

Elks Tampa 708 size

Volume 2016 Issue 4 -July
Official Publication of Tampa Elks Lodge #708,
Founded 1902, Published monthly at
3616 W Gandy Blvd, Tampa FL 33611
Office: 813-831-4280 - Lounge: 813-839-8928



LODGE OFFICERS:

EXALTED RULER - Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP
LEADING KNIGHT - Dee Cisneros
LOYAL KNIGHT - Tommy Moore
LECTURING KNIGHT - Bert Newbill
SECRETARY - Rick Schneider, PER
TREASURER - Rita Smith, PLP
ESQUIRE - George Hilficker
INNER GUARD - Madison Benzing
TILER - Brian Brantley, PER
CHAPLAIN - Becky Sullins
5 YEAR TRUSTEE - Laura Jones
4 YEAR TRUSTEE - Theresa Matthews, PER
3 YEAR TRUSTEE - Robert Suhrheinrich
2YEAR TRUSTEE - Christopher Miles
1 YEAR TRUSTEE - Richard Florance, PER

DISTRICT ADVISOR - Frank Palladini, PSP, PDDGER
LODGE ADVISORS - Steve Harmon, PDDGER
Mike Pierson, PDDGER
VAVS REP FOR JAMES A HALEY - Brian Brantley, PER

Exalted Ruler

Shelagh Gombarcik, Exalted Ruler

House Committee Chair

Laura Jones (laj6687@gmail.com)

Bar Manager

Laura Jones (laj6687@gmail.com)

Hall Event Inquiry: 813-837-4246

Susie Harlow

Lodge email:

lodge708secretary@outlook.com

Elksize Editor:

Shelagh Gombarcik, ER

Tampa Web Address - Tampaelks.com

Club Hours:

Mon - Thursday 4:00pm - 11:00pm

Friday 4:00pm - 12:00am

Saturday 4:00pm - 11:00pm

Sunday 12:30pm - 9:00pm



The Motto of our new
State President, Carl Gerace:
"E L K S...Excellent Leadership
through Kindness and Service."

At our State Convention, the new state president presented his message:

The Elks are a long standing fraternal organization striving to help the less fortunate. Let us never forget those who worked so hard to lay the foundation for what is now the premier fraternal organization in the world, and let us continue their work by being leaders in our communities. It should be our mission to show how a group of people with a common goal can make a difference in our lodges, towns, states, and our nation. We should show kindness to members and nonmembers alike and listen to their wants, needs and feelings while building relationships along the way. We need to let everyone know of the services we offer and show how we can help them build stronger communities.

Let each one of us strive to make this organization better by supporting the programs that help the less fortunate, by raising up our communities, and looking to our future with EXCELLENT LEADERSHIP THROUGH KINDNESS AND SERVICE.

What an amazing message, and in addition the President has committed a \$500-\$1,800 grant to those lodges that meet the criteria set out in his message. If you know of a worthy situation that would fit the parameters of this grant please let our grant writer, Rita Smith know.

We have started our second quarter of the lodge year and are in need of members to help in many areas. We urgently need a scholarship chair to help our young people get those much needed college funds. We also need help to feed the homeless on the 3rd Sunday of the month, (only 2 hours). Please let myself, one of the lodge officers, or the secretary know if you can help in any area.

This month our Youth Activities Committee, chaired by Patty Elkins, will sponsor a "BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY." Attending students will be provided school supplies and enjoy a Pirate Party featuring a treasure hunt and fun activities. Please sign up any children you wish to attend. See flyer on pg. 9.

In order to give our members even more worthwhile opportunities to participate at the lodge, we have developed a series of programs for your enjoyment. This series will include; Social Media, LinkedIn and Painting with a Twist to get started. See the flyer on pg 9 and come in to learn and connect. This is just part of our ongoing commitment to give added benefits to your membership, so please let me know your thoughts.

