

Tampa 708 Elksize

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LOYAL KNIGHT - Tommy Moore
LECTURING KNIGHT - Bert Newbill
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TAMPA ELKS, THE PREMIER CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION IN SOUTH TAMPA

I'd like to thank our membership for granting me the opportunity to serve the organization I love. As you know, I have my work cut out for me following such great leaders as Courtney Weil, PER and Theresa Matthews, PER. I sincerely hope that my 17 years of lodge experiences ranging from House Committee Chair to Chairman of the Board of Directors will hold me in good stead as I embark on this exciting responsibility.

This year Tampa 708 has been challenged to grow our membership to 500, and to think outside the box for ways to better serve our existing members as well as attract new ones. Growth is the only way to guarantee that the *Benevolent Order of Elk* good works continue into the future. Your past and your incoming officers, chairmen and committee members are working diligently to determine the most effective way we can achieve these goals. Thankfully, this is a new day in the chapters of Elksdom and our leaders in Grand Lodge and across the country are working on the same objectives; infusing new life into our lodges and making them financially solvent.

To this end we have undertaken several new and exciting projects. We are modernizing our facility with an attractive game room offering checkers, chess, backgammon, pool, gaming machines and darts for our member to enjoy. Last month we voted unanimously to lease our kitchen to Courtney Weil, PER in order to offer our members a constant and full menu without the use of numerous volunteers. These efforts, and others are meant to offer our current members a more enjoyable social quarters and to enhance our appeal in the south Tampa community. I hope you will come by and see for yourself what these changes have done to enrich our lodge.

Again...thank you for the opportunity to serve.
I know, with your help, this will be a sensational year!

Shelagh Gombarcik, Exalted Ruler

Your 2017-18 Committee Chairs

Bert Newbill

Hoop Shoot & Soccer Shoot

Bonnie Atwood & Jackie Apple

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Grand Lodge Youth Programs

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Americanism

Entertainment Chair

Flag Day

Inter-lodge Visitation



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Laura Jones

Chairman &

Bar Manager

Jacquie LoCicero

Ed Mulder

George Hilficker

Logan Matthews

Bert Newbill

Non-Voting Member

Madison Benzing

Assistant Bar Manager

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW PER COURTNEY WEIL, PER

On March 26th a new group of PERs were inducted into this elite organization. The ceremony was held at St. Petersburg Lodge 1224. Many thanks were voice for the service these Elks selflessly provided to their respective lodges, and the sacrifices each endured to do so. The job of Exalted Ruler is a formidable one and the men and women that accept the challenge deserve all our respect and gratitude.

This year it was Courtney Weil's turn to be recognized as a Past Exalted Ruler and she tells us that she is proud and humbled to be part of this wonderful group of people. Courtney's family and friends, as well as our incoming ER Shelagh Gombarcik, were there to share the moment with her.



A Warm Welcome To Our New Elk



Alexander G. Rust
Sponsored by:
Derik Botelho
Of East Providence
Lodge



Riley Floyd
Sponsored by:
Nancy Kessler PER



Theresa Smith
Sponsored by:
Sharon Ford



Antonio D Cruz
Sponsored by:
Theresa Matthews,
PER

Great Job Everyone

2016-2017 has been a banner year for membership at Elks Lodge 708, and we have high hopes that next year will be even better. Thank you to everyone that helped increase our numbers and thus insuring our good works continue into the future.

March Elk Recognition

OFFICER OF THE MONTH: LAURA JONES

Laura is a powerhouse of energy, great ideas and tenacity. This year she has consented to not only take on the 5 year Trustee position, but House Committee Chair and Bar Manager as well. *No small feat, I think we can all agree.* As a new Exalted Ruler I feel blessed to have this lady on board and dedicated to the wellbeing of our lodge. Her long history and experience in management and inventory reconciliation will go a long way in helping us become more organized this coming year. I hope you will join me in thanking her for agreeing to such monumental tasks, and offer her your assistance while she dedicates herself to making this a powerful year for Elks Lodge 708.



ELK OF THE MONTH: PATTY ELKINS

Patty Elkins is a 2nd generation Elk and has been an active member for over 6 years. She has a full time job, is a student and is the mother of (2) of our favorite young people... Christian and Jeremy Elkins....who are always helping out at the Lodge. Patty is the Chairperson of the Youth Activities and in charge of producing (3) kids events each year; the Back to School Party, the Christmas Party and the Bowl a Thon. Patty produced these events with hardly any expense to the Lodge. She is a volunteer with our program at Helping Hands Ministry "Feeding the Homeless" in fact her work there has been recognized with a promotion. She also runs their clothing closet on the first Sunday of the month. She is an exceptional young woman and a great Elk member.



VOLUN "ELK" OF THE MONTH: CANDY VENABLE

Candy is a behind the scenes miracle and Gourmet Club leader extraordinaire! She is always donating covered dishes for any event and generously donates to every charity and fundraiser. Candy has not only helped to make several of our special events even more special with her sweet treats, but with her vocal skills as well. She has been a quiet supporter of the lodge for many years and though she isn't too vocal her contributions are felt and appreciated. Always soft spoken, except during her Gourmet Club meetings, Candy is an asset to our lodge and she should know that we all appreciate her and all her many contributions.



