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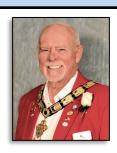
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A Message from Your Exalted Ruler, Paul DeLand



February 2022....Wow, now comes the race to year-end! Hard to believe when you read this Gasparilla will be history and we are entering February. This month we perform one of our most important functions as a Lodge, selecting those who will lead Tampa Lodge into the coming year. February 9th we nominate and February 23rd we elect. Please look into your desires and capabilities for the coming year to see if you can be a part of our leadership team. It is hard work and demanding of your time, but it is very rewarding as well. Remember to match your skills to the job.

Superbowl on February 13th will include our Chili Cookoff. Then February 27th we begin another year of our successful Gourmet Club. Details for both of the events are available in this publication.

Coming up in March are Awards Night on March 19th, when we salute you who have worked hard this Lodge year...an important time. March 25th we will install those who will serve for the coming year.

Also, in the March issue of the Elksize I will be beginning a new post that I hope becomes traditional. I will put together my "year-in-review" for the 2021-22 Lodge Year. It has been a wild ride, that led us thru problems, troubles, successes and awards. Watch for it.

I have to close with a comment on the many lost to us this year....important Lodge people who contributed much. It is sad but it is life. It speaks to why we work so hard to involve new, younger members...The leaders of Tampa #708 for the future. Paul DeLand, Exalted Ruler

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OUR YETERAN'S COMMITTEE AT WORK

On 1/21/22 the Veteran's from the James A Haley Domiciliary were scheduled to come to Tampa Lodge 708 for dinner for the first time on almost 2 years. When the Omnicom variant surged, the VA reinstated the quarantine, and the dinner was cancelled. Rather than give up, the Tampa Elks Lodge Veteran's Committee voted to provide the Veteran's with a pizza party as a welcome break from hospital food. Blackjack Pizza, Salad, and soft drinks for 10 veterans, as well attending staff members, was delivered in time for dinner.

The domiciliary is housed in the top 2 floors of the medical building in the background of the picture. Pictured L-R is the domiciliary's Recreation Director, Ryan Nitzsche and Tampa Elks Lodge Veteran's Chair Jose Remon.



DELIVERY FOR OUR VETERAN'S

Welcome Our Newest Elk Members



Christa Smith Proposed by Sam Washington



Diane Taylor Proposed by Wendy Wiesner



Gabriclle Shipley
Proposed by
Julie Wooley



Julie Dean Proposed by Julie Wooley





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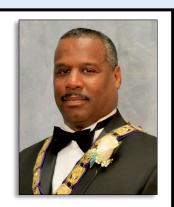
Valerie Perez Proposed by Sharron Engdahl



February Elk Recognitions

ELK OF THE MONTH...DEE CICNEROS, PER

Dee Cisneros, PER is my easy choice for Elk of The Month for February. Dee has stepped forward and tended bar for the Lodge many times, and has several times been a saving force when a bartender didn't show or was ill. He helps in kitchen work various times, and his major contribution to the Lodge has been Monday Night Bar Bingo....This effort he set up and operates with the help of Ed Lessard and Melissa Bertoch. They have produced a solid income for the Lodge and a corp of regulars each Monday are added to by those who come from time to time. Next time you see Dee, which will be often at the bar...usually working...say THANKS!



OFFICER OF THE MONTH...BOB ORCUTT

Bob Orcutt has stepped forward, late in the year, to accept the position of Veteran's Association of Voluntary Services Representative to James A. Haley Veteran's Hospital. He is assuming the position working with our veterans in the capacity of Grand Lodge Representative. It is a big job with many and varied duties, and Bob is excited about taking it on. In addition, he is noted for his expertise in the kitchen and often steps in to assist with the preparation of specialty meals like prime rib. For the past 2 years Bob has also served as a Lodge Trustee taking more of his time to support our Lodge. Give Bob a hearty thanks when next you see him.





Steven Spielberg was denied entry to USC's film school... Twice.

