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The new Elk year begins with the opportunity to continue doing what we do well and the chance to look back at where we can improve. Tony Robbins is famous for saying, “**If you want to change** your life you have to **raise your standards**”. So let us make a New Year’s Resolution: Envision what we want our future to look like and raise our standards to meet it. “Don’t sweat the small stuff” is another common phrase. However, I know you’ll agree the small stuff is the difference between good and great. Sure service should be fast, beer cold, and food hot, but people notice when you add that little extra. It’s the greeting and warm smile when you walk in, and the “goodbye we’ll see you later” as you go. It’s a lagniappe in New Orleans, a baker’s dozen at the doughnut shop. Disney cast members “Plus It” for their guests. So let’s try and deliver something beyond what our members and guests expect, and once we think we’ve figured it out let’s go further to “plus it” some more. Members will appreciate it, and guests will be enticed. So as we move into the new year I ask you to expand past normal routines and consider that little extra you can do to make it special to those around you. I promise we’ll all benefit from that “little extra”.

**In Fraternal Brotherhood,
Exalted Ruler, Chris Miles**

Your 2019-2020 Committee Chairs

Vacant

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Bonnie Atwood and Melissa

Bertoch, Lisa Hayes

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Vacant

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Vacant

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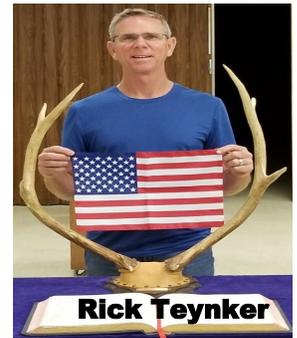


A Warm WELKome To Our New Elks

CELEBRATE ELKS 150th ANNIVERSARY

WELKOME

IT'S A GREAT YEAR TO BECOME AN ELK



Welcome to all of our new Elk Members. This is one of the bigger classes of initiates to the lodge. We welcome you all and we hope you will find your home at Tampa Elks #708 to be pleasurable and rewarding. Our new members should know that we are looking for volunteers to get involved in some of the great aspects of the lodge, whether it is helping with activities inside the lodge or volunteering out in the community.

Hall Rental Alert



On Friday, April 5th the Lodge will have a hall rental. All items must be **MUST** be removed from behind the bar and in the hall. Items not removed by Wednesday, April 3rd by 6pm, will be considered unwanted items and will be disposed of. Hall rentals are a lodge effort, not a one person job. Thank you for your help.

April Elks Recognition

OFFICER OF THE MONTH:

Laura Jones really did so very much for this year being a success. Her ability to jump in there finish up with the Board of Directors all the while, training as both treasurer and Grant Coordinator. These are tremendous duties that are not taken lightly and require much precision and detail. She is an admired member of the lodge and has effectively shown what she can do to help grow the lodge. Her commitment is truly noticed and valued. Great job this past year and we look forward to your continued leadership and your work throughout the lodge.



ELK OF THE MONTH:

For the Elk of the month, the honor goes out to all that has made the last year a success. Without you, our lodge would not be the same. We thank you for your support and your membership and look forward to more successful years and a growing future.



Partners in Progress or PIP

Platinum Investors \$100+

- Deen, William 11/2018
- Smith, Rita 11/2018
- Osterbrock, Debbie 4/19
- In memory of
- Fennell, Jerrye & Patrick 5/19
- Johnson, Jack 5/19
- Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 6/19
- Edwards, Bill (PER/PLP) 6/19
- Walbart, Mark 6/19
- Appel, Jackie 6/19
- Florance, Richard 11/2020
- Suhrheirich, Bob & Candi 4/20

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. Our goal is to increase our overall financial strength determined to secure the future of Tampa Elk's 708 future.

Gold Investors \$51-\$99

Bordonaro, Robert 7/2018

Silver Investors \$21-\$50

James, Howard 3/2019
Easterly, Mr. & Mrs. James 10/18

Bronze Investors \$10 - \$20

Bertoch, Mellissa 2/2019

Supporting Reports



LOE President's Message

A new year is upon us and the LOE is ready to take it on with gusto!