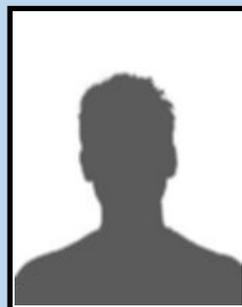
MEET YOUR 2017-2018 OFFICERS



EXALTED RULER: SHELAGH GOMBARCIK

Our incoming ER has been a member for over 16 years. She has held most of the more active lodge positions from the House Committee Chair to the Chairman of the Board of Directors. She has been named Tampa 708 Elk of the Year and the Ladies of the Elk's, Lady Elk of the Year. This past year she served as Leading Knight as well as holding the Elk National Foundation Chairmanship and the Membership Chair. As you can imagine, with these credentials, Shelagh is supremely qualified to hold the position of Exalted Ruler. Her personal expertise is in guest services and banquet management which also lends itself well to the duties of an ER.

LEADING KNIGHT: *Unfilled as of print date.*



LOYAL KNIGHT: TOMMY MOORE

Tommy is starting his 10th year as an Elk. He has been active in the Lodge as Youth Activities Chairman for 2 years and put our lodge on the map in the hoop shoot event. He will act as the Chairman of the Drug Awareness Program and State Youth Activities Chairman this year as well as his position as Loyal Knight. Tommy has been a God send to the kitchen and many other committees throughout his membership and is comfortable in any lodge activity he undertakes. He served as Esquire in 2016-17 and is honored to be Loyal Knight this year.

LECTURING KNIGHT: BERT NEWBILL

Bert has been an Elk for a year, joining in April 2016. Since becoming a member, Bert has been active with Club Chivalry and volunteering in the kitchen to help support our Veterans' dinners. He enjoys playing basketball and working out regularly at the South Tampa YMCA where he is also a member of the Advisory Board. He looks forward to working with the House Committee, our youth programs, and Veterans Support programs and helping the Lodge to continue to grow. Bert is recently retired from the US Army, having retired from active service on March 1, 2017.



SECRETARY: RICHARD "RICK" SCHNEIDER, PER

Rick has been an Elk for 46 years. He was ER in 1987 and has participated in, or been chairman of, too many committees to list. His passion is in doing every project he takes on to the best of his ability and making sure it's done right. He prides himself in paying attention to the details. This will be his second term as Lodge Secretary and he would like you to know that he hopes to improve each year he serves. He asks if you have any suggestions on how he can improve his service that you let him know.

MEET YOUR 2017-2018 OFFICERS, (continued)



TREASURER: RITA SMITH

Rita has been an Elk going on 23 years. She has held a wide variety of positions in the Lodge, most recently Athena Committee Chair and Grants Coordinator, which she will continue to hold. Her favorite activity is participating in the Elk's community charitable projects and she has been highly successful in this as in each of her lodge positions. Rita has been retired from the Postal Service for 4 years, and tells us that she is excited by the many challenges that learning her new position as Treasurer will bring.

ESQUIRE: GEORGE HILFICKER

George has been a member for 2 short years but has been a force within the lodge. This past year he held the Tiler position and was an integral part of the kitchen management team and in the overall maintenance of the lodge itself. George is a 20 year veteran of the telecommunications business and was a Green Beret and a Jump Master in the Florida Army National Guard. His wife, 2 of his daughters, his sister and 2 nieces are members of the lodge and he feels he has found a home here.



INNER GUARD: MADISON BENZING

Madison just joined our ranks and has jumped in with both feet. She is a transplant from Rochester, Indiana and came here to join her grandmother, Laura Jones our incoming House Committee Chairperson and 5yr Trustee, and her uncle George Hilficker, the incoming Esquire. Madison is a mental health care professional and works at a facility in the Clearwater area. She is a go-getter and is proving to be a very bright light in our lodge.

TILER: *Unfilled as of print date.*



CHAPLIN: REBECCA SULLINS

2017 will be Rebecca's 4th year as a proud Elk. She enjoys assisting with Tampa 708's social media & marketing efforts, children's activities, holiday parties, and promoting the lodge at off-site events. Rebecca has just completed her first year on the Board of Directors as the Esteemed Lecturing Knight and will be appointed Chaplain this coming season. She is a happily married mother of 3 with a BA in Communications/Marketing and is eager to grow in Elkdom by continuing to serve our community.

Supporting Reports



As I start on my adventure as President of the LOE, I would like to thank Susanne Moore, our outgoing President, for her mentorship, guidance and belief in me. I will work my hardest to do her and our LOE proud.

I have enjoyed my year as your LOE Secretary and have had the pleasure of establishing many new friendships, understanding the working of the LOE and contributing to our mission.

As a new year for our lodge begins, I look forward to working with our newly elected Exalted Ruler, Shelagh Gombarcik. Her enthusiasm and love for her lodge should be a guiding light for all. My goal as the newly elected president is to continue our community enrichment, increase our active membership, and continue to promote goodwill and community amongst our LOE membership.

