

Elks Tampa 708 Elksize



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Pajama's, Black-eyed Peas, and Pirates, Oh My

I'm sure you are reading this now to find out what the heck pajama's, Black-eyed Peas and Pirates all have in common and why I would be writing about them. At least I hope you are! Those are just a few of the activities that helped start out 2016 for us and kept us very active in the month of January. This event started in 2015 but didn't end until 2016; our first ever New Year's Eve Pajama Party! Leading Knight, Courtney Weil chaired the New Year's Eve Party. She had DJ Rob spinning that night and playing anything anyone could ask for. The music and food were awesome. If you missed this event, you really missed a great event. Where else could you have seen your fellow Elks hanging out in their pajamas (I know you are probably saying to yourself, NO WHERE, I hope)?



Exalted Ruler Theresa Matthews

The next day after recovering from the NY Eve event, Loyal Knight, Shelagh Gombarcik cooked a traditional New Year's Day dinner of Ham, Black-eyed Peas, and Collard Greens. Shelagh put this meal on for donations to ENF only. Everyone was in unanimous agreement those were the best collard greens ever. I think I see a new tradition beginning. We had a fun and profitable New Year's Day which is historically not very busy. Thank you to everyone who came down and supported the Lodge and the bar that day. Hopefully, the black-eyed peas will bring you good luck this year and the collard greens will bring lots of money your way. Thank you Shelagh for putting this event on.

The Ladies of the Elks put on their annual "Tacky Party" in mid-January. This event has proven very successful and offers an alternative to a droll, boring Saturday night sitting at home. Believe me, this event is nothing but fun and, well Tacky! Just when I think it just can't get any tackier, it does. From the moment you walked into the door and were greeted by "The Bad Girl Scouts" and a Croaker Sack Lady, it just went downhill. Bob Orcutt made a great lady with the neon pink wig, if you ignored the beard, of course. Lady President, Suzanne Moore forgot to take the rollers out of her hair. The spam carving was beyond hilarious. The theme was "Vintage Television" or "Farm Animals". The third place team was Dave Partlow and Victoria Bihorel who carved an actual vintage television. Second place was Sandra Lake and Laura Jones with their amazing pig (I won't mention in here what it was able to do that was so amazing or the fact I thought it looked like a cow). The grand prize winners were former Tampa members, and current Brandon Lodge members, Linda Reid and Randy Gerber. They carved the



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LOUNGE MANAGER

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Welcome New Members



Rick Dorrance



Rick's wife, Terry, loves feeding the homeless!



Shelagh Gombarcik has sponsored a new member. Have You?

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Hollywood Squares TV show from the spam and it looked fabulous. All teams had a very good showing. Honorable mentions go to Alex and Cindy from Brandon Lodge and Melissa and Nelson for their very good (and first time) spam carving attempts. The top winners for the Tacky costume were Bob Orcutt and Nan Quire. Great job to the Ladies of the Elks for putting this event on!



The Gasparilla event hasn't occurred as I write, but we have been making the rounds dressed like pirates trying to sell tickets to other Lodges. The results will be in next month's bulletin.

Membership gain remains to be a number we are striving to achieve this year. In my May 2015 article the goal was 300 members this year, adding 5. Plus 5 sounds fairly easy, heck we already initiated 20, with 3 more to be initiated this month. We reinstated 12. However, we did have 5 transfer out, 4 deaths, and we still have 36 delinquent members that did not renew their dues and will be dropped come March 31. If they are dropped and they want to come back, they will have to apply for reinstatement and get voted on to rejoin. It would be much easier to pay their dues now, and they can pay next year in advance at the same time. **We can now accept dues payments online! Current dues are \$93.25 Go to <http://fseanet.org/Payment/Tampa708Dues.htm>.**

The delinquent list is on the bulletin board. Check it out. If there is someone on there you sponsored, or one of your friends, please reach out to them and ask them to come back. Tell them everything they are missing! Tell them to come back and bring a friend as well and be on the lookout for extra Early Bird incentives. If we lose these 36 members, we will need to replace them. We don't want Tampa decreasing in size. We have so many grants to spend in our community and need Elks to do it! Remember, you are all on the membership committee. If you haven't sponsored one new member this year, now is the time to do it!