See you at the Lodge!
Shelagh Gombarcik, ER

Your 2017-18 Committee Chairs

Bert Newbill

Hoop Shoot & Soccer Shoot
Marquee Manager

**Bonnie Atwood, Jackie Appel
and Melissa Bertoch**

Auditing Committee

Brian Brantley, PER

VAVS Rep to James A. Haley
Inter-lodge Visitation

Courtney Weil, PER

Community Projects & Activities

Dee Cisneros

Americanism
Flag Day

Georgia Hilficker

This Week
Monitor
Web Calendar

Jacquie LoCicero

LOE Liaison

John Wayne, PER

Youth Camp

Marty Quire

Web and Online Communications

Patty Jankewicz

Lodge Veteran's Committee

Patty Elkins

Youth Activities

Rick Schnieder, PER

Government Relations

Rita Smith

Grants
Athena House
Army of Hope

Shelagh Gombarcik, ER

Orientation/Membership
Elksize Editor

Steve Harmon, PDDGER

Ritualistic Chairperson

Susie Harlow

Bingo Chairperson

Theresa Matthews, PER

State Major Projects

Tommy Moore

ENF Chairman
Drug Awareness

— ◆ —
House Committee:

Laura Jones

Chairman &
Bar Manager

Jacquie LoCicero

Ed Mulder

George Hilficker

Logan Matthews

Bert Newbill

Madison Benzing
Assistant Bar Manager

WCD VICE PRESIDENT VISITATION SCHEDULE

**JULY 8TH - LARGO LODGE 2159
6PM COCKTAILS - 7PM VP ADDRESS**

**JULY 29TH - ST. PETERSBURG LODGE 1224
6PM COCKTAILS - 7PM VP ADDRESS**

**AUGUST 5TH - SEMINOLE LODGE 2519
6PM COCKTAILS - 7PM VP ADDRESS**

**AUGUST 12TH - HOLIDAY ISLES LODGE 1912
6PM COCKTAILS - 7PM VP ADDRESS**

**AUGUST 19TH - DUNEDIN/CLEARWATER LODGE 1512
6PM COCKTAILS - 7PM VP ADDRESS**

**SEPTEMBER 9TH - TAMPA LODGE 708
HOMECOMING!!!**

6PM COCKTAILS - 7PM VP ADDRESS

Dinner will follow each VP address.

A Warm Welcome To Our New Elk



DUE TO THE LATE DATE OF THIS MONTH'S ORIENTATION OUR NEW JUNE MEMBERS WILL APPEAR IN NEXT MONTH'S EDITION.

July Elk Recognition

OFFICER OF THE MONTH: RITA SMITH, PLP

This lady is an amazing person and Elk member. She's always looking for ways to help the lodge, improve our community and lend a hand to those who are less fortunate. She helps the Vets at the Women's Veterans group, "Athena" transition into housing, drives the bingo volunteers to James Haley Hospital, organizes donations for the Veteran's Stand Down, to name but a few things she does to help our nations veterans. Rita writes the grants for all the ENF funded programs that help support our South Tampa community programs; Club Chivalry at Robinson High, Feeding the Homeless at the Open Arms Ministry and funding parties for our local children and more. Rita has been recognized as; Elk of Year, Citizen of the Year, Elk of the District and LOE Lady of the Year, and all so well deserved. Rita is now serving as Lodge Treasurer, a position that is vital to our operation. She is facing many new challenges and is doing so with an open mind and positive attitude. I could write volumes about the many good works that Rita Smith does for our Lodge, Community and Country. We are blessed to have you amongst us!



ELK OF THE MONTH: GEORGIA HILFICKER

Georgia Hilficker, is one of most talented and creative people I know. Her artistic abilities are present all over the lodge in flyers, posters, menus, banners, centerpieces, and floor plans. She can do amazing things with her computer skills and artwork. Georgia is also responsible for the first class newsletter you are reading now. *(You can believe me when I say that the content she publishes does not come to her in the format that is produced. She does a lot of editing to get the articles ready to go to press.)* Along with her artwork, Georgia is an excellent Chef and has produced some fabulous meals and buffets for our lodge members. Georgia spent the 2 years prior to Courtney's Table working to make our kitchen top notch, and she continues to work with Courtney by planning menus for our special events and preparing shopping lists and prep schedules. For those that are not aware, she was integral in the structuring and installation of Courtney's Table. Georgia, your talents have contributed so much to the success of our lodge and we thank you for all that you do to make Tampa 708 great.



VOLUN "ELKS" OF THE MONTH: OUR ELKSIZEL HELPERS

Susie Harlow, Elma Kelly, Patty Jankewicz, Caroline Breit, Bonnie Atwood and Rita Smith consistently show up each month with part time helpers; George Hilficker, Laura Jones, Carolyn Miller and Sue & Tommy Moore to get our newsletter ready to post. Once published and printed, Rita Smith makes a call to this group who show up at the lodge to fold, sort and label the bulletin. When completed Rita hand carries them to the Bulk Mail Office at the airport. All this so that we, the members, can get the lodge news delivered to our door on a timely basis. Without this service many of our members would not know all the great things that our lodge is doing. These dedicated folks have provided this service for many years, and "jump to" when called upon at the last minute to get the paper out ASAP. You should know that there are many lodges in Elkdome that do not mail out a newsletter, but deliver it online only. This service is invaluable to those that do not have a computer in their home. I would ask that you join me in thanking them for keeping the paper publication of our newsletter coming to us monthly.