Our first LOE event with our newly elected board is the Kentucky Derby Day Horse Race on May 6, 2017. Mark your calendars for this family friendly event. Look for more information as we get closer to the starting gate. If you have any ideas or would like to give your LOE a helping hand, you may email us at LOETampa708@yahoo.com. I look forward to a wonderful, fun filled and productive year with the LOE.

Jacquie LoCicero, Ladies of the ELK President

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Executive Board

Jacquie LoCicero - President
Suzanne Moore - Vice President
Devoney Bedami - Secretary
Robert Bordonaro - Treasurer
Carolynn Breit - Chaplin
Bonnie Atwood - Parliamentarian



LOE April Birthdays submitted by Donna Halsey:



4/1 - Betty Faulkner, 4/1 - Melissa Bertoch, 4/5 - Jim Shimp, 4/6 - Jacquie LoCicero, 4/7 - Carolyn Williams, 4/9 - John Wayne, 4/12 - Tina Kameron, 4/19 - Carolyn Breit, 4/20 - Richy Palmer, 4/25 - Barbara Miller



Hello Fellow Members,

I want to thank everyone who donated this month. We have Donna Halsey, Rita Smith, Patty Jankiewicz, Bonnie Atwood, Doris Ellis, Bill Edwards, Robert Sommers, Tony Moreno, Manny Maldonado, Debbie Osterbrook, George and Georgia Hilficker and Sharon Ford who helps people let go of some change at the bar. A few were left out last month and I'm sorry. Please keep up the good work. Remember it's a good cause.

Thank you to all who helped and I hope more will join.
If you need me call 813.831.4270 or 813.244.9867 - With Love, *Berni Turpin*

Committee Communications

As we go into our new Elk year I would like to thank our out going ER and Officers for a job well done. This also goes for those who volunteered throughout the year to make 2016-17 a great year for our Lodge. We welcome the incoming officers and our new ER, and wish them the best for another successful year. I would like to thank everyone for supporting our Drug Awareness, Hoop Shoot and Soccer Shoot events. This year I pass the baton for Hoop Shoot and Soccer Shoot to Bert Newbill, but will continue in my position as Drug Awareness Chairman. I hope you will step forward and help Bert make this another great year for our sporting events.

Fraternally yours, *Tommy Moore*, Loyal Knight



Committee Communications Continued

Elks Youth Camp -Summer Camp

Still time to send your child to summer camp. Let your friends, family, neighbors, and school buddies know about our great camp. If more info needed please call John Wayne @ 813 837-4252 or you can call the Lodge Office @ 813 831-4280

Fraternally yours, *John Wayne*, PER, Youth Camp Chairman



Club Chivalry

In February, Club day was a testing day, so we met in the media center with those club members who had finished their tests.

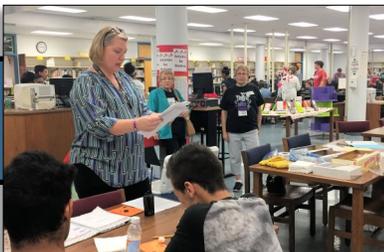
We have had to contact ENF and make some changes to our plans for field trips for Club Chivalry this year. In our application, we asked to take two field trips in the spring – One to the Youth camp to do team building skills on the ropes course, and the other to take a tour of HCC and USF. We are moving the Youth

Camp trip to the fall, because we did not get the permission from the school board in time. The trip to USF is being scrubbed in order to expand our trip to HCC to an almost full day. The community college organized a career day and we were invited to attend. This is a much better fit than USF for most of our students, and in fact 2 of last year's graduating seniors enrolled in the HCC Tech department.

The next big deal is *the South Tampa Relay for Life*. It is held on the football field at Robinson HS from 6pm to 6am on April 21st. This is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, and the walk starts at daylight and ends at daylight to signify walking through the darkness of cancer to emerge in the light whether recovery or eternity is up to interpretation. Most fundraising is done by sponsoring people who participate. The participants are part of a team – in our case – Club Chivalry. Our team goal is to raise \$1000.00. Each team member has a goal of raising \$100.00. Getting the club members to sign up has been rather elusive, but you can track our progress by looking up our team on the Relay for Life homepage. In addition to online sponsors, I am selling luminaria for \$10.00 apiece. You can decorate your luminaria any way you want, or fill out a form to have the Relay for Life group print a name on them. Most of these are dedicated to somebody who is, or has been, touched by cancer. These luminarias are lined up around the track and lit at sundown for the luminary quiet lap, and they remain burning for hours. Your 10 dollars will be used to help one of our members meet their \$100.00 goal.

If you are a cancer survivor, you can register online too and receive a free dinner at the Relay before joining all the other survivors in the opening lap. Wear purple! It is quite impressive. Our Club Advisor and fellow Elk, Kristina Chowning is a survivor, as is our Loge Chaplain, Becky Sullins. Kristina is the lead for this entire So Tampa Event so I am the team captain this year, and I will need a lot of help, especially setting up our canopy tent and campsite at about 4:30 on that Friday. During the event, we plan to sell French Fries, so there will be plenty to see and do all night long. Make plans now to come out for an hour or two.