Remember, "We like you, we'll like your friends."

Fraternally,
Theresa Matthews, Exalted Ruler





Community Corner

The Plant High School Theatre Dept. is looking for wall hangings, small furniture and other props that will help them turn a stage into a 1930's home. If you have items you would be willing to lend, contact Taylor Taylor or Courtney Weil. Taylor landed the lead role on their winter production of, "You Can't Take It With You." The performance is Feb. 11-13. Tickets are \$10.00 - available from Courtney or Taylor.

Save the Date: The South Tampa Chamber of Commerce's Premier Event, Taste of South Tampa will be held on May 15. The event has its own Facebook page. Check it out!

The 2016 Krewe of Sant'Yago Illuminated Knight Parade will be held on Feb 13 at 7:00. They have eliminated the downtown portions and parade only on Ybor's 7th Avenue. However, The Gasparilla Distance Classic is on February 20th and the entire Bayshore area is utilized. The Outward Bound Voyage is scheduled for February 27th.

These Members are Invested in the Partners for Progress Program at Tampa Lodge #708

Gold - Howard James - 3/16

Silver - Shelagh Gombarcik - 6/16

Platinum - Durant, Rose & Palladini, Debbie - 3/16

Appel, Jackie- 6/16

Deese, John & Kathy - 4/16

Johnson. Jack - 6 /16

Fennell, Pat & Marilyn- 5/16

Norton, Robert-6/16

In Memory of Jerrye and Patrick Fennell - 5/16

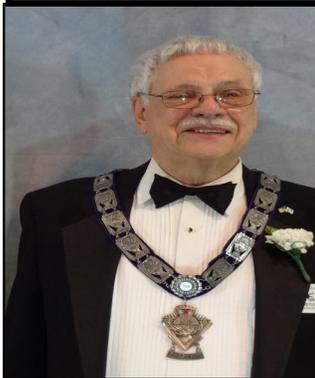
Smith, Rita- 6/16

Pickenpaugh, Vernon & Betty - 5/16

Walbart, Mark 6/16

Schneider, Rick & Jan

In Memory of Ebba Jean Palladini



FOR PAST PRESIDENT'S - FAMILY LOVE & ELKDOM'S FUTURE

The chill of February 2016 is in the air - as a veritable "variety" of different events bring their individual "will" to our Lodge's way!

All of these events are in a mid-month cluster - as February 12th is Abraham Lincoln's Birthday. an annual celebration follows for just one day - February 14th is Valentine's Day - a really good "muster" - to renew all our family ties - at home- at school - at Church & especially with our Fidelity to Elks. The very next day - February 15th is President's Day - an American holiday to remember & revere the memories of past leaders.

Richard Florance, PER

February also brings America's Elks Lodge's together - as elections of new & old Lodge Leaders emerge - as dedicated memberships vote & elect their lodge's future's for

Elkdom. So be a loyal Elk - come to your Lodge to celebrate & share those "special February days" - & don't forget - you may regret - our elections will bring our Lodge's "best future Leaders".

As Elks we should also continue to support & volunteer for the ENF Grant Programs that are a blessing & a life-line for our Elks future that reflect the true meaning of "who & what Elks are & do" for the communities we serve. Dedication & time will further our Elks aims & show the real worth behind what Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, & Fidelity really means!

Richard Florance, PER, Lodge Americanism Chairman
rhflorance@yahoo.com



Club Chivalry, the Robinson High School Club backed by Tampa Elks, is participating in the Relay for Life of South Tampa. Each kid must raise \$100.00 in order to be granted permission to stay at the relay overnight, Tampa Elks Lodge will provide their supplies through the ENF Impact Grant, but we are not allowed to use grant money to sponsor kids.