When life slams a door in your face, that doesn't mean it's sealed shut forever.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9

Supporting Reports



Ladies of the Elks:

Put on your walking shoes and let's get ready to **WALK** for Children's Therapy Services. On Saturday, March 5th the LOE will gather for our annual Walk-A-Thon to raise money for

Children's Therapy Services. This is our largest fund-raising event for CTS. The Ladies will meet at Ballast Point Park at 10am and take a

Executive Board

Jacquie LoCicero - President Shelagh Gombarcik - Vice President Bonnie Atwood- Secretary Laura Jones - Treasurer Suzanne Moore - Chaplin Robert Bordonaro - Parliamentarian

leisurely walk. If you are not able to join us, no problem. You can sponsor any of the Ladies who are participating in the Walk-A-Thon. With your support the LOE was able to donate \$2500 this year to Children's Therapy Services. I look forward to seeing you at the park!

Thank you to all who supported the LOE by ordering a **GASPRILLA** wreath. Once again, I am blown away at the support of our membership. The LOE took a chance, and it took off in a way that we did not expect.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 2nd. Dinner is served at 6:15-ish and our meeting starts at 7pm. Hope to see you there. **February Birthdays**

Sharon Ford 2/5 - Susie Harlow 2/9 - Bernie Turpin 2/11



PLEASE ASK BEFORE YOU SPEAK!

If you have questions about a member's status, whether it pertains to payment of dues, or new member rights, please ask one of your Membership Committee members for verification before addressing the member directly. Though this is a valid concern, too many mistakes are being made which cause embarrassment and consternation within the Lodge.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Membership Committee Members: Chris Miles, PER and chairman, Laura Jones, George Hilficker, Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, Candi Suhrheinrich, Rick Schneider, PER, Rita Smith, Leading Knight and Paul DeLand ER.

Grant Reports



Rew Pear, Rew Grant for Club Chivalry

The Beacon grant is now the fund for Club Chivalry. The FSEA does a match, so both ENF and Harry Anna are now our sponsors. We were funded by the Impact Grant for the last 6 years, but the dollar amount was reduced teach year. Not only do we now get more funding, but we have a lot less paperwork! I would love to explain more about this- just ask me!

January Club Meeting Day was traditionally the club yearbook photo day. Last year that didn't happen at all, as we were one of only two clubs. This year the Robinson HS Principal, Mr. Bhoolai, is trying to "normalize" things. Yearbook photos were taken on schedule – but large numbers of students were out sick. Our Tampa Elk volunteers for the day were included in the photo, can you spot them?

As soon as the photos were finished, we treated the students to a pizza party. It was National Pizza Week, and we couldn't let that pass. While the students were eating, they were reminded to sign up for Relay for Life, coming up in April. The students were also told about an upcoming service hour opportunity at Tampa Elks Lodge. Just before the bell rang, we got in one drawing for the \$25 gift card It was won by Katejion Robinson. Nobody claimed the second card, so we carried it over to the service project to draw.

On 1/15/22 at 10AM we met at Tampa Elks Lodge to perform Community Service. The project was for the students to help the Elks clean the roadside along Himes Avenue. This project is done Quarterly by Tampa Elks in conjunction with Mayor Jane's Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful Project. The weather was fantastic, ranging from 68-72. After a couple of hours, the students and Elks moved to Casa Mexicana for lunch. A good meal after a good morning's work sure hit the spot. Comfort Njoku won the gift card that was left from the meeting. The students were finished just before 2 and earned 4 hours of community Service hours for their efforts.









Grant Activities



FOR PEOPLE WHO LOVE ANIMALS

A TAMPA LODGE 708 GRATITUDE GRANT EVENT SUPPORTING THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

PLEASE JOIN US WITH YOUR PET FOR THIS EXTRAORDINARY FUN EVENT!