Rita Smith, Club Chivalry Chairperson



Committee Communications Continued

A word from the House Committee:

Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can. Arthur Ashe

Your 2017/2018 House Committee members are: Bert Newbill, Ed Mulder, George Hilficker, Laura Jones, Jacquie LoCicero , Logan Matthews. At least initially I will be acting as bar manager with the able assistance of Madison Benzing.

Everyone is committed and eager to do our part in moving Tampa Elks 708 forward to a successful year. Meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30pm. (right after the Queen of Hearts drawing). All Lodge members are welcome to attend.

Laura Jones , House Committee Chairman



Laura Jones



Jacquie LoCicero



Bert Newbill



Logan Matthews



George Hilficker



Ed Mulder



Madison Benzing



A HOME OF THEIR OWN

Penny is another Athena Vet that has successfully transitioned into her own apartment – where she is thriving despite the fact that she broke her foot right before she moved. She works in a therapeutic work program for the VA on a part time to supplement her very small pension. Penny has been very resourceful in getting her apartment furnished, but are were still plenty of items she needs including things you would consider basics like a microwave. She is in much better shape now. The Elks came through for her, and she has asked me to express her sincere gratitude to our members.

Thank you to Chris Miles, Bill Deen, Elma Kelly, Debbie Cassells, and Hank and Patricia Bellairs for their generous donations. Hank even made a trip up to North Tampa to deliver a desk to her. (Up a flight of stairs, no less) And of course, The Elks National Veterans Service Center will reimburse us for the last \$200.00 we spent taking her shopping for the final items on her list.

Penny has informed me that her old roommate at Athena, Charlene, has just moved out and will be contacting me. Stay tuned...

Rita Smith, Athena Committee Chair





Hello my Fraternal Family,

We wrapped up our very successful year with a Bowling party for the older kids, ages 9 -17, on Sunday, February 26, 2017. We had 50 kids registered but only 39 actually attended. The older kids enjoyed their two games of bowling at Pinarama Lanes. Bowling included 2 games, the rental shoes, socks (if needed) and soda. After bowling we walked the 1 block back to the Elks lodge where we enjoyed Slice Pizza, an enormous ice cream sundae bar and soda. The soda was provided by Happy's Home Center. We were able to provide trophies to the first and second place winners for each category, which was divided by age and gender. All of the kids had a great time at both the bowling party and at the lodge. Frank Smith brought in his group of Boy Scouts and one of them, Taquese, won 2 trophies. One for his age division and one for highest single game score. He was very generous and gave away his second trophy to a fellow scout who didn't win. Thank you to Frank Smith for always supporting our youth activities. We certainly enjoy having him and all his scouts join us. Our volunteers were amazing! Our Elk volunteers were: Citizen of the Year, Rita Smith; Our ER Elect, Shelagh Gombarcik, brand new members Mallory Benzing, Madison Benzing, Richard Yutz, Scoutmaster Frank Smith, and our favorite and most faithful helper, Elma Kelly. We collaborated again with Open Arms ministry and had Glenn and Ellen Simpson from the Open Arms Clothing Closet join us for an afternoon of caring and sharing. They happily joined us and won the volunteer raffle of a \$25 gift certificate from Hooters that had been donated to our committee. We had 11 other volunteers from my personal circle of friends. I want to thank Richard Yutz's daughter, Cristal Yutz, for making sure each kid stayed hydrated while bowling. All in all, it was an amazing event.

We were able to raffle off 5 large pizzas and \$60 in McDonalds gift cards due to the careful budgeting of Rita Smith. Everyone left tired and full and the parents got an afternoon break.

I am looking forward to this next year of being Chairman of the Lodge's Youth Activities committee and hope I can continue to receive your support. I have grand ideas for this year! Stay tuned for more info in months to come.

Fraternaly Yours,
Patty Elkins, Lodge Youth Activities.



Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events

2016-17 APPRECIATION AND AWARDS DINNER

This years appreciation and awards dinner was attended by 70+ members and was a delightful experience for everyone. The food was highly praised from the Beef Wellington and Stuffed Tilapia to the strawberry shortcake dessert. Best of all the ceremony was poignant but short, which is always appreciated!

THIS YEAR'S AWARD WINNERS

OFFICER OF THE YEAR:TOMMY MOORE, ESQUIRE

ELK OF THE YEAR:GEORGIA HILFICKER

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR:RITA SMITH

ROCK GIBRALTAR:.....BOB SUHRHEINRICH

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:LOGAN MATTHEWS

YOUTH OF THE YEAR:.....MALLORY BENZING



Courtney Weil, ER gave out Thank You buttons to the hard working Elks that helped to make this year so successful.

As always there are many people to thank for helping to make this event memorable. Laura Jones and Bob Suhrheinrich, for setting up and decorating the hall, Logan Matthews and Sammy Weil for help in the kitchen, and Katie Wood, Devin Hecker, Emma Harvey, Raegan Weil and Capi Sanchez for serving the meal.



Georgia Hilficker, Elksize Editor



A big thank you to all who participated and donated to the LOE Walk-A-Thon!

If you have collected monies for this event and have yet to turn it in, please do so as soon as possible so that we can tally up our donations. You may give your donations to Sue Moore or leave it with the bartender.