Supporting Reports



Summer is upon us and the LOE is gearing up for their annual FLOE Conference. This year it will take place from September 21 -23 in Maitland, FL. Where is that you ask, Maitland, just north of Orlando. So, if any LOE members would like to join us, feel free to email me at LOETampa708@yahoo.com, I'll send you the information.

Every year at the conference, FLOE gathers a fun item for the children that attend the summer camp in Umatilla. This year they are requesting that we donate packs of water balloons for the campers. We are asking our LOE and fellow Elk members to bring in a pack or two of water balloons. You may place your donation in the basket by the LOE bulletin board. The more we have the better!

Save the date! On Sunday, August 13th at 2pm, the LOE will be hosting Painting with a Twist. In addition to painting, we will have a Sangria Bar with light appetizers. The cost is \$35 per person. We encourage all of our current members to bring a friend, introduce them to all your LOE has to offer. Members who bring a non-LOE member will be registered for a prize. Look in the August edition of the Elksize for more information.

Father's Day Brunch at Courtney's Table @708 was wonderful. The LOE provided each Father a Bloody Mary to celebrate their special day.

Jacquie LoCicero, President Ladies of the Elks

Executive Board

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



LOE July Birthdays submitted by Carolynn Breit



7/1 - Florence Wayne, 7/2 - Alice Ferrari, 7/8 - Devony Bedami,
 7/8 - Candi Suhrheinrich, 7/8 - Susan Hagan, 7/10 - LaVelle Sheppard,
 7/15 - Jacqueline Appel, 7/21 - Nancy Dudney, 7/25 - Elma Kelly, 7/29 - Beth Boyd



365

My dear 365's, I'm so sorry my article didn't come out last month. The good thing is that you didn't stop giving. For that I'm grateful.

I'm putting numbers next to certain names because they gave for a couple of months and one that was omitted. Here are our devoted donors: Donna Halsey (2); Patty J (2); Jackie Appel & co-workers (2 or 3); Robert Sommers (2); Rita Smith (2); Devony Bedami (2); Robert Bordonaro; Bernie Turpin; Flo & John Wayne and our wonderful people at the bar and tables. We're very glad to have made our quota last year so please keep donating so that we can keep those therapy vans going.

Lots of Love, Bernie 813-831-4270 or 813-244-9867

Committee Communications



THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING. Please remember how much this amazing charity contributes to our community here in South Tampa. Without the grants that we receive from ENF we would not be able to support the programs that our community relies upon and that we have become known for. We are still shy of meeting our lodges per capita, so if you have not donated to the ENF please consider helping so that we will qualify for all the grants that are available. Thank you to our Bingo Charity account for their contribution along with Richard Florence, PER, Rita Smith, PLP and Shelagh Gombarcik, ER for their generous donations. You can mail your contributions directly to the Grand Lodge or see myself, the lodge secretary, Rick Schneider, PER or Shelagh Gombarcik ER. **FYI** when sending a check directly to ENF please include both your donor number and your lodge member number. Thank for your continuing support and let's meet our per capita again this year. **Fraternally Yours, Tommy Moore, Loyal Knight, ENF Chairperson**

Hello everyone.

Hope you are all enjoying the summer. Lots of rain and of course a lot of sunshine. Do not forget the back to school party on July 29th. The drug awareness program will be there to help out with a great party. Remember the Elk motto: "Just Say No".



Enjoy the summer time.

Fraternally, Tommy Moore

YOUTH
activities

BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY - JULY 29TH

Volunteers needed:

Please sign up with Patty at 941-580-7201 or email elkinspatty@yahoo.com

School supplies needed: Fiskars scissors, loose-leaf paper, Crayola crayons 24 pack, composition books, plastic 3 pronged 2 pocket folders, pencils, and pens.

Don't Forget it's a Pirate Theme!

Next committee meeting: Monday, July 10th at 7:30pm at the lodge.

