLP, and we are grateful. Thanks to Robert Summers for securing the band, and Susie Harlow and Linda Reid for help setting up the room and curtains. Special thanks to Sandra Brantley, Brian Brantley, Susie Harlow and the others for clearing and cleaning when it was over.

**Love's Artifacts, Slice Pizza, and Bucket's Grill & Comfort Foods contributed to our success.**

Please help me thank them!



**1st Friday**  
**Ralph's Famous**  
**Prime Rib**



**Key West Prime Rib,**

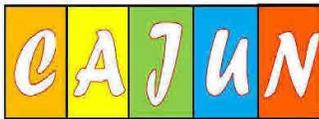
seared and topped with Blue Cheese Butter  
and served with Potatoes..... **\$14.95**

**Baked Shrimp Scampi**

Served with Pasta..... **\$11.95**

All dinners served with salad and rolls.

**2nd Friday Event Menu**



**Kitchen**



**Appetizer**

**Jalapeno Poppers & dipping sauce \$3.50**

**Main Course**

*served with Seafood Gumbo & Sweet Corn Bake*

**Grilled Kielbasa**

*with Dirty Rice & Chard Greens.....\$9.95*

**Half Chicken**

*with Dirty Rice.....\$9.95*

**Shrimp and Grits**

*Served with Broccoli.....\$10.95*

*Tonight's Cooks are Courtney and Georgia*

**Dessert**

**Homemade**

**Pecan Pie.....\$3.50**

**Kids under 12.....**

**Hot dog w/chips.....\$1.50**

**Boiled Shrimp**

*w/Broccoli.....\$5.00*

**Beverages other than Bar...**

**Tea, coffee,.....\$1.25**

**3rd Friday**

**Spectacular**  
**Steak & Salmon**



All dinners served with

Choice of Baked Potatoes or Fries,  
Corn or Green Beans, Salad & Roll

**14oz Ribeye Steak \$16.95**

**Pan Seared Salmon \$13.95**

**Soup - Bean**

**Cup \$ 1.50**

**Bowl \$ 3.00**

**Bowl of Soup with a Salad**

**crackers and roll \$ 5.50**

**Dessert**

**Rum Cake**

*w/Vanilla Ice Cream.....\$ 5.50*

**Kids under 12**

**Chicken Nuggets with veggie**

*And French Fries.....\$ 5.95*

**Ham Dinner with veggie.\$ 5.95**

**Tea or Coffee.....\$ 1.25**

**Soda.....\$ 1.25**

**RICK & JAN ARE IN THE KITCHEN!**

**Fourth Friday**

**Maneaterde**  
**Cooking**



**Dinner like your**  
**Mom used to make it!**

Elks Lodge #708  
Friday, June 26th 2015  
Cooking: Georgia Hilficker

**Appetizer**

**Homemade**

**Beef and Mushroom Soup.....\$ 3.50**

**Dinner**

Served with Salad and Yeast Rolls

**Pork Chops with Sage Sausage**

**Cornbread Dressing & Veggie.. \$10.95**

*Choice of Green Beans or Succotash*

**Stuffed Pepper with**

**Au Gratin Potatoes.....\$ 8.95**

**Bowl of Soup**

**Salad, and Roll.....\$ 6.50**

**Dessert**

**Banana Pudding.....\$ 2.50**

**Kids under 12**

**Hot dog with chips.....\$ 1.50**

**Pork Chop**

**with Veggie and Roll.....\$ 5.95**





Richard Florance  
Americanism Chairman

**OF AMERICA'S FLAGS & FATHERS**

As America's diverse citizenry goes about its way - it is fitting & proper that our social, religious, & political leaders have proposed & enacted rules & laws that have become loved, honored, & celebrated annually with all of America's spirit that brings a unique style to all Americans.

With all the strength & unity of purpose Americans join on Sunday, June 14, 2015 to celebrate FLAG DAY as an American symbol of Strength, Equality, Liberty & Fraternity - and to the rest of the World - Freedom as it is found ONLY in America. All Elks please come to Tampa Lodge #708 & join our Officers & members in celebrating Flag Day this year.

June is also the traditional month that America & Americans nation-wide honor, revere & recognize our Fathers as we gather on Sunday, June 21, 2015 as Father's Day - a day set aside to love & be at peace with our "Dads" - whoever they are, or wherever they are. "Living or dead, never forgotten, never forsaken" as Elks we understand this - we are willing & able to properly remember the importance of generations of Father's, & Families - all as part of America's united fabric of humanity for all time.

Always be true to the idea that Elks Live & Elks Give because Elks Care & Elks Share!