Thank you again and we look forward to seeing you at our next LOE meeting, April 5th. Come early and enjoy a wonderful dinner by our own Bob Suhrheinrich.

Jacque LoCicero
LOE Secretary



Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events



This year's St. Patrick's day event was a major success! Over one hundred guests enjoyed the food, the hilarious entertainment and the talented DJ "King David". Our own Irish Leprechaun, Boston Bob Norton and his lady Brenda Stokking have taken on this event for the past several years and this year they truly outdid themselves. From the decorations to the dessert it was wonderful evening.



Lisa Snyder, Betty Orcutt and Sandra Lake delighted everyone with their Irish skit. *Who knew Lisa could play the drums like that...and what about those bag pipes!* Shelagh Gombarcik lead us in an Irish sing along which didn't showcase our vocal talents all that well but was fun just the same.



If you didn't join us you missed a great night.



A NOTE FROM BRENDA AND BOB:

Thank you to everyone that attended the St. Patrick's Party.

A very big thank you to Rick Schneider and his family for serving a fantastic corned beef dinner.

A special thanks to everyone that helped put this event together. It took many folks to pull this off and we could never have done it without; Nan Quire, Laura Jones, Lisa Snyder, Betty Orcutt, Suzanne and Tommy Moore, Mallory and Madison Benzing, Susie Harlow, Georgia Hilficker, Bonnie Quire, Sandra Lake, and our great DJ, King David.

Thank you to everyone that worked so hard selling tickets, and those who donated items for the auction table.

If we have left anyone out, we are sorry.

Brenda and Bob



Upcoming Events and Programs



**THE 2017-18
OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND THE LOE OFFICERS
WILL BE INSTALLED ON
APRIL 1ST**



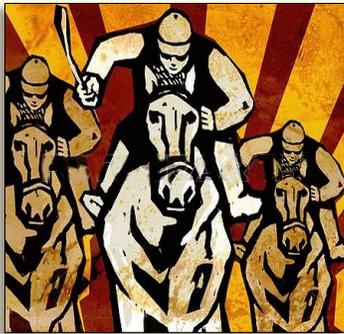
Cocktail Hour and Hors d'oeuvres begin at 6pm

Installation begins at 7pm

immediately followed by the Installation of LOE Officers.
A dinner will be served upon the completion of Installations.

All are welcome.

Please be kind enough to sign up at the lodge if you plan to attend.



THE LOE PRESENTS ANOTHER KENTUCKY DERBY HORSE RACE

Save the Date: May 6th
Ticket Booths Open at 6pm
Races Begin at 7pm

Come enjoy the fun, food, games and prizes!
Watch for more details on the monitor & posters.

QUEEN OF HEARTS ♥ Q

\$1,900

AS OF 3/23/2017

What is it Now!

Come Play this Thursday



*Calling All
Epicurean Elks...*

Sunday, April 23, 2017 5:00 pm



*We're exploring the cuisine
of France & Switzerland*

*Bring us your impressive dishes, or just come
with an appetite and a donation*

trivia...trivia...trivia...trivia...trivia...trivia...

Upcoming Events and Projects

COURTNEY'S TABLE AT 708 GRAND OPENING SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND

Courtney's Table at 708 Sunday Brunch 10am to 2pm

Quiche of the Day

- Ask your server for the Quiche of the Day - Served with Hash Browns or Home Fries, & Fruit\$6.95

Build your own Omelet

- A Three Fresh Egg Omelet served with Home Fries, Hash Browns or Grits and Toast.....\$3.95
- Add: Cheese - Cheddar, Swiss, Feta, Mozzarella.....\$.75ea
- Meat - Ham, Sausage, Bacon.....\$1.00ea
- Veggies - Onion, Peppers, Spinach, Tomatoes, Broccoli, Artichoke, Mushrooms.....\$.50ea

Eggs Benedict

All Benedicts topped with Homemade Hollandaise Sauce

- Traditional Benedict
 - 2 Poached Eggs & Canadian Bacon on a toasted English Muffin.....\$6.95
- Greek Benedict
 - 2 Poached Eggs atop a bed of Spinach & Artichoke Casserole.....\$7.50
- Crab & Asparagus Benedict
 - 2 Poached Eggs atop a bed of Seasoned Krab & Asparagus.....\$8.25
- Florentine Benedict
 - 2 Poached Eggs atop a bed Pulled Pork & Swiss Cheese.....\$7.25

Breakfast Classics

Egg Dishes Served with Hash Browns, Home Fries or Grits, Bacon or Sausage & Toast (Kielbasa \$1.00 Extra)

- 1 Egg any style\$4.50
- 2 Eggs any style\$5.00
- 3 Eggs any style.....\$5.50
- Thick Sliced French Toast w/Bacon..\$4.75
- Courtney's Famous Bananas Foster French Toast With Choice of Meat.....\$6.95
- Sides:
 - Hash Browns.....\$1.70
 - Home Fries.....\$1.75
 - Grits.....\$1.75
 - Cheese Grits.....\$2.00
 - English Muffin.....\$1.50
 - Toast.....\$1.50
 - Croissant.....\$1.00
 - 4 Bacon.....\$2.25
 - 2 Sausage.....\$2.25
 - Kielbasa.....\$2.25