Grant Communications



Club Chivalry Student Success Program

The last regularly scheduled Club Day Meeting for the 2016-2017 school year was on April 24th. Since it was the last meeting, we doubled up on both the refreshments and the door prizes. Elma Kelly, Carolyn Miller, Bert Newbill and I were there to assist Kristina Chowning with her last meeting. When no guest speaker showed up, our Tampa Elks Lecturing Knight, Bert Newbill, stepped up to the plate and gave a talk about his life in the military. The talk was well received, and we practically had to drag him away from the students mobbing him at the end of the meeting.

Robinson High School graduation was held on May 25th. There were 20 Club Chivalry students in the graduating class. A few of them were pretty well known to me, and it was fun to be there to watch them graduate. I believe that all 20 of them walked across the stage that morning. And since the saying is "Once a Knight, always a Knight," we can expect to see them in the future...maybe even in our Lodge as members.

Of course, that means that we will have at least 20 incoming freshmen in the Club Chivalry for Successful Students next year. To make sure they start the school year off right our next big event is the Mid-Summer Knight Open House. This is scheduled for **July 11th at 6:30pm**. At the Mid-Summer Knight, we meet the incoming ninth graders and their families. They are invited to come to the cafeteria where we offer dinner to the whole family. The students also collect basic school supplies, and a club T-shirt at this event. They participate in a round robin style information surge, where faculty and staff man tables to discuss different parts of high school life. The Tampa Elks take charge of explaining the Community Service program requirements of the Florida Bright Future scholarships. So, you can see that between the food service, the T-shirts, organizing and handing out school supplies, manning the booth and the cleaning up...we need a lot of help! If you can join us, please let me know. You do not have to be "pre-approved" for this particular event.



Grant Communications Continued



ATHENA HOUSE



WELCOME HOME PROGRAM AT WORK

The Elks Have A Saying:

So Long as there are Veterans, the Elks will never forget them.

Carolyn is a senior citizen who has been living at the Athena House for almost two years. After serving 8 years in the Air Force, and almost 25 years as a government employee, she fell victim to a charmer that turned out to be an abuser. She escaped from a year of unlawful imprisonment with only the clothes on her back. Finally, safe at Athena, she received a medical diagnosis of cancer, and in the last year has had several organs removed and others repositioned. She is definitely a survivor! Carolyn has successfully applied for her annuity now, and is also receiving some VA Disability. She has rented a condo nearby in South Tampa and moved in July 1st, but after paying the first, last and deposit, plus all the utility deposits, she hasn't much left. Because of her luck in having a reasonable income, neither the VA nor Crossroads are offering her any of the assistance the other Vets we have helped receive. She needs, and deserves, our help. Her most immediate needs are for a bed and bedding, a dinette, a microwave, a TV, pots and pans, a coffee and end tables, and I'm hoping we can come up with some food to help her get through the first month. When she first moves in, she won't even have a salt shaker – she needs everything, so that BOGO ketchup or salad dressing staged in your pantry would sure be appreciated. Nonfood items like aluminum foil, paper towels, or laundry detergent would also be appreciated. I will try to collect as many donations as I can before spending the Welcome Home Kit money, so if you have something I haven't specified, (wall art?) just ask me if she needs it before you bring it in. Storage space is non-existent.

Rita Smith, Athena Chairman

Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events

JUNE...OUR PATRIOTIC MONTH

June is the month in which we as members of the BPOE show our patriotic pride. Starting with Memorial Day when myself, your ER, Lecturing Knight, Bert Newbill, PSP Frank Palladini and DD Jeanne Reinhart attended the Annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the American Legion Post #5. We joined the throng gathered to honor our fallen heroes. On behalf of Tampa #708 a wreath was laid at the gravesite of the many veterans who have given their lives in order for us to enjoy our freedoms.

On Sunday June 11th 2017 our Lodge Officers along with Boy Scout Troop #219, #22 and with Pack #312 performed our annual Flag day Ceremony which is mandated by the Order of Elks. The Ceremony was performed with dignity and respect and the Boy Scouts presented the Flags in accordance with the history of our Nation.

Patriotism has characterized the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America since the early days of the organization. Allegiance to the flag of our country is a requirement of every member. In 1907, the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks designated June 14 as Flag Day. The Grand Lodge of the Order adopted mandatory observance of the occasion by every Lodge in 1911, and that requirement continues today. 1949 when President Harry Truman, **himself a member of the Elks**, made the proclamation that thereafter June 14 would be a day of national observance for the symbol of our country.

