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New Years Plans
Christmas Bazaar
Gasparilla
Club Chivalry
Grilled Cheese &
MORE!







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Shannon Wheatley,
Rob Loryea

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Harry Anna Trust Fund—Taylor Taylor
Entertainment—Linda Reid
Veteran Services—Patty Jankiewicz
Elksize Editor—Paul DeLand

Officer of The Month

This months OOTM is Rick Schneider. Rick is one of the integral parts of Lodge operations. He's the one primarily in charge of keeping us legal with Grand Lodge, submitting paperwork, and processing income and bills. Many may not know Rick moved to the New Port Richey area not too long ago and has to travel around 40 miles each way do his work and he does that 3 days a week most weeks. So please give him a hand and buy him a drink. He likes Crown Reserve by the way!

Elk of The Month

This months EOTH is Candi Suhrheirich. Many people know Candi from the Member Mingles she helped organize, but most do not know how she helps on the Membership Committee, having called many of our members who had not renewed to find out why. Or that she is the Queen of Cuban Sandwiches, helping to run crews for Convention and Gasparilla. Of course she is also Bob's "better half". She and Bob are cruisers so they will likely be cruising when this comes out, so when she gets back make sure to say thanks and offer a beverage.



A Message from Your Exalted Ruler, Chris Miles

I have not been placing articles in the Elksize this year so members can be better informed of what the Lodge has to offer through event flyers. But we've just past the half way mark and are moving into the third quarter of the 2019/2020 year and I'd like to thank everyone for their participation especially the people who help around the Lodge. I'd give you a list but it would be long, and there wouldn't be much room for this article which I think has important information for members.

From a charitable standpoint we are serving our community as well if not better than we ever have. Currently over \$8,344 has been donated to the Harry-Anna Trust with a Per Capita of \$24.98 per member, making us #2 in our district, and #4 in Florida! Great Job! We are also feeding the homeless, hosting veterans for dinner, helping veterans furnish their new apartments, clothing kids, and providing school supplies to teachers, just to name a few of the community activities. Currently we are collecting cereal for children living at The Spring women's shelter, and we are just starting our Christmas Toy collection.

However, we've missed many of you and it shows. What I'm seeing are the same members serve on multiple committees, and volunteer dozens of hours a week because of a lack of help. For many of those who are working this has become a second full time job, and for those who are retired, it has them asking "Did I actually retire?" These members need your help not only so they don't burn out, but so we can do a great job helping our community, not just a good job. Members also need the companionship and camaraderie that helps soften the tough work we sometimes do as volunteers. So please come and help us with the good work Elks are known for in the community and give your sister and brother Elks a hand. Donating as little as 3 hours a week can really help lighten the burden, and I'll bet it will provide you with a sense of pride in your Lodge and the work we do. For those who need a ride we can provide that for you.

The Lodge as a facility (Kitchen, Lounge, and Hall) is also supported by our members, and "butts in seats". In order to operate we have overhead, and while our cost of goods sold has been good, our Sales are lower than budgeted leaving overhead and repairs to eat up our profits. The Lodge needs more than your membership, we need your participation in the events our volunteers and members work so hard to put on, and to eat and drink at the Lodge. The Lodge simply cannot be open every day for just 5 or 10 of our 334 members, we need your patronage.

In order to lower our operating costs members are now volunteer bartending on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Our kitchen volunteers now operate most nights without a dishwasher, leaving those tired members to clean up after a hard day of cooking over a hot stove.

We even have the Friends of 708 (just 15 members, less than 5% of total membership) donating \$11 or more every month (nearly \$300 a month) to the general operating fund. Several members donate more than \$20 a month. To put that in perspective those members are essentially doubling their dues to help keep the Lodge sustainable. And that doesn't count the numerous donations members make on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis for durable goods, small perishables, stationary, and even toiletries.

