



LODGE OFFICERS:

EXALTED RULER - Chris Miles LEADING KNIGHT - Camden Lynn LOYAL KNIGHT - Paul DeLand **LECTURING KNIGHT** - Shannon Wheatley **SECRETARY -** Rick Schneider, PER **TREASURER** - Laura Jones **ESQUIRE -** George Hilficker **INNER GUARD**— Bob Suhrheinrich **TILER**— Jake Slater **CHAPLAIN** - Melissa Bertoch 5 YEAR TRUSTEE - Bob Orcutt 4 YEAR TRUSTEE—Tommy Moore 3 YEAR TRUSTEE - Courtney Weil, PER 2 YEAR TRUSTEE—Shelagh Gombarcik, PER **1 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Theresa Matthews, PDDGER DISTRICT LEADER - Frank Palladini, PSP, PDDGER LODGE ADVISORS - Steve Harmon, PDDGER Theresa L. Matthews - PDDGER, WCD

HOUSE COMMITTEE:

CHAIR—Chris Miles, ER Members: Wendy Hall, Paul DeLand, Sue Moore, Jacquie LoCicero & Tommy Moore

LODGE COMMITTEES:

Hall Activities—Jacquie LoCicero Auditing Committee—Chair, Melissa Bertoch, Bonnie Atwood, Robert Bordenaro Elks National Foundation—Shelagh Gombarcik Harry Anna Trust Fund—Taylor Taylor Veteran Services—Patty Jankiewicz Elksize Editor—Paul DeLand

Elk of The Month

EOTM, Taylor Taylor: Your past Loyal Knight and my nephew, Taylor has helped by taking on open bartending shifts to keep our doors open, and more importantly has been helping his sister (last months Elk of the Month Christina Sanchez) and his mother, Courtney Weil, PER, with charitable works including the open arms ministry breakfast, packaging meals for members and those in need, as well as school supplies for the children, and homeless supplies to help keep the less fortunate safe during the pandemic. I'm really proud of him and hope he is able to continue his charitable works in addition to his 2 real jobs, the ones that keep the lights on!

Officer of The Month

OOTM, Laura Jones: Instrumental in the finances of the Lodge and without which I think I can safely say the Lodge would not be able to pay its bills is our Treasurer Laura Jones. Just back from FRS training where she had to make a 4th change (yes Fourth!) to our accounts due to changes in the new GL reporting system Laura is not only a wealth of knowledge but a ground for me when I'm scratching my head wondering what is going on. With real world advice grounded in real world experience I can say I truly value her opinion when tough decisions need to be made. Now if I could just get her to make them for me! Thank you Laura, you complete me.



Committee

- 1. Americanism Committee
- 2. Army of Hope
- 3. Community Projects & Activities Committee
- 4. Drug Awareness Education Committee
- 5 **Elks National Foundation Certificates**
- 6. Elks National Foundation Scholarships
- 7. Elks Training Committee
- 8. Government Relations Committee
- 9. Harry-Anna Trust Fund Committee
- 10. Hoop Shoot Committee
- 11. Interlodge Visitation Committee
- 12. Ladies Organizations Committee
- 13. Lodge Activities Committee
- 14. Membership Committee
- 15. Orientation Committee (Formerly Indoctrination)
- 16. Public Relations Committee
- 17. Ritual Committee
- **18. Soccer Shoot Committee**
- 19. Sports Committee
- 20. Veterans' Services Committee
- 21. Youth Activities Committee

Name **BobOrcutt** Linda Reid Camden Lynn **Tommy Moore Bob Suhrheinrich Rita Smith** Christine Harris Jake Slater Camden Lynn Chris Ragusa Paul DeLand Betty Orcutt Need to fill this! Courtney Weil Shelagh Gombarcik Shelagh Gombarcik Steve Harmon Need to fill this! Sandra Lake Patty Jankiewicz Mike Volpe

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AMERICANISM REPORT

A BRIEF CEREMONY WAS HELD AT TAMPA ELKS LODGE 708 IN RECOGNITION OF AN INFAMOUS DAY IN AMERICAN HISTORY.

BETTY ORCUTT LED THE CEREMONY WITH ASKING THE MEMBERSHIP TO RISE AND GIVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN SUPPORT OF ALL WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE TWIN TOWERS, FLIGHT 93 AND THE PENTAGON. A SALUTE TO OUR AMERICAN FLAG WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS FOLLOWED BY A PRAYER LED BY LADY PRESIDENT, BETTY ORCUTT.