A special Thanks to Frank Smith, Angela Gonzalez and Glynnis Butler who escorted the Scouts and arranged the order of Flags and to Candy Veneble for singing a beautiful rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner. Thank you to all who attended especially our newly elected VP Theresa Matthews, PSP Frank Palladini and State Secretary Carl Siebert. Refreshments were served after the ceremony.



Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events

FECON '17 FLORIDA ELKS STATE CONVENTION

The Tampa Pirates once again succeeded in pillaging and plundering Orlando, FL at the Florida State Elks annual convention. However, there was a new twist this year, we are no longer at Coronado Springs! The 2017 convention was held at the Marriott World Center in Orlando, FL instead. This was a new venue and a whole new convention!



Our hospitality room was set up and open for business by Thursday afternoon. Co-chair Laura Jones and her helpers, George Hilficker, Madison and Mallory Benzing along with Cynthia Hernandez organized and inventoried the liquor and supplies. Rita Smith did the food shopping. Brian Brantley and his helpers purchased Cuban sandwich supplies and made all the wonderful Cubans PER and Secretary, Rick and Jan Schneider cut up and served. Courtney Weil, PER, and Logan Matthews made the Picadillo that was a hit with everyone that had it. Nelson Grahn graciously offered the use of his truck to transport everything over to Orlando. A small crew met Nelson at the Lodge and helped load his truck so he could get it all over in time. Unfortunately, Nelson had to go back to Tampa Thursday night and couldn't return until it was time for the trip back on Sunday. Thank you, Nelson!!!



Our decorations far outshined any prior year thanks to our ER, Shelagh Gombarcik. The bar stayed busy keeping our volunteer bartenders on their toes, Madison, Mallory, Logan, Cynthia, Laura, Linda and Jerry Reid, Leading Knight, Dee Cisneros, Lecturing Knight, Bert Newbill, Loyal Knight, Tommy Moore and I am sure many more I am forgetting! PER, Bill Edwards and his wife Doris, led the Pirate charge in the convention center where we tossed pirate beach balls with Tampa 708 written on them and handed beads out to the hundreds of people. We had a booth set up in the convention center selling our raffles and signing people up to receive updates on Gasparilla.



As always, our goal is to offset all expenses with raffles and donations. Thanks to our members, we received a lot of liquor donations as well as monetary donations. Our lead sales person, PLP, Susie Harlow conducted 50/50 raffles, liquor bottle raffles and sold chances on a liquor basket, pirate hats and diamond earrings that were generously donated by Linda and Jerry Reid. Patty Elkins, Rita Smith, Patty Jankewicz and Carolyn Breit sold tickets to the liquor basket at Tampa Lodge prior to leaving for convention as well. Lisa Snyder, Betty Gnad, and Sandra Lake worked hard on our now statewide famous "Booty or Booby" Treasure Chest game. Our members donated lots of neat stuff that was used for prizes. This game was the hit of the convention. Kudos to Lisa for a great idea she presented at Gasparilla '17 and again at FECON '17.



Our Tampa LOE ladies worked hard right alongside us under the leadership of President Jacquie LoCicero, VP Sue Moore, and convention co-chair Susie Harlow to sell their raffles and widen the reputation of Tampa 708. The ladies also gave a generous donation to the food which helped us to offset the expenses. We love our LOE and know how much they are needed and appreciated.



Special thanks, go out to Laura and Susie who served as co-chairs and helped lead and guide all our volunteers and visitors to our wonderful hospitality room and George Hilficker for doing everything needed at any time along with the help and support of his lovely wife, Georgia. This was a wonderful team effort that couldn't be done without the many hands that helped in so many ways. I spoke with many people during the convention that mentioned the Tampa Pirates and hospitality room repeatedly and told me their goal next year was to have a hospitality room better than Tampa's. I told them one thing, "Challenge Accepted"! Thank you all for your help and support. Theresa Matthews, Convention Chair, VP, WCD



Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events

THE FABULOUS LUAU OF 2017



Oh, such fun! From all appearances, the House-Committee-organized Luau that was held on June 24th was deemed a success. From the food (Courtney's Table) to the decorations (Jacquie LoCicero) and from the corn hole contest (Logan Matthews & Madison Benzing) to the music (The Travelers) it all came together to create a fun & festive evening for the close to 100 in attendance.

Eighteen teams stepped up for the corn hole tournament and after a grueling contest, the spoils went to Cassandra & Bert after their win over the Weil men.