Richard Florance, P.E.R.,  
Lodge Americanism Chairman  
rhflorance@yahoo.com

**Elks National Foundation**

Thanks to all the members and guests who came out for the Mother's Day Ceremony and Tea and gave donations to Elks National Foundation. (ENF) What a great day for giving and exemplifying one of the Cornerstones of our organization, "Charity." The following members gave generously:

- |                                            |                   |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Bonnie Quire                               | Marty Quire       |
| Nannette Quire                             | Ralph Shep        |
| Sue & Tommy Moore                          | Shelagh Gombarcik |
| Melissa Bertoch                            | Patricia Elkins   |
| Patricia Jankiewicz                        | Brenda Stokking   |
| Linda Reid( In Memory of Larry Quire, PER) |                   |



Since that event I have received a generous donation from Richard Florence, PER and on Taco Tuesday Betty Faulkner and Lisa Snyder stepped up. My goal is to get at least 45 different members to donate to ENF. Even small donations add up - there are some forms on the table in the lounge to submit with your donation so I can track my progress. Be sure to include your membership number on the form.

We have received a Gratitude Grant the Lodge earned by meeting our goals from last year's donations that will be used to serve our closest high school, Robinson Senior High. Tampa Elks Lodge member Kristina Chowning, who was recently honored as the recipient of the "We Deliver Award" for Hillsborough County Schools, presented the opportunity. She is in the Guidance Department, and would love to tell you about how this grant money will be spent to help keep "at risk" kids in school until graduation.

This is going to be a great year for ENF, "The Great Heart of Elkdom." I will have more exciting news to report regarding ENF when I return from State Convention for all of the members whose heart is in ENF.

Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP, Loyal Knight



Shelagh Gombarcik



## OFFICER OF THE MONTH

### Officer of the Month: Sharon Ford

Sharon Ford has been chosen as officer of the month for all her hard work and dedication she has put into her role as a Trustee of Tampa Lodge 708. Sharon recently returned to a Trustee position and jumped right in with both feet. She has been elected Secretary of the Board of Directors. She is diligent in her note taking and helps provide some structure to the meetings. Sharon also took on the Herculean task of getting the annual budget together for the Board of Directors to submit to the membership. This was a painstaking task for Sharon. She worked many, many, many hours on reviewing the prior year's financial numbers, worked with House Committee to complete their projections for the bar and kitchen, and finally (after at least five revisions) was able to submit a detailed month to month budget. Sharon is a great asset to the Board of Directors and to the Lodge as a whole. Her next task is to complete the asset inventory to submit with the final financial reports for 2014-2015. It is nice to have Sharon's smiling face active in Lodge financials again!



## ELK OF THE MONTH

### Elk of the Month: Rita Smith

This Lady is going to kill me as she reads this to put into the Elksize, but I must give credit where credit is due. As you all know, Rita is the Elksize editor. As far as I am concerned, this is an award-winning bulletin. I expect to enter this in the Lodge Bulletin contest this year. Rita does a fabulous job on the Elksize and I know it is a lot of work. She puts a lot of thought and effort into it. It is even more challenging when she is waiting for people to submit their articles on time (not sure why she is probably saying my name in her mind right about now). You may have also noticed you receive the bulletin before the end of the month for the next month. This provides timely information to our membership. Aside from this huge undertaking Rita does so many other things here at Tampa Lodge 708. Rita is the chair of the Athena House Committee and schedules all events with the ladies and coordinates the volunteers to help her. She does Taco Tuesday and movie night every Tuesday night with all proceeds going to ENF. She held a Cinco De Mayo Event one Tuesday this month. Rita is the Grants Coordinator for the Lodge and just finished writing a Gratitude Grant to win \$2,000 for a community activity. Rita just led the Toga Party Convention fundraiser. It was a blast. There was a live band, Belly Dancers, costume contests and a Greek Market. Rita outdid herself with this one. She is a dynamo who never slows down.



## VOLUN "ELK" OF THE MONTH

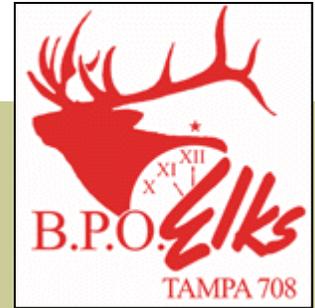
### Volun"Elk" of the Month: Elma Kelly

Elma Kelly is our Volun"Elk" of the month. Elma, the widow of George Kelly, is an amazing woman of which someone less than half her age could not keep up with. Elma has been part of Tampa Lodge 708 for over 25 years. Elma never slows down. She had knee surgery and I think less than 8 weeks later she was out dancing at the Elks Lodge, the American Legion, and the Moose! She was back to her bowling league and her numerous volunteer activities as well. Elma has been a member of the Veteran's Committee for a very long time. She goes to James A. Haley Veterans hospital monthly to do Bingo with the Vet's as well as come to Tampa Lodge the last Friday of every month to serve dinner and interact with the Vet's that we serve dinner to that night. She is currently the secretary of Tampa Ladies of the Elks Auxiliary. She volunteers for every event or charity project she can. She makes food or desserts and donates them to events as well. Elma does the Wii bowling on Sundays and has been the high scorer at least once that I know of. Elma is a joy and a pleasure to be around. We are lucky to have her at Tampa Elks Lodge. I know I have missed a lot of other activities Elma is involved in because I just can't keep up with her!