BOB ORCUTT AND TOMMY MOORE COOKED A WONDERFUL BBQ RIB AND BBQ CHICKEN DINNER. VOLUNTEERS BETTY ORCUTT COOKED THE CORN BREAD AND PINA COLADA CUPCAKES, SHANNON BAKED MACARONI AND CHEESE AND BROUGHT IN A DELICIOUS RASPBERRY VANILLA CAKE. SUE MOORE MADE COLESLAW. EVERYONE CHIPPED IN AND WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE OUR MEMBERSHIP WITH A LOVELY EVENING.

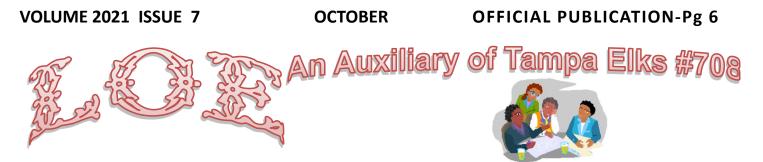
REPORT PRESENTED BY ROBERT ORCUTT, AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN





Or you could try our Keto Breakfast of an omelet stuffed pepper with 3 strips of bacon and coffee, also only \$8.00 Tampa Lodge 708 3616 W. Gandy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33611 FOR TO GO CALL - 813-839-8928





Tampa 708 Ladies of the Elk October Elksize report

There have been a lot of changes to the Elks Lodge as we continue to fight the battle of the CoronaVirus. While we can see the light at the end of the tunnel we are still cautious in wanting all our members to stay safe. Our Ladies have been very fortunate thus far that we have had no reported cases of the virus among us. And due to the Lodge not having any reported cases either we are now able to plan our first big Ladies event. Thanks to the dedicated hard work of Donna Halsey she has again agreed to plan our traditional Sock Hop. Sue Moore is also a big help in planning this wonderful event. The Sock Hop is scheduled for October 17, 2020 at the Elks Lodge with all members invited. Lady and Elks. Ticket donations are \$12.00 and you can see Patty J or Susie H. There will be music, dancing, costume contests and much more. Please plan to attend. We'll miss you if you don't come!

September 24-26th your Lady President and Vice President will be at the Lido Beach Resort in Sarasota for the 57th Annual Conference where we will be accepting donations for the Christmas gift card tree. All proceeds go to the Ladies and it was, so far, all from donated gift cards. Way to go Ladies! Susie will also be installed on the Advisory Committee on Saturday so that will be exciting.

As time goes by and we come out of the pandemic we look forward to much more fun and socializing. I look forward to seeing you all at the Lodge in the social guarters. Our next meeting is October 7th at 7:00PM.

Let us continue in good health, friendship and happiness.

May peace be with you, **Betty Orcutt**

Lady President

LOE birthdays:

Tony Marino September 4 Laura Jones, September 11

Richard Florence, October 10 Patty Jankiewicz, October 10 **Bonnie Atwood, October 18 Theresa Seibert, October 19 Donna Halsey, October 25**

Thanks, Lisa Snyder Chaplain, LOE



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2020-21

Officers

Betty Orcutt **Susie Harlow** Bonnie Atwood **Robert Bordonaro Parliamentarian** Lisa Snyder

President **Vice President** Secretary Chaplain

ER's Article:

We've been ducking tropical storms and hurricanes to the left and right while still digging our way out of this Covid Storm. However this month we had our first real scare, for 24hours anyway. One of our bartenders was exposed to someone whose boyfriend was diagnosed by Covid. Springing into action your House Committee took immediate action, which unfortunately included closing the Lodge temporarily. However, just as fast as the news came in, the good news of a negative test came back less than 24hrs later. It just goes to show how far careful attention, proper precautions, and attentive leadership of your House Committee go.

I'm proud of not only the immediate actions the House Committee took, but also the difficult decision to close, which of course was not universally thought to be the right decision. Thinking of the safety of our members the House Committee made a decision which while not popular was right.

While we still need to follow Corona/Covid precautions October is scheduled to be a busy month. So please check our website, look for emails, and give us a call if you have any questions regarding Events, hours, meals, and yes even meetings.

For the foreseeable future Lodge Meetings will be available by Zoom due to Corona concerns, health issues, or being out of town. Candy V. is keeping the online calendar updated with a clickable link, and there is a flyer in Elksize with information to enter the meeting by the video app or by calling in. However, please understand we

are doing this as a courtesy for members. This is not a substitute for coming to meetings where you otherwise could have (so no sitting at home with a beer, while the rest of us are here).