With that in mind I'm asking that every member **HELP YOUR LODGE** and come in at least once a week, whether a weekday or weekend, and make a purchase. Have a drink, have a meal, sit down and have a conversation with your fellow Elks and see what's going on. Please also considering joining the Friends of 708 in the Eleventh Hour Pledge. The Pledge is an \$11 a month (or more if you'd like) recurring donation to the Lodge. You can signup through the Lodge website and clicking on the "Friends of 708 11th Hour Pledge" icon. I would especially encourage those who cannot come in on a regular basis to consider this as your way of doing your part to help sustain your Lodge.

So I look forward to seeing you and working with you in our community, and during the down time celebrating the good works we've done whether at the bar or at Lodge events.



TAMPA 708 WILL HAVE ACTIVITIES AT THE LODGE ALL THREE DAYS OF THE CONVENTION....PLAN TO BE THERE...VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED!

HOURS 4:00PM TIL 12 MIDNIGHT ALL DAYS!



Specialty sandwiches, burgers, fish tacos, quesadillas - 6-8pm Queen of Hearts - Any Elk in good standing can play. Tickets available 4-6:45PM; Drawing at 7:00PM Music by Chris Pierce 7:15pm - 10PM



FRIDAY 11-15

STEAK NIGHT - \$18 PER PERSON (Chicken for \$12) - 6:30-8:30PM RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR DINNER 813-839-8928 Music & Dancing w/Southern Knights - 7:30pm-11:30pm Welcome to stop by for a visit & drinks w/o Dinner!



SATURDAY 11-16

\$25 PER PERSON - GO TO TAMPAELKS.COM FOR TICKETS!
"TASTE OF CIGAR CITY EVENT!"

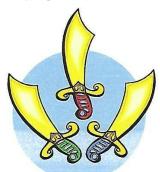
All the tastes of Tampa's Diverse Culture with entertainment PIRATES BE THERE MATEY!

Dress as you are or like a pirate!

Food stations include Cuban, Tampa Specialities and Italian dishes.
Food served 6-7:30pm....Live music 7:30-11:30pm
All welcome to stop by for a visit and drinks w/o dinner.











It's a Quarter Auction!



Date: November 10, 2019

Time: 2pm - 5pm

Location: Elks Lodge # 708

3616 Gandy Blvd

Tampa, FL 33611

Grab your quarters and bring your friends for an afternoon of fun!



How does a Quarter Auction work?

- Entry fee of \$5 gets you a paddle and an event drawing ticket. Additional paddles available for purchase.
- The number on your paddle matches a number in our drawing basket.
- Vendors will be present with goods for sale and donated auction items.
- Additional donated auction items will be showcased.
- When the auction begins, an item will be shown and a quarter value set.
- If you want the item, you put in your quarters, per paddle, and raise your paddle high!
- If we draw your number and you played it, then you win!

It's that easy!

LOTS TO DO
ATTAMPA 708
JOIN IN THE FUNI

50/50 Drawing!

Food and Refreshments available for purchase!

Awesome Vendors!



Join us for some game night fun at Tampa Elks Lodge on November 30th at 7pm.

We will have teams competing for prizes so be prepared for fun and laughter as we see which team will claim the Game Night Trophy!

Stay tuned for more details







It's time to Party like a Pirate and JOIN the Fun as we celebrate The Legendary 2020 <u>GASPRILLA invasion Adventure</u> with Tampa Elks 708

Saturday 25th January 2020

- Busses will pick up from selected lodges at 7.00am

- You will enjoy all you can eat breakfast when you arrive

- Lunch and boat invasion viewed from Davis Island water front

- Pirate Beads

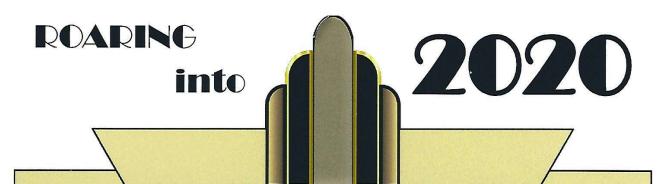
-All you can eat Dinner back at the Lodge

- Live Music and Loads of fun Activities

-Big Screen TV's to watch the Pirates on their floats parading Down The Historic Bayshore Blvd.