On Sunday, April 14th at 2pm, your LOE will be hosting the WCD PLP Meeting. At this time they will be installing their new officers. All LOE members are welcomed and a light lunch will be served. If you would like to attend, we would love to see you there, please let us know. Sign up sheet is located on the LOE bulletin board.

As you may know, the LOE donates to Children's Therapy Services yearly. What you may not know is that last year the LOE donated \$2500, yes \$2500! This year we would like to keep that momentum going and we need your help. Our annual Walk-A-Thon will be Sunday, April 28th. This is our largest fundraiser for Children's Therapy Services. Come out and walk with us, it's a nice leisurely walk on the Bayshore, nothing rigorous. We will meet at Ballast Point Park at 10am, see you don't even have to get up early. Can't make it to the Walk-A-Thon, no problem, you can make a donation to any of our Ladies that are walking. This is an excellent cause that everyone can get behind. With your help I know we can meet our goal for this year. And they're off.....to the races. Horseraces that is. On Saturday, May 4th, the LOE will be having their annual family friendly Kentucky Derby Horserace. This is a great event! Dinner starts at 6pm, betting windows open at 7pm. Our MC will be Ms Shelagh Gombarcik. Horses are only \$10, see Patty J or your bartender. I'd like to end my article with thanking the LOE for allowing me to continue as your President. I am honored and humbled by your faith in me. I have enjoyed getting to know the Ladies and I look forward to another wonderful year.

Jacquie LoCicero, President, Ladies of the Elks

Executive Board

Jacquie LoCicero—President
Suzanne Moore—V. President
Devoney Bedami—Secretary
Robert Bordanaro—Treasurer
Carolyn Breit—Chaplain
Boonie Atwood—Parliamentarian

Committee Communications



I want to thank each and every one of you who have donated to the ENF and HATF. It really means a lot to all of us. This coming year we as a lodge should continue to do the great job as we have done in the past. I am grateful for your committee chairman. This past year, as Tampa Elks, we were awarded a plaque for 1st place in our division and 1st in the state for our per capita which was over \$40.85 per member. Let's keep up the good work.

Tommy Moore, Chairman

Drug Awareness:

Hope everyone is enjoying Spring Break and this time to get some Spring cleaning done. Summer is coming up and with that, our kids are still enticed to bad things...drugs. So many stories are being reported about medicinal marijuana and other drugs which are easily accessible. Let's stay mindful in how we are approaching our younger generation and teaching them to "Just say No to drugs". You will be glad you did. **Fraternally, Tommy Moore, Chairman**



CLUB CHIVALRY NEWS



We have completed the first quarter of our 2019 Impact Grant. We just held our third meeting this year, and only have one more before the school year winds down. Already, the end of the year testing is dislocating the club meetings and diverting our members. It doesn't seem possible there is only one more meeting, and our big Relay 4 Life, before graduation.

I want to thank member Nikki Murphy for taking on the project of finding computers for Club Chivalry that are compatible with the school's unique network. I enlisted her help after learning that the ones we wrote into the grant had been nixed by the school's IT personnel. We despaired of getting anywhere close in price, but Nikki, who with her husband is in the computer repair business, was able to negotiate a pretty good deal

for us. Both Kristina and I are grateful, and the AVID Classroom, where our liaison Kristin Chowning reigns and most of our students spend at least one period a day, will have 20 tablets enabling the students to use the technology they need to succeed.



Speaking of thanking, I had a list of almost 30 members who actively took a role in Club Chivalry events last year. That does not include the 30 or so more who made a donation to the Relay for Life campaign. The students and I are truly grateful to have the Tampa Elks Lodge so firmly behind us.

Which brings me to **The 2019 Relay for Life of Tampa**, which takes place on April 26th starting at 7:30 for the general public. There is a Cancer Survivor's dinner in the school cafeteria immediately preceding the event. If you are a cancer survivor and would like to participate, please join our Club Chivalry Team.