I want to thank all the members without whose support and dedication we could not be open.

Finally, please check out our online calendar for events. We're currently open with safety precautions, but we cannot afford to keep the social quarters open for 2 or 3 people. So stop by, enjoy some time with friends, and take advantage of what the Lodge has to offer. I hope everyone is safe, and I look forward to seeing you soon.

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CURRENT RULES—All members coming to the Lodge must wear a mask into the Lodge, sign in at the station at the bar and have their temperature checked by the bartender or a House Committee member. We have been able to remove the assigned places for bar seats due Gov. DeSantis' new edict.

BE SAFE AND CHECK CURRENT RULES ON EACH VISIT TO THE Lodge!





Saturday, October 17th 6:00 - 10:00pm

MASK to enter! Temperature to Stay! Distancing to have fun!



SHARE THE WEALTH

FOR INFO & TICKETS Call: Elks Lounge: 813-839-8928 Patty J: 813-215-6405 Sue M: 813-8311017 Donna H: 813-837-3335







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Tampa 708 delivers school supplies to needy students.

On Tuesday, September 2nd Tampa Elks Lodge delivered school supplies valued at about \$400 to Westshore Elementary school, located deep in Port Tampa., Due to the Pandemic we were unable to hold a back to school party this year, so the youth activity chair, Patty Volpe, asked members to donate school supplies for local students Westshore Elementary was chosen as the recipient based on their high percentage of Title 1 (fee Lunch) students and the fact that a survey of the other South Tampa fraternities indicated they were not on anybody else's list. . No visitors are allowed inside any school at the present time- there is not even a volunteer screening



page on the school board's website. The Principal, Linda Drawdy, was very appreciative, and took time out her busy day to come outside to thank us. Because foot traffic at the Lodge is low right now due to the pandemic, and our do-



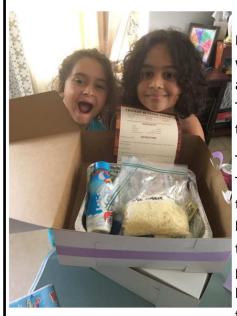
nations were down considerably from previous years, Patty has set up an Amazon Wish list that will allow you to purchase supplies from your home or office and you can choose to have them delivered directly to the school now under the Lodge's name. The need is pretty high at this school that has so many low income students and no nearby shopping for those fami-

lies without transportation. The link to the amazon wish list is:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/36LTY7XNXQLF?ref=cm_sw_em_r_wl_dp_CJpgB4Q9Mr0ty



Tampa Elks 708 turn a spotlight on pandemic HUNGER.



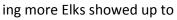
It was like Christmas in July for 50 families in a low income, urban area of Tampa when they received a customized for them Lasagna dinner, complete with salad and bread, prepared by Courtney's Custom Catering and Tampa Elks Lodge #708. This huge endeavor was made possible by financing through Elks National Foundation's Spotlight Grant. The idea was conceived by member Christina Sanchez and Jointly executed with her mother, Courtney Weil, PER.

This working through two different neighborhood service centers, Tampa Elks identified the 50 families and gave them their choice of a meat sauce lasagna, a vegan lasagna or a chicken and broccoli alfredo lasagna. They also got to choose between

to "Do it yourself kits" they could prepare at home- either Shepherd's Pie or Chicken Alfredo Pasta. Volunteers took over the lodge

room and kitchen on Tuesday, August 25th and prepared the 50 half steam table tray size Lasagna's, and also prepped for the Do it yourself kits- measuring our hamburger, peas and carrots, pasta, parmesan cheese and all the other ingredients so that each kit was complete – down to the milk and butter to make mashed potatoes!

The lasagna and all ingredients were properly stored in the lodge freezer and walk ins, and on Wednesday morning a crew showed up to pull the orders for the first community center- The Tribe Center in the Seminole Heights area of Tampa. The food was transported, the kits assembled, and then delivered to the families at their appointed time, and all safety protocols were able to be met. On Thursday morn-



transport the second 25 lasagnas and food for the kits to the Stepping Stones Community Center in the Sulfur Springs area of Tampa. Again, the delivery times were well thought out and safety concerns were well negated.

Information about Florida Elks Major projects, scholarships, and Tampa Youth activities were included in the kits. The kits were assembled at the community Centers, and they each received a \$50 Visa gift card to replenish the supplies used. Several food recipients contacted us to express their appreciation for the amazing dinners. One mother wrote how nice it was to be able to tell her daughter yes when she asked for seconds, her kids went to sleep with full bellies, which is not always the case.