All this for \$65.00 per person (Bring a lawn chair)

Tickets may be purchased <u>www.tampaelks.com</u>
Look for the "Buy Tickets for Gasparilla" Link
Or checks made out to *Tampa Elks 708* or Booty (cash)I



New Year's Eve Party

Prohibition Style Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres Whole Roasted Pig & Beef Carving Station Mashed Potato Bar **Dessert Stations** Midnight Champagne Toast & Breakfast

1920's / Vintage Attire Encouraged...but not Required. **Dress to Impress**

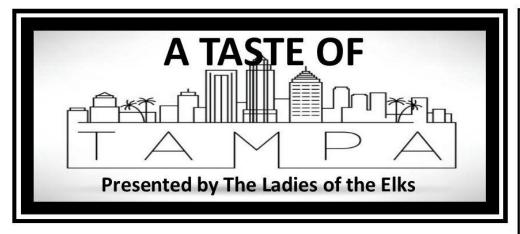
December 31.2019 Cocktails: 6:30pm Dinner: 7:30 - 9:00pm

Music/KJ:8:30 pm -12am

Share the wealth Raffle Basket

Tickets:

\$35 per person includes (1) speciality drink ticket & (1) Raffle basket ticket Tickets for Sale – Behind the Bar or from a Designated HC Member



Join the LOE for their annual Christmas Bazaar and stay for dinner Friday, December 6th at 6pm-8pm

Reservations required

Sign up sheet on LOE bulletin board
or call 813-245-65-458 to reserve a spot

Dinner \$20 per person

Braciole

(thinly sliced steak stuffed and braised in a homemade tomato sauce)

Pesto Shrimp and Chorizo Skewer

Pasta with homemade sauce

Salad

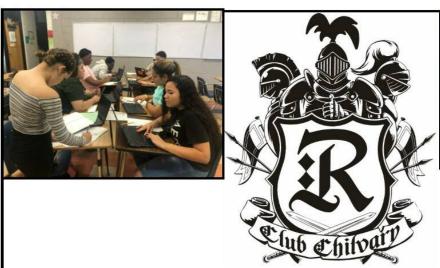
Bread with dipping sauce

Italian Lemon Ricotta Cake

Americanism



Americanism (noun): attachment or allegiance to the traditions, institutions, and ideals of the United States. What better way to celebrate Americanism than in the observance of Veterans Day (November 11, 2019). This day celebrates not only those who have paid the ultimate price for our great nation, but for those fortunate enough to come home to their loved ones. This year I ask that all those who are able help us celebrate our Veterans and attend the Welcome Home event on November 10, 2019 (5pm) at the Tampa International Airport. We will be Welcoming those returning from the "Thank You for Your Service" event in Washington, DC. You are encouraged to bring a sign, bring a flag, and wear your colors to Welcome Home those who have served this great nation. Please contact the Lodge Secretary, 813-831-4280, for additional information. We will be carpooling for those who do not have a transportation.





The students are now using the tablets that the Lodge provided to research colleges and universities.

On September 18th Tampa Elks Lodge provided snacks and helped chaperone the Club Chivalry field trip to the University of South Florida (USF). PER Dee Cisneros, Linda Peterson, and Trustee Tommy Moore stepped up to the plate to help make this field trip happen. The USF open house was specifically geared towards students in the AVID program. Most of Club Chivalry students are now enrolled in that elective. It was both fun and informative. Volunteer Linda Peterson said, "It was a good day!"