Could you please sponsor one of the teens that signed up?

Go to Relay for Life's home page- Search for Team - type in Club Chivalry, then click on the team name to see the participants. Pick one of the teens and donate!

You will be immediately emailed a tax deductible receipt!



OLD ELK TALES

(MYTH BUSTERS)

Old Elk Tale: If you have a problem with the Lodge, the lounge, an employee or a fellow Elk, you should immediately find the senior officer or House Committee Chair and complain to them and everybody in the building as well.

False: If you have a complaint - you should put it in writing and give it to the House Committee. They will discuss it at their next meeting and let you know the result.



*Calling All
Epicurean Elks*

"Ich esse" "Manger"

2016 Gourmet Club Kick Off

Sunday, February 21st at 5:00 pm

*This month's theme:
Appetizers with an
International Flair*

...bring a dish and the recipe for your dish

OR...

Bring your appetite and a donation!

"Mangiare" "Taberu"

Trivia...trivia...trivia...trivia...trivia



**To Our
Absent
Members**

CLYDE EDWARD GODSEY

DATE OF BIRTH: AUG. 4, 1933

DATE OF DEATH: DEC 21, 2015

10 YEAR MEMBER

Funeral Service by Lodge Officers



Member Appreciation Night - February 27, 2016

All Tampa Lodge and Tampa LOE Members **EAT FREE!**

Guest meals only \$10

RSVP for your meal in person at the Bar by February 12

Choice of Steak Filet with potato or Chicken Marsala with Rice.

All meals come with sides and an Ice Cream Sundae Bar Dessert

6pm Dinner Begins

7pm Lodge will be Open to the Public

Members, Potential Members and Guests Welcome!

8pm Free Concert by

Florida's Route 66 Band

(No Reservation Required)



Florida's Route 66 Band

Scholarship!

The judging locally is over, and the winners have been forwarded to the WCD competition...24 local high school seniors entered and only 6 spots were allotted to us by the state chair. We forwarded some fine candidates! The judging for District will now be completed, possibly by the time you read this, and winners again advanced...this time to the State finals. Best wishes to our winners, and after personally reading all 24 entries I have to say, we are producing some fine folks in Tampa schools!

Let me also step out here and thank both Robert Norton and Richard Florance who spent countless hours acting as my other two judges. This is one of the more time-consuming committee jobs in the Lodge and I ask lodge members to recognize Bob and Richard next time you see them.

I look forward to the day Tampa, and the WCD are recognized with scholarship winners!



**Elks
National
Foundation, Inc.**

Paul DeLand, Chair
Scholarship Committee
Tampa Elks #708

Hot Dog!

Wienie Wednesday

\$1.00 Hot Dogs on Meeting Nights



6:15-
7:15

&
1 hour
after
the
Meeting

Add chips for fifty cents!

\$2.00 Trivia Thursday, Feb 18 7:00 PM



Hosted by
Sandra Lake
And Lisa Snyder
Third Thursday!

All questions are multiple choice.

Every Monday Night



Short Order Grill 5:30--7:30PM

Burgers, Patty Melts, Reubens,
Grilled Cheese, BLT's & more

French Fries, Tater Tots, or Onion
Rings included with all sandwiches or
available as an appetizer.

CHEAP EATS!



Line Dance Lessons

Every Thursday Night @ 6:30



Instructor Donna Halsey will teach you the
moves you can actually use.
Who needs Zumba?

\$2.00 Donation Requested

Lady President's Message

Ahoy Mates!

I hope everyone had a good time with Gasparilla. January was a busy month for LOE & Elks. A new Year's Dinner to start - Thank Shelagh for the wonderful meal. I hope everybody ate their black eyed peas for luck.

I know everybody is busy after the Holidays, but I hope you'll take time out and read your Elksize for all the upcoming events and Friday Night dinners and Music. Come join your friends and have a drink and join us for fun and laughter.