Thanks to Patty Jankewicz who rocked the ticket sales; Betty Orcutt & Suzanne Moore who helped decorate Friday night; Devony Bedmey, Dante LoCicero, and Christine & Glenn Harris who pitched in to greet people, man the photo booth or work the waiwai pio a booby activity (that's Booty or Booby for those of you that don't speak Hawaiian). Thanks also to Dee Cisnaros who agreed to be the man on the mic (he also found the band for us!).

Finally, thanks to all of YOU who bought tickets, showed up, joined in the different activities, and just generally made it the fun that it was. Thanks to you we were able to add over \$1,000 to our general fund.

Your House Committee
Laura Jones, Chairman

P.S. Since Laura is the person that wrote this article, she didn't bother to mention all she did to make this event such a wonderful success. Her tireless commitment to making the most of everything she does is truly making its mark on our lodge. Thanks Laura!



Upcoming Events and Projects

— Save THE Date —

**Tampa Elks Presents
EXCITING SUMMER PROGRAMS**



**What is Social Media
and Social Networking?
Thursday, July 27th 7pm**



**Painting with a Twist
Sangria Bar
& Light Appetizers
Sunday, August 13th 2pm**



**What is Linked In
and why should I join?
Thursday August 24th 7pm**



**Bring the nice clothes you
never wear and swap them
for some you will!
Coming to you in
September...Stay Tuned!**

**Please watch for more information in your
Elksize and Email Blasts.**

Your Exalted Ruler Presents:

Saturday Night Karaoke!



Saturday, July 15th at 7pm

**Drink Specials, Music, Games, and Competitions!
Join us for Fun, Fun, Fun!**



Interested in this very popular media phenomenon, but too confused or intimidated to join the fun. Here's your chance to jump on board!



Thursday, July 27th at 7pm

we will hold an "Introduction to Social Media" class in the back hall. Bring your laptop, tablet, Smartphone or just yourself and get a quick course on how to utilize this powerful communication network.



Calling All Epicurean Elks...

Sunday, July 23, 2017 5:00 pm



**Awaken your Inner Salsa
With
Latin Inspired Dishes**

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

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



Paint, Sip, Repeat



The Ladies of the Elks invite you to join them for an afternoon of

**Painting With A Twist,
Sangria Bar &
Light Appetizers**

**Sunday, August
13th at 2pm
Bring a friend
Cost \$35.00
per person**



Upcoming Events and Projects



PIRATE THEMED PARTY

SATURDAY, JULY 29TH

12PM TILL 3PM

VPK TO 8TH GRADE WELCOME

To attend you must register by texting:

941-580-7201 or email: elkinspatty@yahoo.com

or sign up on the bulletin board at the lodge.

Please arrive on time and plan to stay until the end.

The kids will enjoy games & activities,
grade appropriate school supplies and lunch.

Wear you favorite pirate garb.

Upcoming Events and Projects



WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT HOMECOMING! SEPTEMBER 9TH

Tampa 708 is known for its spectacular VP visitations and this year will be no exception! This year we welcome our very own past ER, Theresa Matthews as she finishes her journey around the district. If you haven't already marked your calendar please do so. We want to blow the doors out, and show our district that we stand behind Theresa and her plans for the future.

Courtney's Table will provide a true south Tampa feast of Ropa Vieja, rice, black beans, empanadas and Cuban bread. Plus, drink specials and desserts. The theme will be our signature "Pirate Invasion" and there will be a good time had by all...that's a promise! So grab your beads and bustier and join us to welcome home our Vice President!

WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT STATE PRESIDENT VISIT FUNDRAISER
REVERSE DRAW \$20 PER TICKET
GRAND PRIZE \$2,000
ONLY 300 TICKETS BEING SOLD
DRAWING AT VP HOMECOMING AT TAMPA 708 ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2017
PLEASE CONTACT VP, THERESA MATTHEWS AT 813-624-3093 OR
THERESALMATTHEWS@YAHOO.COM

NEED NOT TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

On Going Calendar

<p><i>Courtney's Table at 708</i> Sunday Brunch</p> <p>Quiche Omelets Eggs Benedict Croissant Sandwiches Breakfast Classics Banana's Foster French Toast And More 10am to 2pm</p>	 <p>Third Sunday GOURMET CLUB</p> <p>July 23RD</p> <p>Join this fun group of Elks and cook up a storm, or enjoy their fabulous creations and lots of fun trivia!</p>	<p>BINGO</p> <p>6:30pm every 1st and 3rd Monday</p> <p>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</p>	<p>MONDAY GRILL NIGHT AT Courtney's Table AT 708</p> <p>OPEN 5:30PM TO 8PM</p> <p>Burgers, Pattie Melts, Italian Sausage Hoagie, Fried Chicken Sandwich, Chicken Salad Plate French Fries, Onion Rings And more</p>	<p>MOVIE NIGHT</p> <p>Tuesday Night Movie 7:30 pm With Popcorn</p>
--	--	--	--	---