Croissant Sandwiches

All Salads Made Fresh In House

- Chicken Pecan Salad on a Toasted Croissant with Lettuce a side of Chilled Seasonal Fruit.....\$7.25
- Croissant Breakfast Sandwich on a Toasted Croissant with Scrambled Egg, Sausage or Bacon & Choice of Cheese with Chilled Seasonal Fruit.....\$5.95

Salad Platters

All Salads Made Fresh In House

- Shrimp Salad
 - On a Bed of Lettuce and surrounded with Tomato Wedges and Hard Boiled Egg.....\$7.95
- Tuna Salad
 - On a Bed of Lettuce and surrounded with Tomato Wedges and Hard Boiled Egg.....\$5.95
- Egg Salad
 - On a Bed of Lettuce and surrounded with Tomato Wedges and Hard Boiled Egg.....\$5.25
- Three Salad Platter
 - Shrimp, Tuna & Egg Salad on a bed of Lettuce w/Tomato Wedges & Hard Boiled Egg.....\$8.95

Children Under 10 Menu

- French Toast\$2.50
- 1 Egg and 2 Slices of Bacon & Toast.....\$2.50
- Breakfast Sandwich with Egg & Cheese.....\$1.95
- Grilled Cheese Sandwich.....\$1.75

Beverages

- Coffee or Tea.....\$1.75
- Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite.....\$1.75
- Milk.....\$1.50
- Hot Chocolate.....\$2.00
- Orange Juice.....\$2.00

Ask your server about our daily special



Upcoming Events and Projects



The Easter Bunny will join us with treats for the kids.

Courtney's Table at Elks 708

Brings you a fabulous Easter Brunch Buffet

Sunday, April 16th - from 10am to 2pm
3616 W. Gandy Blvd.

\$15.95 per adult, \$7.00 per child under 12

Menu Includes:

Carving Station: Honey Baked Spiral Cut Ham
Slow Roasted Turkey Breast

Breakfast Favorites:	Scrambled Eggs	Quiche (3 flavors)
	Cheese Blintz	Sausage Links
	Cheese Grits	Bacon
	Buttered Grits	Kielbasa
	Biscuits and Gravy	French Toast
	Multi Grain Muffins	

Selections:	Krab Salad	Roasted Red Potatoes
	Corn Fritters	Green Bean Almandine
	Mao & Cheese	Spinach Salad
	Fruit Selection	Yeast Rolls
	Salad Bar	

Dessert Table

The Ladies of The Elk will pay for Children under 12



* Sorry, no to go containers



Upcoming Events and Projects



This year our lodge will participate in the

MACDILL TOP III 1ST ANNUAL AIR FORCE ENLISTED VILLAGE

TRAP SHOOT

**To be held at the Silver Dollars Shooter Club
Located in Odessa, FL
On May 20, 2017**

Donor Packages are:

Tier I: \$5,000

Option to enroll 20 shooters/4teams, erect a booth, and recognition in flyer

Tier II: \$3,500

Option to enroll 10 shooters, paired with enlisted service members,
Erect a booth, recognition in flyer

Tier III: \$1,000

Option to enroll 5 shooters, pared with enlisted service members, recognition in flyer

Tier IV: \$500

Donor will be recognized in flyer

Please respond by April 20th to allow sufficient per-tournament preparation. For additional questions or to join the shoot and pledge your contribution contact Bob Suhrheinrich at Bob.suhrheinrich@gmail.com.

The lodge will participate in the tier IV package, with the financial assistance of Bob Suhrheinrich, Robert Summers, Bonnie Atwood, Richard Florance PER, and Pat Fennel

The MacDill Air Force Base Top III Association is a private organization consisting of service members of the top three enlisted military ranks assigned to MacDill. The Air Force Enlisted Village is a nonprofit organization set up as phase 5 of Bob Hope Village and completed in 2005. It is a consolidated community located on Sunset Lane in Shalimar, FL, providing assisted living with memory care options. Residents share memories of military life, build lasting friendships, and live comfortably in a community with their pride and independence intact.

On Going Calendar

Courtney's Table at 708
Sunday Brunch
 Quiche
 Omelets
 Eggs Benedict
 Croissants Sandwiches
 Breakfast Classics
 Banana's Foster French
 Toast
 And More
 10am to 2pm



Third Sunday GOURMET CLUB

April 23rd, 5pm
 Join this fun group of Elks and cook up a storm, or enjoy their fabulous creations and lots of fun trivia!