. Congratulations to LOE member Patty Jankiewicz on being Elk of the Month. Another energized bunny running around.

We welcome back Lisa Snyder, who put on our Tacky Party with short notice in January. We all had a lot of fun. Nan Quire and Bob Orcutt won the tackiest costume contest - but there were a lot of good possible choices. Our members are so creative!

The House Committee has invited us to the Membership Appreciation Dinner. Please make your reservation by Feb. 12th.

It won't be long until it is time for our walk-a -thon. Check the Bulletin board for updates or news.

In February we will have our elections for next year's officers. I hope some of our members will take a chance and make a difference by taking on an office or chairing a committee.

God's Blessing,
Suzanne Moore



Suzanne Moore



LADIES OF THE ELKS

President

Suzanne Moore, PLP

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Susie Harlow, PLP

Secretary

Elma Kelly

Treasurer

Robert Bordonaro

Chaplain

Janette Bennett

Parliamentarian

Lisa Snyder



365 CLUB

365 Club *A penny a day...*

Hi Elks & Ladies,

So far this month we have only 2 donors - Lisa Snyder and Robert Sommers. But we have had a great response from the bar. Tony always gives me a dollar when I see him, so he is a regular donor. We need members to remember what a great cause this is. If you can't remember to bring home a box, \$5.00 classifies as a full box and we'd love to have your name mentioned.

Thanks to all who have donated.

Lots of Love,
Berni Turpin

February LOE Birthdays

Feb 2 - Sharon Ford

Feb 9 - Susie Harlow

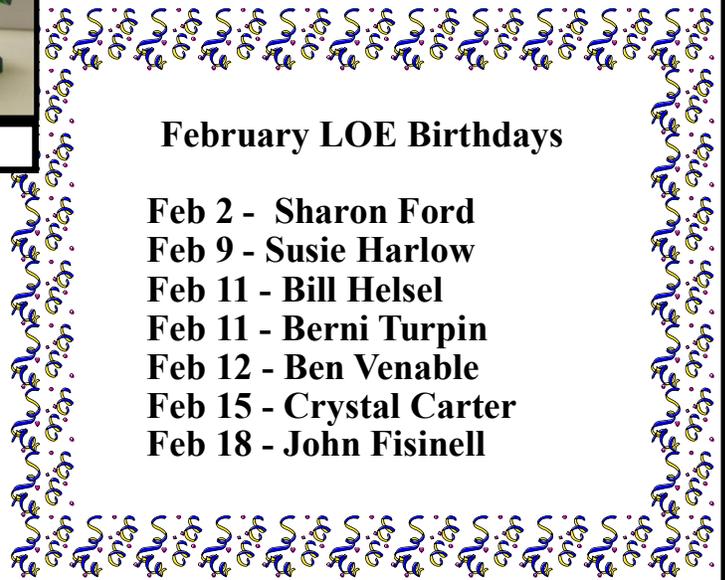
Feb 11 - Bill Helsel

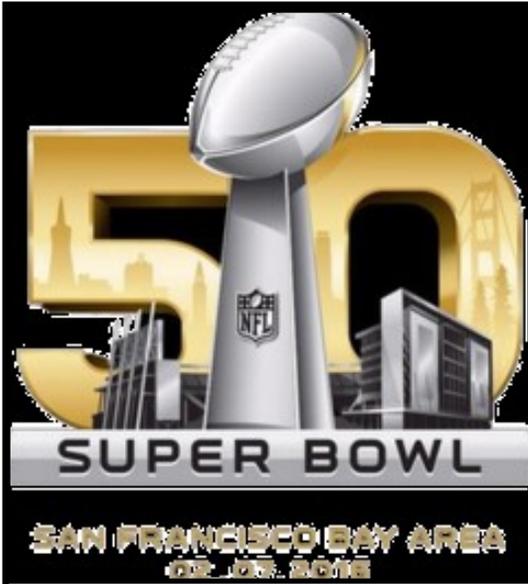
Feb 11 - Berni Turpin

Feb 12 - Ben Venable

Feb 15 - Crystal Carter

Feb 18 - John Fisinell





Feb. 7th Superbowl Celebration and Chili Cook-off

Sign up sheets at the Lodge!