Please support the Club Chivalry Relay 4 Life team in one of two ways. One way is to go online to the Relay for Life of Tampa's Club Chivalry team page and donate to one of the unfunded students. It is tax deductible. Right now there are still 16 students with no funding. They each need at least \$100.00 and the seniors need \$150 to earn a purple Honor

Cord to wear with their graduation gown. The students needing funding include High School Senior Joe Muffoletto – who has been accepted as a camp counselor at the Florida Elks youth Camp- and fellow seniors Junior Dyer, Kristen Ly, Jaquez Strange, Rhiannon Hoyte, Lothario Overstreet, Dorian Lemons and Alyssa Acosta. Team member Ema Piscopo, a sophomore, has also been accepted as a camp counselor, but she signed up early and has been a successful fundraiser on her own. The second way is to purchase and decorate a Luminaria bag from me here at the Lodge. They are \$10.00 and you can customize it to dedicate to somebody you love who has fought cancer. Money raised at the lodge will be used to sponsor students in the Club. The Luminaria Memorial lap is scheduled for 9:30PM Friday April 26th. You can come out and see the beautiful ceremony as the luminaries are lit after sunset. Last year Club Chivalry has so many they had to be placed on both sides of the track! I hope to do even better this year, with your help! As always, Volunteers are needed to help at the event. This year we will forego the French fries and only sell beverages. The Theme is "It takes a Village", and we are the Elk's Beverage Drive through. It will be a gateway into the center of the football field, which should increase traffic. Do you have a 20 ft long strip of carpet or something to use for the driveway? And of course, I need help!



Active Teens Taking On A Fun Day and New Antler's



Inner Guard Taylor Taylor planned Fun Day for local Teen. They went on a boat trip around Tampa Bay, out to lunch, and played Video Games. Teen were invited to help found Tampa's Antler Club.

Tampa Elks visit dream Center Gifting \$945

Elk officers visited the The Dream Center of Tampa and gave a \$945 gift card to the organization. The Dream Center is a residential community center located in Ybor City, which transforms lives in our community through caring relationships. The visit was met with great response. We will look to have a great relationship with the Dream Center as they have facilities which are outstanding for our National Soccer and Hoop Shoot programs.



MGM Charity Partners **Friends** and **Tampa Elks 708**

Come together for a **FUN** Fundraiser!

A Quarter Auction

SUNDAY, April 7th - 2PM TO 5PM

20 Venders, Wide Variety of Auction Items, Exciting Door Prize Raffle for Participants.

1 Free Paddle & a Raffle Ticket

\$5.00 For 3 Additional Paddles

2pm to 3pm

Cocktails, Perusing and Meeting the Vendors 3pm to 5pm - Auction Time

Look for the Rules and Regulation posted in the bar book, on line, and throughout the Lodge.



Calling All

Epicurean Elks...

2019 Gourmet Club
Flavors of the Far East



Sunday April 28th, 5:00 PM

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

Come see our new Cook Book!!!!

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

Ladies of the Elks Auxiliary Tampa Lodge 708



Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 10am

Please join us on Bayshore Boulevard for a great cause!

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

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

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

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

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

Lodge Hall Rentals Info

As we move forward with our hall rentals, there are several issues we need to address. First, this is a LODGE effort. The financial success of the hall rentals puts the lodge in a much better financial position, this is a win for all. In order for us to be on task with the hall rentals this cannot be a one or two person responsibility to market, show the hall, set up, clean up and more. So where does the membership's responsibilities fall. First and foremost, making sure our hall is always in a presentable fashion. One never knows when a potential customer will want a tour of the place they are considering renting for their party, wedding or family reunion. With that in mind, if you have an event, meeting or a gathering that involves the hall, it is your responsibility to leave the hall in a condition that would allow a tour to be given in a moment's notice. We are often called upon to show the hall at the customer's convenience, morning, noon or evenings. There are only so many times I can tell a bride "envision this", trying to get her to look beyond the clutter. As you know, we have a LOT of competition for rentals in this area, so it is in our best interest to maintain our lodge's hall in the most positive light.

Last year we saw an uptick in rentals, I'd like to continue this momentum. With your help we can accomplish that. We have several rentals already on the books for our 2019-2020 year. I ask that the hall be in tip top condition two days prior to the rental. This will cut down in unnecessary cleaning and picking up which makes this job harder, and we don't want that.