<p>WEDNESDAY MEETING NIGHTS <i>Courtney's Table AT 708</i></p> <p>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</p>	 <p>Courtney's Table AT 708</p> <p>THURSDAY NIGHT BASKETS</p> <p>One Dish Meal with Salad, Veggie, Roll</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Triv?a NIGHT</p> <p>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: Candi Suhrheinrich</p>	<p><i>Friday Dinner Dinner at Courtney's Table AT 708</i></p> <p>Early Bird 5pm to 6pm Dinner 6pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm MENU ON PAGE 14</p>
---	---	---	---

Lodge Business and Programs



Partners in Progress or PIP

Platinum Investors 100+

- Walbart, Mark 6/17
- Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 6/17
- In Memory of Jerrye & Patrick Fennell 6/17
- Speech, Michael 6/17
- With sincere thanks for the transportation
- In Memory of Tom Stanton from Mrs. Helen M. Stanton 9/17
- Florence, Richard 9/2017
- Johnson, Jack 6/18
- Osterbrock, Debbie 5/18
- Schneider, Rick & Jan 5/18
- Suhrheinrich, Bob & Candice 6/18
- Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 6/18
- In memory of
- Fennell, Jerrye & Patrick 6/18
- Appel, Jackie 6/18

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
Bertoch, Mellissa 3/2018

Lodge Business and Programs

Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships....

Michael Jordan

Thanks to the talented teamwork of your House Committee (and a few other helpers) the back-hall cleanup is well underway. Thanks to Ed Mulder, Jacquie LoCicero, Bert Newbill, Suzanne & Tommy Moore and Susie Harlow, four closets in the west hallway have been emptied, organized & appropriate items replaced in nice, neat totes. In the next month those totes will be labeled. In the meantime, if you remove something from any of the closets, please be sure you return it to its proper home. We will be watching you!

As I write this the House Committee is also hard at work preparing for the 6/24 Luau. I hope you were all able to come out and join the gang. And even more, I hope you enjoyed the evening.

Be sure to thank your House Committee members from time to time as they are always working in the background to ensure your experience at the Lodge is positive. A couple of weeks ago we stumbled upon a janitor's closet that was flooded. Bert Newbill pulled out everything & mopped the floor. George Hilficker replaced the broken pipe from the ice machine that caused the flood. This is just one example of how they quietly go about the business of keeping us in business.

Laura Jones, House Committee Chairman



COURTNEY'S TABLE AT 708 THE FIRST 3 MONTHS



Can you believe it's been 3 months since Courtney's Table became part of our lodge? Having started in a whirlwind with little capital, Courtney has made the best of a limited start up budget with a diverse menu. Family and friends have been her saving grace. She currently pays a 2 man kitchen staff, but any additional kitchen help and her wait staff are still volunteers. Though the summer has made a dent in her profitability, she is making progress every week. As with any start of a new business there are challenges; finding and keeping staff, estimating daily customer numbers, the pressure to prepare for whatever the market is demanding for goods, while keeping a menu prices in place. Recently she added UBER EATS to her customer base in the hope of surviving this yearly down time, and is seeing some business from that avenue. Courtney would like to invite you to come in and give her food a try. She offers steak specials every Friday night and some wonderfully creative recipes on other nights. So come in and please let her know what you think.

Buy an Elk
Tee Shirt

Tee Shirts \$15.00

**SOLD
OUT**

Show
Your Elkdom!



Ask your bartender.

JULY LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 5th - LOE Meeting - 6:30pm
- 6th - House Committee Meeting - 7:30pm
- 12th - Officers Meeting - 7pm
- 12th - General Lodge Meeting - 7:30pm
- 13th - BOD Meeting - 7:15pm
- 16th - Orientation & Initiation - 12pm
- 18th - VA Committee Meeting - 6:30pm
- 20th - House Committee Meeting - 7:30pm
- 26th - General Lodge Meeting - 7:30pm

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
****REPLACE HOUSE SALAD WITH WEDGE.....\$1.95 EXTRA****
- . 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

... ..