Thank you for all you do for the Elks and our community, Elma.

All Committee members and Committee chairs are asked to attend a meeting at 7 PM on Thursday June 4th

# Tampa Elks Lodge #708



# June 2015

| Sun                                                                            | Mon                                                | Tue                                                                            | Wed                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Thu                                          | Fri                                                                   | Sat                                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                | <b>1</b> Hall Rental<br><br>LOE Board Meeting 7:30 | <b>2</b> Taco Tuesday 6-8<br><br>Movie: Still Alice @ 8                        | <b>3</b> LOE Meeting 7:30<br>LOE Dinner 6:45                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>4</b> All Committee Members Meeting. 7:00 | <b>5</b> Chef Ralph 6:30-8:30<br><br>Ruby & Keith 7-11                | <b>6</b> VP Visitation Holiday Isles 6:00    |
| <b>7</b> Breakfast 8:30-12<br>Wii Bowling 4:00<br>Red Wine                     | <b>8</b> House Committee Meeting 7:00              | <b>9</b> Taco Tuesday 6-8<br>BOD & Officers 6:30<br>"When Harry Met Sally" 8pm | <b>10</b> Weinie Wednesday 6:15<br>Lodge Meeting 7:30                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>11</b> VAVS Bingo @ James Haley           | <b>12</b> Georgia & Courtney 6:30-8:30<br>Dazzler Duo 7-11            | <b>13</b> VP Visitation New Port Richey 6:00 |
| <b>14</b> Breakfast 8:30-12<br><br>Flag Day 3-5                                | <b>Red Wine Tasting</b>                            | <b>16</b> Taco Tuesday 6-8<br>Movie: American Sniper                           | <b>17</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>18</b> \$2.00 Trivia 7:00                 | <b>19</b> Rick & Jan Schneider 6:30-8:30<br>Kris & Bob 7-11           | <b>20</b> Hall Rental                        |
| <b>21</b> Breakfast 8:30-12<br>Fathers' Day by the LOE                         | <b>22</b> House Committee Meeting 7:00             | <b>23</b> Taco Tuesday 6-8<br>BOD & Officers 6:30<br>Bridesmaids 8pm           | <b>24</b> Weinie Wednesday 6:15<br>Lodge Meeting 7:30                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>25</b>                                    | <b>26</b> Georgia 6:30-8:30<br>Kathy & Paul 6:30-10:30<br>VET's Night | <b>27</b> VP Visitation Seminole 6:00        |
| <b>28</b> Breakfast 8:30-12<br>Initiation @12<br>Wii @ 2<br>Gourmet Club @5:00 | <b>29</b>                                          | <b>30</b> Taco Tuesday 6-8<br>Movie: The Family Man                            | <p>Line Dancing is on vacation and will resume in August.</p> <p>New Member Orientation and Initiation will be June 28. Ceremony about Noon, All members welcome!</p> <p>Watch for flyers about Father's Day by the LOE.</p> |                                              |                                                                       |                                              |

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## Friday Night Menus & Bands

Tampa Elks Lodge #708 July See page 11 for more details.

June 5

*Chef Ralph presents:*

Baked Shrimp Scampi  
w/Pasta Served with  
Salad & Bread  
\$11.95

OR

Key West Prime Rib  
Seared and Topped with  
Blue Cheese Butter  
Served with  
Salad, Bread, Potato  
\$14.95

*Music by:  
Keith & Ruby*

June 12

*Georgia & Courtney:  
Present Cajun!*

Grilled Kielbasa with  
Dirty Rice and Collard  
Greens \$9.95  
1/2 Chicken with Dirty  
Rice \$9.95  
Shrimp and Grits served  
with broccoli \$10.95

Kids Menu

Pecan Pie

*Music by:  
Dazzler*

June 19

*Rick & Jan Presents:*

14 OZ Ribeye \$16.95  
OR  
Pan Seared Salmon  
\$13.95

Served with a choice of  
baked potato or FF  
Corn or Green Beans  
Salad & Roll  
Bean Soup & Salad  
Combo \$5.50

Rum Cake w/ ice cream  
Kids menu

*Music by:  
Kris & Bob*

June 26

*Georgia Hilficker Presents:  
Vet's Night*

Pork Chops W/ Dressing &  
Veggie \$10.95

Stuffed Pepper with Au  
Gratin Potato \$8.95

Beef Mushroom Soup &  
Salad combo \$6.50

Banana Pudding  
Kids Menu

*Music by:  
Kathy & Paul*