BINGO
 6:30pm every 1st and 3rd Monday
 Buy-in Packs \$20
 Specials \$1 each or \$5 for 6
 Bonanza \$1 Each or \$5 for 6
 Exchanges Allowed
 Short Order Grill is Open

GRILL NIGHT AT Courtney's Table AT 708
 OPEN 5:30PM TO 8PM
 Burgers, Pattie Melts, Italian Sausage Hoagie, Fried Chicken Sandwich, Chicken Salad Plate
 French Fries, Onion Rings
 And more

MOVIE NIGHT
 Tuesday Night Movie
 7:30 pm
 With Popcorn

WEDNESDAY MEETING NIGHTS
Courtney's Table AT 708
 Burgers, Hot Dogs, BBQ Pork Sandwich,
 Mojo Pork on Cuban Bread w/Grilled Onions and Swiss, Fries, Onion Rings, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw and More.
 BOD MEETING WED 6PM - 9PM
 GENERAL MEETING WED 5PM -7PM AND 9PM - 11PM



Courtney's Table AT 708



THURSDAY NIGHT BASKETS
 One Dish Meal with Salad, Veggie, Roll & Dessert Baskets:
 Shrimp Basket with Fries & Cole Slaw
 Chicken Tenders Basket with Fries and Cole Slaw
 Wing Basket with Fries and Cole Slaw
 Greek Salad with Potato Salad
 Basket of Fries
 Basket of Onion Rings
 6PM TO 9PM

Triv?d NIGHT

3rd Thursdays after Queen of Hearts.
 \$2.00 to play
 All proceeds go to offset the cost of the Veteran's meals. Fabulous prizes & Great Fun!
 Multiple Choice Questions.
 Hosted this month by:
 Lisa Snyder & Sandra Lake

Dinner at Courtney's Table AT 708
 Early Bird 5pm to 6pm
 Dinner 6pm to 9pm
 Dancing from 7pm to 11pm
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Lodge Business and Programs



Partners in Progress or PIP

Platinum Investors 100+

In Memory of Vern Pickenpaugh from the Reids 3/17

Also from the Pickenpaugh Family 4/17
 Walbart, Mark 6/17

Suhrheinrich, Robert & Candice 6/17
 Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 6/17

In Memory of Jerrye & Patrick Fennell 6/17
 Speach, Michael 6/17

With sincere thanks for the transportation
 Schneider, Rick & Jan 6/17

Appel, Jackie 6/17

In Memory of Tom Stanton

From Mrs. Helen M. Stanton 9/2017

Florance, Richard 9/2017

Osterbrock, Debbie 5/18

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
 Bordonaro, Robert 7/2017

Silver Investors \$21-\$50
 James, Howard 3/2018

Bronze Investors \$10 - \$20
 Your Name Here?

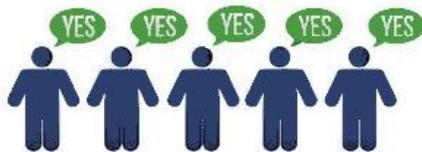
Lodge Business and Programs Cont.



COME CHECK OUT OUR TRANSFORMED ANTLER ROOM



If you haven't poked your head into the Antler Room lately, you need to do just that. Pictures and plaques have been rehung and steps taken to turn it into the functioning lounge we've been trying to achieve. You'll find a chess/checkers/backgammon table, electronic dart board and bistro tables added to the mix all thanks to either loans or donations from members. Additionally 2 of the gaming machines have been returned to the room. Come by and grab a drink from the bar and join the fun in the Antler Room.



The Vote is in and it's UNANIMOUS!

From the House Committee to the Board of Directors and the general assembly, the vote to open Courtney's Table at 708 was unanimous. In an unprecedented show support for the leasing of our kitchen to Courtney Weil, our outgoing ER, we were able to hammer out an agreement that we hope will be a win for everyone concerned. On Sunday, April 2nd at 10am the kitchen will open with a full brunch menu, and at 11am the bar joins in so guests can enjoy their favorite brunch beverage. We hope you will come and participate in this "New Day" for Tampa 708 and support the lodge as they attempt to improve the benefits to its members. Membership at Tampa 708 continues to be the best deal in Tampa Bay!

Buy an Elk Tee Shirt

Tee Shirts \$15.00

Show Your Elkdom!

Ask your bartender.




APRIL LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 5th - BOD Meeting 6:30pm
- 5th - LOE Meeting 7:30pm
- 10th - Calendar Meeting 6:30pm
- 11th - House Committee Meeting 7:30pm
- 12th - General Elks Meeting 7:30pm
- 16th - Orientation & Initiation 11am
- 19th - BOD & Officer's Meeting 7:00pm
- 25th - House Committee Meeting 7:30pm
- 26th - General Elks Meeting 7:30

Courtney's Table AT 708

Friday Night Menu



5PM TO 6PM - \$6.50

- . MEATLOAF WITH HOUSE SALAD, MASHED POTATOES, AND YEAST ROLL
- . SPAGHETTI AND MEAT BALLS WITH HOUSE SALAD AND GARLIC BREAD
- . SALAD PLATE - CHOICE OF TWO SALADS, CHICKEN, TUNA, OR EGG
- . FISH AND CHIPS WITH COLESLAW AND HUSH PUPPIES
- . **PLUS A DAILY SPECIAL**

FRIDAY NIGHT MENU 6PM TO 9PM

STARTERS

- . FRIED MUSHROOMS W/RANCH OR AIOLI SAUCE..... \$4.25
- . FRIED ZUCCHINI W/RANCH OR AIOLI SAUCE..... \$3.95
- . FRIED RAVIOLI W/MARINARA SAUCE \$4.50
- . LOADED FRIES, FRIES SMOTHERED IN CHEESE SAUCE & BACON \$4.95
- . 1/2 LB PEEL & EAT SHRIMP W/COCKTAIL SAUCE \$9.95

... . . . **ASK YOUR SERVER ABOUT THE SOUP OF THE DAY**... . . .