This year, **the chili must be ready for blind judging by 5:00.**

Do not put your name on your crockpots.

Win Bar Tabs!

After judging, the chili will be available for a small donation. If chili isn't your specialty, feel free to bring another dish and the House committee is putting some food out also.

The Superbowl starts at 6:30. Not a football fan? Stay for the *Door prizes every quarter*, the great commercials and the halftime show. Beyoncé, Cold Play, and Rhianna are some of the performers mentioned.

Members and guests will have their choice of watching the Big Game on the 135" projection screen, 65" screen in the Antler room or the other 50" screens surrounding the bar.

Bowling Tournament - 3rd Promise Grant Project

On February 21st we will be holding a bowling tournament at Pinarama Lanes on South Dale Mabry for boys and girls ages 8-18! Each child will be treated to 2 games of bowling, shoe rental, a pair of socks, and then we will walk the one block back to the Lodge to enjoy Lunch, a Drug Awareness Activity, and the Trophy presentations.

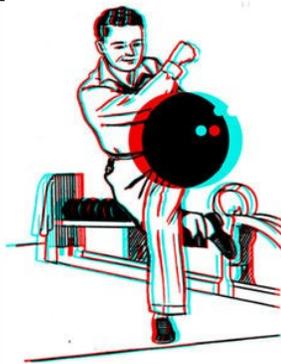
Thanks to your previous generosity, we will not be seeking monetary or other donations, but we do need plenty of help. We need people to register kids, people to monitor the games- two lanes each, and people to fill out certificates, set up tables, and help serve lunch.

Registration will be at 10:00, with Bowling starting at 11:00.

Lunch should be at 1:30

Please sign up every kid you can find on the list on the Bulletin Board! We are hoping for 60 kids!

Please sign yourself up as a helper too!



Tommy Moore
Youth Activities Chairman

Help Marielis Rivera RAISE MONEY FOR KIDS & FAMILIES IN NEED

Fundraising Events Include:

Feb 4th Speed Networking at Elks Lodge Gandy 6:30-8:30pm

Feb 21st Talent Show at Elks Lodge Gandy 2pm



No RSVP required | \$10 suggested donation



Susie Harlow's Game Night Back By Popular Demand

Saturday, February 6, 2016

6:30 @ Tampa Elks #708



Left, Center., Right
75 € per game

BINGO				
12	25	41	51	63
3	30	37	54	66
7	21	FREE	56	74
1	26	35	50	69
10	17	45	47	64

Bingo

\$1.00 per game



Bunco

\$2.00 per game

Please Bring Snacks to Share

A kidney transplant gave Roma
the chance to just be a kid.



"I'm 9 years old. I love to read and play and I really love to dance and just be a kid. My kidney transplant let me do that."

Thanks to the generous gift of an organ donor, Roma lives an active kid's life.

Roma, kidney recipient

You have the power to Donate Life.
Be an organ, eye and tissue donor.

To find out how, go today to www.donatelife.net
or call 1-800-355-7427



Feeling left out? Missing all the fun?
Get email updates and event reminders from our webmaster and information distributor,
Marty Quire.
Send an email to mquire@tampabay.rr.com and add Marty as a contact.

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Do YOU have the following skills?
*Accounting?
*Bookkeeping?
*Computer?

If so, your lodge needs you! Please nominate yourself for Treasurer.
Nomination of Officers at the first meeting in February.
Election of Officers at the second meeting!

Club Chivalry Mentoring Program will kick off on February 8th at 4PM at the Robinson HS Media Center. That gate will be open for direct entry. All participants must fill out the yellow applications available by the chimes in the Lodge. You will have the opportunity to make a big difference in the life of a child. Please at least give it a try- This is the main basis of our Impact Grant and we need a lot of participation from Tampa Elks Lodge #708. Invite your friends also!