SATURDAY, FEB. 5TH — 3PM TO 5:30PM

Categories are:

Fluffiest Pet, Friendliest Pet,
Best Animal Trick, Most Interesting Pet,
Pet/Owner Look Alike and Cutest Pet
Prizes include Gift Cards to Local Pet Supply Stores.

Each Pet receives an Elks Bandana and Refreshments will be served

The Humane Society will be bringing in several animals that are available for adoption.

We are asking for donations of pet food or supplies which will be distributed to those in need and to the Humane Society. Proceeds from the event will go to the Humane Society in support of their spay/neuter services.

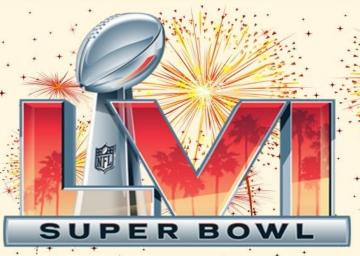


(Attendees must RSVP online at elkpets0@gmail.com)



3616 W. Gandy Blvd, Tampa, 33611

Upcoming Festivities & Events



Sunday, February 13th

JOIN US FOR THE BIG GAME AND OUR ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF!

FOR THE COOK OFF...



DELIVER CHILI BY 4:00pm
BLIND JUDGING 4:15pm
1ST PRIZE \$50.00
2ND PRIZE \$25.00
TASTER'S CHOICE
PRIZE \$10 BAR TAB
POT LUCK OPENS 5PM

Please bring chili in a crock pot. Kitchen door will be open for quick drop off. Signup at the Lodge or Text 813~431~3020

BRING DISH TO SHARE! KICK OFF AT 6:30PM HALF TIME SUPER SUNDAE BAR

Whether you come for the game on the big screen, the food or the commercials...you're sure to have a GREAT TIME!



Upcoming Festivities & Events



Join us Every Monday Night Starting at 6:30

VALENTINE'S DAY
BING®



BRING THE LOVE
ON FEBRUARY 14TH
AND WIN A FREE CARD
FOR THE FIRST 4
ROUNDS!



See page 10 for the food of the night and come play, eat, drink and WIN!

Upcoming Festivities & Events





Please mark your calendar for this special recognition event and help our ER as he thanks those that have served our Lodge so well this year.

In addition, our remarkable LOE will also recognize their outstanding members.

Tampa 708 Officer Installation Ceremony & Dinner March 25, 2022

Make note of this date so you can stand witness to the installation of our 2022/2023 officers.

Dinner will be served as part of this event.





LET'S DO FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AT THE LODGE

FEBRUARY 3RD

CHICKEN FRIED STEAK



WITH MASHED POTATOES WHITE OR BROWN GRAVY, NIBBLETS CORN. DINNER ROLLS. MINESTRONI SOUP

\$14.00 TAX INCLUDED

APPLE PIE ALA MODE \$4.00



FEBRUARY 11[™]

80Z FILET W/PORT WINE REDUCTION 3 SEARED SEA SCALLOPS

WITH HERB ROASTED POTATOES. BROCCOLI, SPINACH STRAWBERRY SALAD. GARLIC YEAST ROLLS & FRIED ARTICHOKE HEARTS W/AIOLI

\$24.00 TAX INCLUDED

CHOCOLATE MOUSE CAKE \$4.00



DEENA GROSSO

FEBRUARY 18™

HERB ROASTED BEEF RIBS



POTATOES, CORN ON THE COB, CORN BREAD, WHITE BEAN SOUP \$18.00 TAX INCLUDED APPETITED

> ONION RINGS \$3.50 CHERRY COBBLER \$4.00

ENTERTAINING US: STEVE MULLIS FEBRUARY 25TH

100Z NEW YORK STRIP



WITH BAKED POTATO, ROASTED VEGETABLES, HOUSE SALAD **GARLIC BREAD** \$20.00 TAX INCLUDED

APPETIZER:

FRIED MUSHROOMS \$3.50 **MOUNTAIN DEW**

APPLE DUMPLINGS \$4.00

ENTERTAINING US: ANTHONY BARCELO

PLEASE SIGN UP AT TAMPAELKS.COM OR ON THE LODGE BULLETIN BOARD TO ASSURE YOUR MEAL! ONLY A FEW EXTRA MEALS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR WALK-INS. DINNER SERVED FROM 6:30PM TO 8:30PM



Feb 7th - CUBAN SANDWICH with SPANISH BEAN SOUP

Feb 14th - FRENCH DIP With Potato Salad

Feb 21st - BRATS & CHEESE W/Lima Bean & Ham Soup

Feb 28th - CHICKEN, CHEESE Quesadilla with Chili



EARTS

Feb 3th - Dee's Grill Night Burgers, Hot Dogs & More

Feb 10th - Pork Tenderloin With French Fries

Feb 17th - Shelagh's Grill Night - Burgers & More

Feb 24th - Italian Beef Sub w/French Fries

Upcoming Events and Projects



Calling All

Epicurean Elks...



2022 Gourmet Club



APPETIZERS

Sunday, February 27th 5:00 p.m.



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





Upcoming Events and Projects

Ladies of the Elk Auxiliary Tampa Lodge 708



Saturday, March 5, 2022 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

Upcoming Events and Projects



Save the Date for our St Patrick's Day Dinner Night

March 18th - 6:30pm

Live Music

Traditional

Corn Beef and Cabbage

Sourdough Bread

Irish Whiskey Bread Pudding

Watch for more info in the March Edition!
By the Way...Ireland has pirates too!

HOUSE COMMITTEE'S

Pasta on the 3rd

JOIN YOUR HOUSE COMMITTEE

FOR A PASTA DISH ON THE

3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.

PASTA STARTS SERVING @ 6:30PMISH

February 16th– Creamy Butternut Squash
Pasta with Sausage and Spinach

March 16th– Pasta Aglio e Olio with Peas and Prosciutto

Your pasta dish is free to members. Donations GLADLY accepted.



Lodge Business and Projects

YOUR HAUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

If you've notice the stand of lockers in the meeting hall by the liquor room door, and wondered what they were for, well here's the answer. We have implemented a new procedure for our bar staff in which they will collect and deliver their nightly banks into their own specific locker. This will minimize the confusion of an all for one safe, and eliminate any concern about the comingling of funds.

If you find yourself with extra time and would like to assist with some of the maintenance issues around the Lodge, we could sure use your help. The ability to climb a ladder and pick up somewhat heavy objects is a necessity. Please contact George Hilficker at 813-294-6200. George Hilficker, House Committee Chair



Partners in Progress or PIP

Platinum Investors \$100+

In Memory of
Fennell, Jerrye,
Patrick & Cheryl 3/2022
Norton, Bob & Brenda 2/2022
Edwards, Bill 3/2022
Jones, Laura 3/2022
Suhrheinrich, Bob 3/2022
Suhrheinrich, Candi 3/2022
Frank Palladini 5/2022
Rita Smith 1/2023

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 7/2021

Silver Investors \$21-\$50

Bronze Investors \$10 - \$20

FEBRUARY LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 2nd LOE General Meeting 7pm Dinner 6:15
- 9th Membership Committee Meeting 6pm
- 9th- Elks General Meeting 7:30pm
- 10th Veteran's Committee Meeting 7:15
- 15th House Committee Meeting 6:30pm
- 20th New Member Orientation 3:00pm
- 20th New Member Initiation 4pm
- 23rd -Elks General Meeting 7:30pm