The success of the hall rentals can relieve some of financial stressors on the lodge and at the end of the day as the saying goes "That is a good thing". If you would like to be a part of the hall rental committee or have any positive suggestions, please feel free to contact me.

Jacque LoCicero



LADIES OF THE ELK HORSE RACES May 4th

**BUY AND ENTER YOUR HORSE
TODAY ONLY \$10.00**

**BETTING WINDOWS OPENS AT 6PM
START TIME 7PM**

Family Friendly Event

Ladies and Gentleman's hat contest

See Bartender, Sue Moore or Jacquie LoCicero

To Purchase Your Horse

Dinner at 6pm

Come and support your LOE, hope to see you there

All Welcomed

USA Show

Menu

**Choice of
1/2 Baked Chicken or
Parmesan Encrusted
Swai (fish)
Both include
Salad, Twice Baked
Potato, Asparagus
& Cake**

**TICKETS
*\$15^{PP}**

**Contact Rick in the Office
(813) 831-4280 for tickets**

**TAMPA Lodge #708
3616 W Gandy Blvd, Tampa**

Saturday, April 20th, 2019

"A Walk Through the 1940's"

Dinner at 6:00 • Show 7:15

*All Proceeds Benefit FSEA Endorsed VPAL Rudy Masi, Sr. Fundraising



TAMPA ELKS LODGE #708

Apr 2019 Calendar of activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> 7pm April Fools Trivia night with Lisa Snyder! Come join the	<i>2</i> 5pm Delana's Eats potluck dish til gone. Donations	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> 7pm The Queen is back!!! Time for donations ends at 6:45pm	<i>5</i> 4:00pm - 11:00pm Hall Rental...no live music	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> 2pm Quarter Action	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 5pm Delana's Eats, potluck dish til gone 7pm Movie	<i>10</i> 7:30pm Elks Gen Mtg	<i>11</i> 7pm The Queen is back!!! Time for donations ends at 6:45pm	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> 9am DD Clinic- Tampa Lodge
<i>14</i> 2:pm WCD 2019-2020 Past Lady President's installation of officers. Light luncheon	<i>15</i> 7pm 2021 Convention Meeting	<i>16</i> 5pm Delana's Eats potluck dish til gone . Donations welcomed.	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> 7pm The Queen is back!!! Time for donations ends at 6:45pm	<i>19</i> Hall Rental...No live Music	<i>20</i> 6pm USA SHOW - A WALK THROUGH THE 1940s \$15 - 1/2 CHICKEN OR PARMESAN CRUSTED SWAI
<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> 5pm Delana's Eats potluck dish til gone. Donations welcomed	<i>24</i> 7:30pm Elks Gen Mtg	<i>25</i> 7pm The Queen is back!!! Time for donations ends at 6:45pm	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> IMPROV SHOW
<i>28</i> 10:00am LOE Walk-a-Thon Starts at Ballast Point Park. 5pm Gourmet Club	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> 5pm Delana's Eats potluck dish til gone. Donations welcomed	 <p>Feeling like a Mushroom?</p> <p>Become a Marty Smarty!</p> <p>Just send an email to our Webmaster and EMAIL expert, Marty Quire, and ask to have your name added to his list. You will receive a weekly flyer and other important notices about YOUR lodge.</p> <p>mquire@tampabay.rr.com</p>			

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OUR CURRENT SUPPORTERS

In Memory of Tom Stanton - 9/2018
Rebecca Sullins - 2/2019
Debbie Osterbrock - 4/2019
Donna Halsey - 6/2019
Jerry & Patrick Fennell 6/2019
Robert Bordonaro 7/2019
Mrs. Helen Stanton,
Bonnie Atwood - 9/2019
Brenda Stokking and Bob Norton 11/2019
Suhrheinrich, Bob & Candi 4/20

Bill Deen - 6/2020
Deborah Cassels 6/2020
Berni Turpin,
In Memory of Robert Connor 7/2020
Bud Cash 11/2020
In memory of
John F. Morris - 3/2021
South Tampa Chamber of Commerce
2/2023
Vera Wright-
In Memory of Harold Wright 6/2023



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