BOB & BETTY'S



FEBRUARY 5TH - 6:30 TO 8:30

DINNER CHOICES

SERVED WITH SOUTHWEST CORNBREAD AND YOUR CHOICE OF 3 SIDES
BAKED BEANS, COLESLAW, COLLARD GREENS, OR FRENCH FRIES

- RIB DINNER.....\$13.50
4 LARGE RIBS
- CHICKEN DINNER.....\$10.50
1/2 CHICKEN
- COMBO
- RIB & CHICKEN\$12.50
1/4 CHICKEN & 2 RIBS



KIDS MENU

- CHICKEN NUGGETS WITH FRENCH FRIES.....\$5.00

DESSERT

- BETTY'S BREAD PUDDING.....\$2.95



Feb. 12th
6:30 to 8:30

Appetizers

- Escargot on Garlic Crisps.... \$5.50
- Shrimp Cocktail \$5.50

Dinner Choices

Served with Salad & Rolls

- Braised Lamb Shanks w/Roasted Potatoes & Carrots \$12.95
- Chicken Marsala w/Smashed Potatoes & Green Beans....\$10.50

.....KIDS UNDER 12.....

- Hot Dog w/Chips..... \$1.50
- Hamburger w/Chips..... \$4.50

Laura's Delectable Dessert

- Strawberry Napoleon \$3.95
- Courtney, Georgia & Laura

Spectacular Steak & Salmon



Feb. 19th
6:30 to 8:30

Steak and Salmon served with Choice of Baked Potatoes or Fries, Veggie, Soup or Salad & Roll

- 14oz Ribeye Steak.....\$16.95
- 10oz Ribeye Steak \$12.95
- Pan Seared Salmon....\$13.95
- 1/2 Roasted Chicken
- Mashed Potatoes & gravy, veggie soup or salad & roll..... \$ 9.95
- Soup - Split Pea
- Cup..... \$1.50
- Bowl \$3.00

- Bowl of Soup with a Salad crackers and roll \$ 5.50

Dessert

- Rum Cake w/Vanilla Ice Cream \$ 5.50
- Kids under 12**
- Chicken Nuggets with veggie And French Fries.....\$ 5.95
- Tea, Coffee, Soda \$ 1.25

RICK IS COOKING TONIGHT!



If you're German that is!
Feb 26th 6:30 to 8:30

Georgia Cooking
Elk's Team Serving

APPETIZER

- Warm Pecan Brie & Crisps.....\$3.95

DINNER MENUS

Served with Soup & Rolls

- Brats & Sauerkraut with Red Cabbage..... \$8.50
- Stuffed Cabbage with Glazed Carrots \$8.95

SOUP

Beer Cheese

- Cup of soup.....\$2.50
- Bowl of soup w/rolls.....\$4.00

KIDS MENU

- Hot Dog w/Chips.....\$ 1.50

Laura's Delectable Dessert

- Apple Strudel.....\$3.95



*Harry Anna
Mardi Gras Party*

February 20th, 7pm till ?

Calling all wanna-be Float Captains!

Decorate your table as a Mardi Gras Float...
Winner will have their bar tab covered up to \$50!

Prizes for best Female and Male costume.
DJ and Possible Live Jazz (Working on that)

Dinner \$12.00

New Orleans Red Beans and Rice
with your choice of blackened cat fish,
chicken or sausage and a crab roll.

Dessert: King Cake



ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

We've had a good start to 2016 for ENF so thanks to the members that stopped by on New Year's Day to get their Southern New Year's Day Good Luck Food cooked by a Brit.. and a special thanks to that Southern Lady Ms. Bonnie Quire for cooking black eyed peas.