SALADS

- . WEDGE SALAD W/BALSAMIC GLAZE DRESSING, BLUE CHEESE CRUMBLES & BACON BITS \$4.50
- . CHEF SALAD W/EGG, HAM, CHEESE, TOMATOES, CUCUMBERS, PEPPERS, ONIONS \$7.25
- . HOUSE SALAD W/LETTUCE, TOMATO, CUCUMBER, ONION \$2.50
- . CAPRESE SALAD, MOZZARELLA, RIPE TOMATO, CHOPPED BASIL, BALSAMIC VINEGARETTE \$5.25

ENTREES

- SERVED W/HOUSE SALAD, VEGGIE OF THE DAY AND YOUR CHOICE OF BAKED, MASHED, FRENCH FRIED POTATOES OR RICE PILAF, AND YEAST ROLLS. (Loaded Potato, Sour Cream, Bacon & Cheese \$.50)
- . 1/4 CHICKEN \$7.95
 - . CAPI'S HOMEMADE MEATLOAF..... \$8.95
 - . COUNTRY FRIED STEAK W/WHITE OR BROWN GRAVY..... \$9.50
 - . ROSEMARY GARLIC PORK TENDERLOIN \$9.95
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 - . FRIED FISH WITH FRENCH FRIES, COLESLAW & HUSH PUPPIES \$8.95
 - . SHRIMP PASTA W/HOUSE SALAD & GARLIC BREAD \$9.75
 - . GEORGIA'S CHICKEN PICATTA W/PASTA HOUSE SALAD AND GARLIC BREAD..... \$8.95
 - . ITALIAN SAUSAGE PASTA W/HOUSE SALAD AND GARLIC BREAD \$8.95

ASK YOUR SERVER ABOUT THE DAILY SPECIAL & STEAK OF THE DAY.

DESSERT

- . COURTNEY'S LARGE HOMEMADE COOKIE A LA MODE \$3.95
- . HOMEMADE BROWNIE A LA MODE \$4.50
- . COLE'S HOMEMADE CHEESECAKE \$4.95
- . VANILLA ICE CREAM W/OR WITHOUT CHOCOLATE SAUCE \$2.50

KIDS MEALS

- SPAGHETTI & MEAT BALL.....\$4.50 MEATLOAF W/MASHED & VEGGIE.....\$4.50
- GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH & FRIES.....\$3.50 HOT DOG W/CHIPS.....\$2.50

DRINKS: TEA, COFFEE.....\$1.75 COKE, DIET COKE OR SPRITE.....\$1.75





TAMPA ELKS LODGE #708

APRIL 2017

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

SUN MON TUE WED THUR FRI SAT

						<p>1  INSTALLATION OF 2017-18 OFFICERS</p> 
<p>2 Grand Opening <i>Courtney's Table at 708</i> Sunday Brunch 10AM TO 2PM</p>	<p>3 Open Grill <i>Courtney's Table at 708</i> 5:30PM TO 8PM</p> <p>BINGO 6:30PM</p>	<p>4 STCOC Military Affairs Meeting 3:00pm</p> <p>Improv Class 6:30</p> <p>Movie Night 7:30pm</p>	<p>5  LOE Dinner 6:45 LOE MEETING 7:30 BOD Meeting 6:30pm</p> <p>Meeting Night Grill <i>Courtney's Table at 708</i> 6PM TO 9PM</p>	<p>6 Basket Night <i>Courtney's Table at 708</i> 6PM TO 9PM</p> <p> Queen of Hearts Drawing</p>	<p>7 Dinner at Courtney's Table at 708</p> <p>Early Bird 5pm to 6pm Dinner 6pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm MENU ON PG 18</p>	<p>8 HOLY TRINITY LUTHERN CHURCH</p> <p>FATHER Daughter DANCE</p> <p>HALL RENTAL</p> 
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OUR CURRENT SUPPORTERS

Shelagh Gombarcik 3/2017
Rosie & Roger LaChance - 4/2017
Leopold Wiesler - 4/2017
Robert Bordonaro - 5/2017
Mrs. Helen Stanton,
In Memory of Tom Stanton - 9/2017
Donna R. Morris - Halsey - 9/2017
Ted Bass - 2/2018
Melissa Bertoch - 2/2018
In Memory of
Harold Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018
Vera Wright 3/2018

Bud Cash - 4/2018
In Memory of
William (Bill) Atwood - 5/2018
Berni Turpin In Memory of
Robert O'Connor Berni - 5/2018
Bill Deen - 6/2018
Deborah Cassels 6/2018
Rita Smith - 12/2017
Debbie Osterbrock - 04/2019
John F. Morris - 3/2021
South Tampa Chamber of Commerce
12/2021



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us to direct more of our annual income to the charities and organizations we support.