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Every Monday @ 6:30pm

If you like POKENO, then you will love Bar Bingo. Played the same way as POKENO, cover your card with chips and WIN a prize.

Take a chance with every flip of a card. Enjoy fabulous drinks made by Jessica, tasty Panini Sandwiches and stay for the fellowship

\$1.00 donation/ per card to play

On-Going Calendar







We're back! Join us for fine movies!



Lodge Business and Programs



Partners in Progress or PIP

Platinum Investors \$100+

Fennell, Jerrye, Patrick & Cheryl 7/21 Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 7/21 Appel, Jackie 7/21 Palladini, Frank 2/21 Schneider, R & J 2/21 Suhrheinrich, Bob & Candace 1/21 Miller, Scott & Beth 10/20 Florance, Richard 11/2021 Waldbart, Mark 8/23 Bertoch, Melissa 2/21 Atwood, Bonnie 2/21 Smith, R 2/21 Miles, ER, Chris 2/21 Jones, Laura 2/21 Brennen, J. 3/21 Edwards, Bill 5/21 Bertoch, Jan 6/21`

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

McLaughlin, Susan & Mark 10/20 Bordenaro, Robert 7/21

Silver Investors \$21-\$50 Lake, Sandra (Member) 10/20 Lake, David & Carol 10/20 Tuttle, Peggy 10/20

Bronze Investors \$10 - \$20

Wheatley, Shannon 2/21 Buikema, Douglas & Carol 10/20 Piser, Carol 10/20 Lynn, Camden 2/21



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4 BUCSvs Chargers 1:00pm Tailgate! Pancake Breakfast 9am -12pm	5 5:30-8:00p Georgia's Panini Monday 6:30p - House Comm. Bar Bingo 6:30pm	6 7:00p - LOE BOD 7:30p - Movie Night	7 7: 30p - LOE Gen. Mtg. 6:45p - Dinner	8 BUCS vs BEARS 8:20pm Open Grill Night by Dee Queen of Hearts - Donate by 6:45p	9	10 Tacos Locos 6:30-8:30pm
11	12 5:30-8:00p Georgia's Panini Monday Bar Bingo 6:30pm	13 7:15p - Lodge BOD 7:30p - Movie Night	14 6pm - 7pm Mem. Mtg. 7:30p - Lodge Meeting	15 Open Grill Night by Dee Queen of Hearts - Donate by 6:45p	16 Fish Fry - 6:30-8:30 All You Can Eat \$12	17 LOE Sock Hop 7:10pm
18 BUCSvs Packers4:25 Tailgate	19 5:30-8:00p Georgia's Panini Monday 6:30p - House Comm. Bar Bingo 6:30pm	20 7:30p - Movie Night	21 Vets Comm. Mtg. 7pm 6:30-8:30pm Spaghetti Dinner	22 Open Grill Night by Dee Queen of Hearts - Donate by 6:45p	23 Surf & Turf Piano Bar 5pm-10pm	24 Lodge Cleanup 10am - ?
25 Doug's Wing Night 4:00-6:00pm	26 5:30-8:00p Georgia's Panini Monday Bar Bingo 6:30pm	27 7:30p - Movie Night	28 7:30p - Lodge Meeting	29 Open Grill Night by Dee Queen of Hearts - Donate by 6:45p	30	31 Halloween "A Nightmare Before Christmas" 6:30



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> In Memory of Tom Stanton - 9/2018 Rebecca Sullins - 2/2019 Debbie Osterbrock - 4/2019

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 Shannon Wheatley 6/2022 Jerrye, Patrick & Cheryl Fennel 6/21 Pat & Marilyn Fennel 6/21 Robert Bordanero 7/22 Donna Halsey-6/2021 Frances Aberle-8/2021



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

Frances Aberle - 8/2021 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. Thank you!

Friends of 708

OUR CURRENT MONTHLY SUPPORTERS

Marty Quire Bonnie Quire Linda Reid Theresa Matthews Bonnie Atwood Nanette Quire Tommy & Susan Moore Mr & Mrs Orcutt Sharon Ford Richard Schneider Jacquie LoCicero Christopher Miles Mr & Mrs Suhrheinrich Susie Harlow Steve Harmon Lisa Snyder Pat & Marilyn Fennell Bill Deen Candy Venable Chris Ragusa Mr & Mrs Hilficker Shannon Wheatley Camden Lynn Laura Jones LOE 708

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V. Thomas P & M Volpe

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.