You have a lot to be proud of as Elks Members of Tampa #708, because of your donations we are the most CHARITABLE lodge in the West Central District and we are second most CHARITABLE lodge in the State of Florida. In return for your generosity the National Foundation has enabled our lodge to continue Services to our Veterans, and Feeding the Homeless. Our local High School Robinson has been a big recipient and I'm sure there are a few Robinson Alumni's that are proud to be a part of this great organization.

We have been able to help our local community to the tune of over \$20,000; how many other clubs have this kind of an impact here in South Tampa. We are without a doubt a "Premier Charitable Organization".

Thanks to all my Brothers and Sister who have donated and a Big Thank you to TINA HIGGINS, GEORGIA HILLFICKER, AND PAUL DELAND who each have donated \$100.00 to ENF in the last month. Thanks again and I will see you at the lodge!

Shelagh Gombarcik
ENF Chairperson
Loyal Knight



Shelagh Gombarcik

ST. PATTY'S DAY CELEBRATION

March 19, 2016 at 7 p.m.



♪ **MUSIC BY D.J. RON BRYJA** ♪

♣ *Irish Step Dancing by The Johanson Sisters* ♣

* *Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner by Rick & Jan* *

🍀 *Lucky Auction Table* 🍀

💰 *50/50* 💰 📺 *Door Prizes* 📺

🍷 *Irish Speciality Drinks & Green Beer Available* 🍷

Tickets: \$15.00 each

Officer of the Month: Courtney Weil



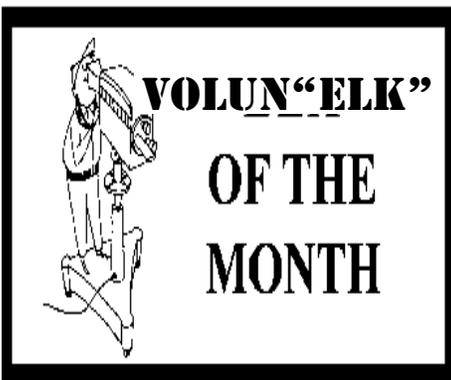
Our officer of the month is a two time winner now! Courtney does so much at Tampa Lodge that it just could not be recognized just once. Aside from cooking at least one Friday night a month, visiting at least three different suppliers with Georgia Hilficker to do the weekly shopping, leading the Community Activities committee, managing food inventory, Harry-Anna Chair, and running the church's kitchen when we serve the homeless at least once a month, she also found time to plan and deliver on a fabulous New Year's Eve event. Courtney tried a different tactic this year and planned a pajama party with a fabulous DJ, member Rob Bryja, tantalizing appetizers, bountiful potato bar with all the fixings; steak, chicken, every potato topping imaginable and a restaurant caliber salad bar. She followed it up with a sundae bar for dessert. This was a fun, creative event that offered overnight accommodations (BYOSB- Bring your own sleeping bag) to prevent anyone driving on the road if they didn't feel comfortable doing so! Courtney has a full time job, is the mother of a high school senior, and spouse to Sami who would all love to see more of her. Courtney has also been an active recruiter bringing numerous new members in or encouraging reinstatement from delinquent members. Thank you for all you do Courtney!

Elk of the Month: Nancy Keesler, PER



Nancy Keesler was the first female Exalted Ruler in Tampa. She has served in many positions including Secretary, and has been a mentor to all of this year's officers. She covers for the Bar Manager when he is not available. Nancy cooks in the kitchen on a regular basis. She also helps with our many charities. For the last two years Nancy has performed as the Easter Bunny for the Children's party, She has been spotted helping with the prep work and serving the homeless, even though she lives across town and that work is done early in the morning. Nancy has pitched in to help with every event, setting up or decorating tables, helping in the kitchen, or whatever they need. Even when she is just here for dinner, if the servers get behind she will jump up and bus tables, pour coffee, or whatever else is needed. She has even jumped behind the bar in an emergency. Thank You, Nancy for always being there when we need you.