- . FRIED FISH WITH FRENCH FRIES, COLESLAW & HUSH PUPPIES \$8.95
****SIDE OF 5 HUSH PUPPIES.....\$1.99****

- . 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 HOT DOG W/FRIES.....\$2.50

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





TAMPA ELKS LODGE #708

JULY 2017

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

SUN MON TUE WED THUR FRI SAT

						1
2 Sunday Brunch 10AM TO 2PM	3 Open Grill 5:30PM TO 8PM  6:30PM	4 Movie Night 7:30pm 	5  LOE Dinner 6:45 LOE MEETING 7:30 BOD Meeting 6:30pm Meeting Night Grill 6PM TO 9PM	6 Basket Night 6PM TO 9PM House Committee 7:30  Queen of Hearts Drawing	7 Dinner Early Bird 5pm to 6pm Dinner 6pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm MENU ON PG 14 KATHY & PAUL	8 VP VISITATION LARGO LODGE 2159
9 Sunday Brunch 10AM TO 2PM	10  7pm Back to School Party Meeting 7:30pm Open Grill 5:30PM TO 8PM	11 Improv Class 6:30 Movie Night 7:30pm	12 Officer Meeting 7pm Elks General Meeting 7:30pm Meeting Night Grill 5PM TO 7PM & 9pm to ?	13 Basket Night 6PM TO 9PM BOD Meeting 6:30pm VET'S BINGO At James A Haley  Queen of Hearts Drawing	14 Dinner Early Bird 5pm to 6pm Dinner 6pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm MENU ON PG 14 KIETH & RUBY	15 ER KARAOKE NIGHT & POT LUCK DINNER
16 GRAND LODGE CONVENTION Open Arms Feeding the Homeless 7:30am Sunday Brunch 10AM TO 2PM	17 GRAND LODGE CONVENTION Open Grill 5:30PM TO 8PM	18 GRAND LODGE CONVENTION Improv Class 6:30 Movie Night 7:30pm VA COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM	19 GRAND LODGE CONVENTION Meeting Night Grill 5PM TO 7PM & 9pm to ?	20 Basket Night 6PM TO 9PM House Committee 7:30 TRIVIA 7:15PM  Queen of Hearts Drawing	21 Dinner Early Bird 5pm to 6pm Dinner 6pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm MENU ON PG 14 KARAOKE	22 Hall Rental 75th Birthday
23 Sunday Brunch 10AM TO 2PM Gourmet Club 5pm	24  6:30PM Open Grill 5:30PM TO 8PM	25 Improv Class 6:30 Movie Night 7:30pm	26 Elks General Meeting 7:30pm  ORIENTATION & INITIATION To follow meeting. Meeting Night Grill 5PM TO 7PM & 9pm to ?	27 Basket Night 6PM TO 9PM  Queen of Hearts Drawing	28 Dinner Early Bird 5pm to 6pm Dinner 6pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm MENU ON PG 14 Vets in the house. PANDORA NIGHT	29 VP VISITATION ST. PETE LODGE  BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY
30 Sunday Brunch 10AM TO 2PM	31 Open Grill 5:30PM TO 8PM					

Elks Tampa 708 size

3616 Gandy Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33611

NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
TAMPA, FL
PERMIT #32



Like us on Facebook to receive updates and late breaking news.
Tampa Elks Lodge #708



Please remember to send any change of address to:
lodge708secretary@outlook.com



OUR CURRENT SUPPORTERS

Mrs. Helen Stanton,
In Memory of Tom Stanton - 9/2017
Donna R. Morris - Halsey - 9/2017
Rita Smith - 12/2017
Ted Bass - 2/2018
Melissa Bertoch - 2/2018
In Memory of
Harold Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018
Vera Wright 3/2018
Rosie & Roger LaChance - 4/2018
Rosie & Roger LaChance
In Memory of Hilda DeGiacomo - 4/2018
Bud Cash - 4/2018

In Memory of
William (Bill) Atwood - 5/2018
Berni Turpin In Memory of
Robert Connor - 5/2018
Bill Deen - 6/2018
Deborah Cassels 6/2018
Bob & Candice Suhrheinrich 6/2018
Pat & Marilyn Fennel 6/2018
In memory of
Jerrye & Patrick Fennell 6/2018
Debbie Osterbrock - 04/2019
John F. Morris - 3/2021
South Tampa Chamber of Commerce
12/2021



Support the Elksize

Be an SOB - Smiling 'Ole' Booster

\$10.00 a year helps to defer the cost of our publication and allows us to direct more of our annual income to the charities and organizations we support.