Honoring Departed Elks

Harry S. Truman

1884 to 1972

33rd President of the United States

Kansas City, MO Lodge #26



Tampa Elks Lodge #708

FEBRUARY 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TJE 5	WED	THUR	FRI	5AT
		1	2 LOE GENERAL MEETING 7PM LOE DINNER 6:15PM	3 DEE'S GRILL NIGHT HAMBURGERS & MORE OUEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6455PM DRAWING at 7PM	4 QUARTERLY CONVENTION UMATILLA CARL HILLIAMSON'S CHICKEN FRIED STEAK W/MASHED POTATOES CORN AND ROLL \$12.00 APPLE PIE AL A MODE - \$4.00	5 QUARTERLY CONVENTION UMATILLA
6	7 CUBAN SANDWICH W/ SPANISH BEAN SOUP BAR 6:30PM 53 DONATION	8 BOD MEETING	9 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING 6PM PLEASE NOTE! OFFICER NOMINATIONS TONIGHT AT THE GENERAL MEETING. 7:30 PM GENERAL MEETING	Veteran's 10 Committee Meeting 7:15pm PORK TENDERLOIN SANDWICHES WITH FRIES OUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45pm DRAWING at 7pm	T 1 SMEETHEART DINNER 907 FILET W/ 3 LRG SEARED SCALLOPS, ROSEMARY ROASTED RED POTATOES, GARLIC ROASTED BROCCOLL. GARLIC GLAZED ROLLS PLUS FRIED ARTICHOKE APPETIZER \$24 CHOCOLATE MOUSSE CAKE \$400 SEE PAGE 10	12
13 COCKATOFF 4pm Kick off 6:30 Half Time Pot Luck See pg 7 for more info	14 FRENCH DIP W/POTATO SALAD	Ethnic Night TEMPANO HYDE PARK 1610 W. SWANN Meet at the Lodge at 6pm or at restaurant at 6:30 - see pg 12	PASTA 6.39pm to 8PM ITALIANSALEAGE PENCEPASTA	17 SHELAGH'S GRILL NIGHT BURGERS AND MORE OVERN OF HEARTS DONATIONS BY 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	18 BEEF RIBS. BUTTER PARSLEY POTATOES. CORN ON THE COB. WHITE BEAN SOUP & CORN BREAD \$18 APPETIZER-ONION RINGS \$3.50 CHERRY COBBLER \$4.00 SEE PAGE 10	HIMES CLEANUP 10AM TO 12PM Info on pg 8
20 NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION 3:00pm NEW MEMBER INITIATION 4:00pm Gourmet Club Kick Off - 5pm	21 BRATS & CHEESE SUB M. POTATO SOUP \$9.00 BAR 6: 30PM \$3 DONATION	22 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM	PLEASE NOTEL OFFICER ELECTIONS TONIGHT AT THE GENERAL MEETING. 7:30PM GENERAL MEETING	24 IT ALIAN BEEF SUB W/FRENCH FRIES OUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	25 1007 NEW YORK STRIP BAKED POTATO. ROASTED VEGETABLES. HOUSE SALAD GARLIC BREAD - \$20.00 APPETIZER-FRIED MUSHROOMS \$3.50 MOUNTAIN DEW APPLE DUMPLINGS \$4.00 SEE PAGE 10	26
27	28 CHICKEN, CHEESE QUESADILLAS W/ CHILI \$8.00					



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Shannon Wheatley - 6/2022 Robert Bordanero - 7/2022 William Dean - 3/2023



Vera Wright -In Memory of Harold Wright - 6/2023 Pat Fennell - 6/2024

Friends of 708

OUR CURRENT MONTHLY SUPPORTERS

Marty Quire - In Memory of Bonnie Quire - Bonnie Atwood - Nanette Quire Mr & Mrs Moore - Sharon Ford - Mr & Mrs Schneider - Christopher Miles - Mr & Mrs Suhrheinrich Steve Harmon - Lisa Snyder - Julie Wooley - Mr & Mrs LoCicero - Paul DeLand Paula Rousselle - Candy Venable - Chris Ragusa - Mr & Mrs Hilficker - Crystal Johnson Shannon Wheatley - Laura Jones - Ladies of the Elks 708

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M. Bertoch - M. Flowers - F. Palladini - P. Fennell - B.&B. Norton

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.