Volun"Elk" of the Month: Jeanne Reinhart, VP, West Central District (WCD)



Our Volun"Elk" of the month is someone that is actually an Elk, but not at Tampa 708. Our very own West Central District Vice President, Jeanne Reinhart, has been instrumental in the success of our Gasparilla event for the second year in a row. Jeanne sold more tickets than anyone else. She really pushed the ticket sales at her Lodge, Largo, as well as the other Lodges in the West Central District. Aside from being the district VP, she is also a Trustee at Largo Lodge, and very active motivating her district to achieve outstanding results. Jeanne has helped advertise and participate in numerous events in Tampa Lodge. She has also been a good source of knowledge and guidance for me this year. Jeanne also helps support our very own Frank Palladini, PSP, with his numerous state activities. We appreciate all the support of Tampa 708 that Jeanne has provided the last couple of years and would like to make sure she knows it. Thank you Jeanne!

<p>The process of getting members to OPT OUT of a paper Elksize has been a slow one. If you are reading this online, please consider adding your name to the list in the composition book in the foyer.</p> <p>In the meantime, I wish to offer my heartfelt thanks to those who have showed up to fold and label the Elksize in preparation for the mail each month. It is true that many hands make light work. So to Susie Harlow, PLP, Patty Jankiewicz, Elma Kelly, Sue Moore, PLP, Gwen Burk, Nancy Keesler, PER, Bonnie Atwood, Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP, , Bonnie Quire, and Theresa Matthews, PLP & ER</p> <p>Thank you for donating your time, usually on short notice!</p>	<p>Elksize Editor NEEDED...</p> <p>I know a lot of members are more skilled than me and could easily tackle this job. Please step up! If requested, I will continue dealing with the post office after the paper is printed.</p>
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Tampa Elks Lodge #708 Calendar of Activities



February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Grill Night 5:30--7:30 LOE Board Meeting	2	3 LOE Night Dinner: 6:45 Meeting:7:30	4 6:30 Line Dancing Speed Networking 6:30	5 BBQ by Betty & Bob Music by: Miss T's KARAOKE	6 Susie's Game Night 6:30 Bring Snacks
					ESEA Quarterly in Umatilla	
7 8:30-12:00 Breakfast Superbowl Chiu Cook off 5:00	8 Grill Night 5:30--7:30 House Committee 7:30	9 BOD & Officer's Meeting 7:00	10 7:30 Lodge Meeting Nominations Weinie Wednesday	11 6:30 Line Dancing	12 Romantic Dinner Night Music by: Hy Notes	13 Hall Usage
14 8:30-12:00 Breakfast	15 Grill Night 5:30--7:30	16	17	18 6:30 Line Dancing Trivia Night	19 Steak & Salmon Night Music by: Keith & Ruby	20 Mardi Gras Masquerade 7 PM
21 8:30-12:00 Breakfast Kid's Bowling Tournament 10:00	22 Grill Night 5:30--7:30 House Committee 7:30	23 BOD Meeting 7:00	24 7:30 Lodge Meeting Elections Weinie Wednesday	25 6:30 Line Dancing	26 German Blue Plate Specials Music by: Double Play	27 6PM RSVP Dinner 7PM Open Lodge 8PM Free Concert
28 8:30-12:00 Breakfast Initiation 12:00 (Hall Usage)	29 Grill Night 5:30--7:30	Elections Rules and Officer Duties are established by the Bylaws, available from the Lodge Office, and the BPOE Annotated Statute Book, available online. Any member is eligible to run for any office.		Upcoming March Events: March 5 - Elk & LOE Award Night March 19 - St Patrick's Day Party March 26 - Installation of Officers		



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- Bob and Candi Suhrheinrich 9/2016
- John and Kathy Deese 4/2016
- Pat and Marilyn Fennell 5/2016
- Vernon and PSP Betty Pickenpaugh 5/2016
- Robert Norton 6/2016
- Donna Morris Halsey 7/2016
- Debbie Osterbrock 11/2016
- In Memory of Harold Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018
- Vera Wright 3/2018



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