In October we still have a club meeting on Monday the 21st and we have again been asked to chaperone and provide refreshments for a field trip. This time the students will be going to Steinbrenner Field to learn about careers in Sports. As of this writing, I expect to have PER Dee Cisneros, Linda Patterson, and Christien Elkins on that bus with the kids. We will again provide muffins and juice before they board the bus, ensuring that a student without money to purchase their lunch at the food court does not go hungry all day. I

The November Club meeting is scheduled for Monday November 18th at 12:55. You would be out of there by 2. The duties are easy – hand out refreshments or raffle tickets, help straighten things up afterwards. I would like to highlight the diversity within the lodge, so if you are available and haven't been recently, please let me know you can come with us. If you would like to be a guest speaker- I can make that happen, too.

On November 21st we will have our annual "on Campus" field trip in conjunction with Career Day. I am still a little short on details, but I know that it will encompass most of the school day, and I will require a lot of chaperones. Not every person has to stay all day, though. Again, this is not hard work., and it is great to see how much the students enjoy interacting with the Elks.

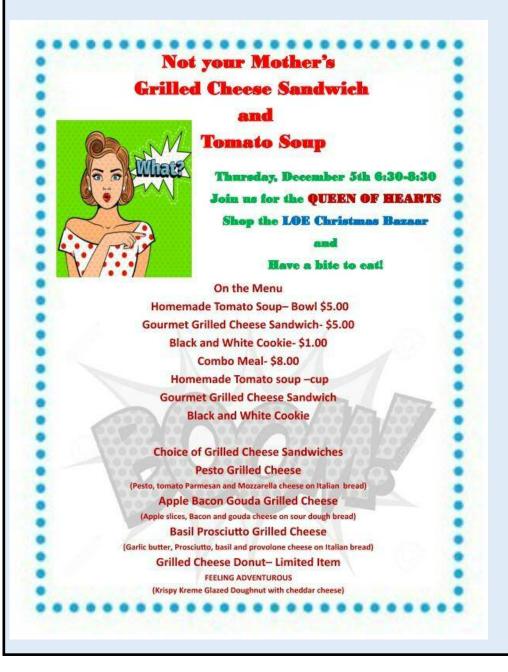
Though the funds from last year need to stretch through December, it is now time to reapply. This program has been good for the Lodge and for the community, and I hope it can continue. By next month, we will know if we got the 5th year of the Impact Grant. *Keep your fingers crossed!*

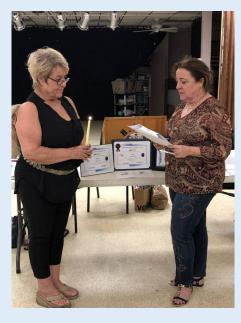
Rita Smith- Impact Grant Project Manager

DRUG AWARENESS COMMITTEE

Hello everyone. . A busy month of October. Have a couple of things going on with our Drug Awareness that happened in the last part of the month could not have the info on how things went as the time frame for getting our articles in to the editor for November was due prior to the events taking place. The first event was "Family Day For Literacy" at the Port Tampa Library. Want thank Laura and Jodi for putting this on and inviting the Elks Drug Awareness Program to join them. On October 30th. there was an event held by the Drug Enforcement Agency at the Double Tree Hotel on West Cypress St. They invited all of the Elk Lodges in our District to come along and give them a hand putting the event on. Will have all the info in the next Elk Size. Remember be a Hero. just say no to drugs.

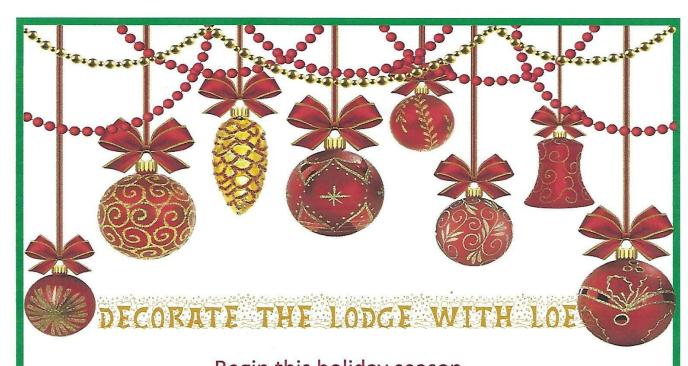
Fraternally, Tommy Moore Chairman





LOE President Jacquie LoCicero installing Shelagh Gombarcik as the new LOE Secretary.





Begin this holiday season
with family and friends as we decorate our lodge.
Bring a covered dish and enjoy a potluck dinner.

Friday November 29th at 57pm

CHRISTONIS EN VIVER

December 5th and 6th from 6-8pm

Come peruse our many items for your shopping pleasure.

Help support your LOE!

To donate a new or handmade item to the bazaar contact Jackie LoCicero-813-245-6458 or Sue Moore-813-390-2930





TAMPA ELKS LODGE 708 PRESENTS

CHAIR YOGA



VETERAN'S DAY, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
4:15PM TO 5:15PM
Veteran's are free for this introductory class, all others \$5.00

CERTIFIED YOGA INSTRUCTOR JEANINE MORACCO WILL LEAD US DURING THIS ONE HOUR CLASS

NO FLOOR YOGA, SOME STANDING POSTURES FOR THOSE THAT ARE ABLE.
THE EMPHASIS ON MEDITATION AND BREATHING.

ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A WAIVER BEFORE CLASS SO PLAN TO COME A FEW MINUTES EARLY.

YOU MAY WISH TO BRING A HAND TOWEL ... CHAIRS ARE PROVIDED.

Water available for \$1.00

TAMPA ELKS LODGE TEAM



7:30PM, Monday, Nov. 11th

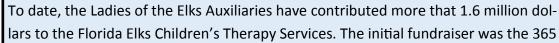
Trivia Mistress Candy Venable Come out and Support Your Lodge TAMPA ELKS LODGE



November 23rd

BRING A DISH TO SHARE Come Out and Support Your Lodge

365 Club Report -





Club – one penny for each of the 365 days in a year from each member. The little green houses on the tables in the lodge were a great way to contribute, but in these changing times more and more people are using plastic and the amount of change in the houses has greatly diminished. Feel free to take one home to fill up when you do find yourself spending cash and getting change. Another way to contribute is to just fold up a dollar, five, or ten and stick it in the house. Write your name on it to be recognized. Last month, Donna Halsey has again made a significant contribution, and I filled up another house.

The big news of the month is that the Low Country Boil was a huge success, and that the Tampa LOE again exceeded their goal and made such a big contribution to the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services that they were first in the state in per capita (amount per member)! While I wish that was all from 365, the majority came from the numerous events the auxiliary put on When you support the LOE, you are supporting the Lodge. Not only do their events increase sales in the Lounge, but the Tampa Lodge gets credited for those contributions, and regularly brings home the district award at the Florida Elks state conventions.

Rita Smith

LOE NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

11/3 Sandy Lessard

11/5 Patricia Bellaire

11/8 Suzanne Moore

11/17 Bonnie Quire

11/18 Lucille Schoonmaker

11/20 Betty Orcutt

11/27 Bob Suhrheinrich

11/30 Sheryl Jorgensen



On-Going Calendar





Start off the week socializing with great people and great drinks!



Tuesday Night Movie 7:30 pm With Free Popcorn



Lodge Business and Programs



Partners in Progress or PIP

Platinum Investors \$100+

In Memory of Tom Stanton from Mrs. Helen M. Stanton 9/19 Osterbrock, Debbie 4/19 In memory of Fennell, Jerrye & Patrick 7/20 Johnson, Jack 5/19 Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 7/20 Edwards, Bill (PER/PLP) 6/19 Walbart, Mark 6/19 Appel, Jackie 7/20 Conners, Barbara 12/19 Rick & Jan Schneider 12/19 Gombarcik, Shelagh 12/19 Smith, Rita 12/19 Moore, Tommy & Sue 12/19 Quire, Kim & Marty 12/19 Snyder, Robert & Lisa 12/19 Robert Norton & Brenda Stoking 12/19 Palladini, Frank 1/20 Suhrheinrich, Bob & Candace 1/20 Miller, Scott & Beth 10/20 Florance, Richard 11/2021 Waldbrat, Mark 8/23

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

Gold Investors \$51-\$99

Bordonaro, Robert 12/2019 McLaughlin, Susan & Mark 10/20

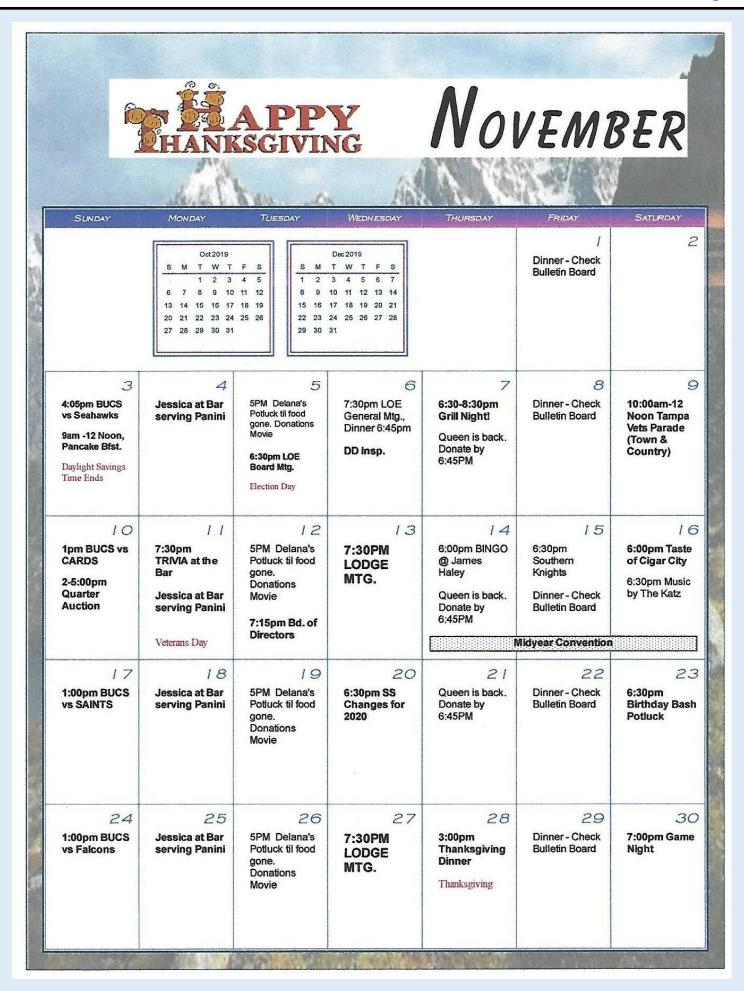
Silver Investors \$21-\$50

James, Howard 3/2019
Lena L. Farris 9/2019
Lake, Sandra (Member) 10/20
Lake, David & Carol 10/20
Tuttle, Peggy 10/20
Bertoch, Melissa 10/20

Bronze Investors \$10 - \$20

Bertoch, Mellissa 2/2019 Buikema, Douglas & Carol 10/20 Piser, Carol 10/20







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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 WrightIn Memory of Harold Wright 6/2023

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.

Thank you!

OUR CURRENT SUPPORTERS

Friends of 708

Marty Quire Bonnie Quire Linda Reid Theresa Matthews Bonnie Atwood Nanette Quire Betty Orcutt Sharon Ford Richard Schneider Christopher Miles Robert Suhrheinrich Susie Harlow Steve Harmon

Lisa and Bob Snyder Pat Fennel Bill Deen

This local program focuses solely on improving our lodge through generous member donations. **All members are encouraged to sign up for the "Eleventh Hour Pledge".** Your recurring pledge of \$11 a month will help maintain our lodge.