



LODGE OFFICERS:

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Friday 4:00pm - 12:00am
Saturday 4:00pm - 11:00am
Sunday 12:30pm - 9:00pm



A Message from your Exalted Ruler

It's That Time Again.

This month we, as members of Elk Lodge 708 will vote to fill the most important positions held in our lodge. We will choose a new ER, fill our Knight Chairs, select a 5 year Trustee and install both the Treasurer and Secretary. Our incoming ER will appoint new officers and lodge committee members and a new year will begin again. What part will you play in this very important selection process, and what part will you play in next year's lodge activities, charities and functions?

Though we are one of the smallest lodges in the West Central District, (*in membership*), we have historically been one of the most active and productive. Our members and our leaders have consistently put us on the front line of contributions and accomplishments. This is a distinction I know we would all like to maintain. However, without commitment and help we could easily fall from our lofty perch.

Please think long and hard about what you can comfortably do to support your lodge in this coming year. It isn't necessary that you commit to a year of hard labor, but it is important that you consider supporting at least one of the many activities, functions, events or charities that are essential to our existents. When a new ER is selected, please let them know that you are available to help in some way. Add your name to the call list of people that can be touched when needed. Being part of a committee is a wonderful commitment, but it's not the only way you can help. There are a myriad of events and activities throughout the year that need assistance; the back to school party, the veteran's events, Club Chivalry, the Christmas Party, just to name a few.

Let's make this next year one of our best!

Fraternally yours, Courtney Weil, ER

Your 2016 Committee Chairs

Bob Suhrheinrich

House Committee Chairman
Accident Preventions

Bonnie Quire

Calendar Girl

Brian Brantley, PER

VAVS Rep to James A. Haley

Flo Wayne

Greeter

Georgia Hilficker

Kitchen
Elksize Editor

Graham Ramos

Army of Hope
Americanism

Jack Johnson

Flag Day

Jackie Appel

Auditing & Accounting

John Wayne, PER

Youth Camp

Kelly Flannery

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Logan Matthews

Marquee Manager

Marty Quire

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Nanette Quire

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Patty Elkins

Youth Activities

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Shelagh Gombarcik

Elks National Foundation
Membership
Orientation

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Ritualistic Chairperson

Susie Harlow

Hall Events Chairperson
LOE Liaison
Bingo Chairperson

Theresa Matthews, PER

PER Association President
State Major Projects
Convention

**Theresa Matthews, PER
& Shelagh Gombarcik**

Inter-lodge Visitation

Tommy Moore

Grand Lodge
Youth Programs


House Committee:
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Chairman

Susie Harlow

Secretary

Ed Mulder

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Chris Miles

Hall Events

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Bar Assistant

Nelson Grahn

Lodge Events
Assistant

Non-Voting Members
John Wayne, PER

Advisory

Nancy Keesler, PER

Bar Manager

2017-2018

Nominations and Elections

Nominations

of next year's Exalted Rule, the Knight's Chairs,

5 Year Trustee, Treasurer and Secretary

will be held at the

GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 8TH at 7:30pm

Elections

for these positions will be held at the

GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 22ND at 7:30pm

Please plan to participate in these two very important meetings. The outcome of these events has the potential of changing the face of our lodge, as each year's elections do. Your input is, as always, critical to the future.

A Warm Welcome To Our New Elk



Pamela Yutz
Sponsored By
Patty Elkins



Sue Loren
Sponsored By
Steve Harmon



Jose Ramon
Sponsored By
John Fruhmorgan



Richard Turbin
Sponsored By
Steve Harmon



James Finley
Sponsored By
Courtney Weil

Thanks to all these sponsors for making January a great recruiting month!!

February Elk Recognition

OFFICER OF THE MONTH: REBECCA SULLINS

Becky is a real bright spot in our lodge. She is a first year officer and feels her responsibilities strongly. She recently took on the large job of vetting this year's scholarship entries, she has helped with Club Chivalry, was an active participant in the Children's Christmas Party, and the Back to School event and is the face behind our Facebook page. She and her wonderful husband make themselves available whenever and wherever they are needed, and their support has made the difference in many of our programs. Becky brings her smiling face and can do attitude to everything she touches and we are blessed to have her with us. Thank you Becky!



ELK OF THE MONTH: GEORGIA HILFICKER

We've all heard the term "Wind beneath my wings." Well, with this lady it is truly the case! Georgia does much behind the scenes to support the Lodge, and me in my role as ER. She's been a driving force in our kitchen, produces the Elksizes and our weekly agendas, and so much more. There are countless times I have gone to her for advice, suggestions or to help me when I'm in a pinch. I'm not sure if she doesn't know how to say no, or just doesn't want to say no to me, but she's always available! The Elksizes has just been submitted for judging to our Statewide contest, our kitchen has made a profit two years in a row, and she and her family have contributed to the lodge with elbow grease as well as monetarily. I can't thank her enough for all she's done to help make my year a success.



VOLUN "ELK" OF THE MONTH: CAROLYN MILLER

Carolyn is a retired school teacher, the widow of a PER, a Past Lady President and a lifetime member of the LOE, she is also the mother of a PER and a PLP. She serves on the Veteran's Committee, works at the Bingo nights, and helps with Club Chivalry and the grants. This lady has devoted her life to Elkdom and as you can see, she is an Elk in the first degree! Always willing to step up where needed and lend a hand to those in need Carolyn does us all proud. Reserved and retiring, but still full of vim and vigor no one would ever count this girl out. If you see her around the lodge please be sure to thank her for her service and tell her how much she is appreciated.



Supporting Reports



LADIES OF THE ELK

Ahoy mates! Hope everyone enjoyed the Gasparillia Invasion. This first month of the year has been off to a busy start.

It's time now to start preparing for our upcoming elections. New faces and ideas. I am looking forward to seeing and helping with the future of the LOE. LOE Elections will be held March 1st meeting.

I hope everyone is working on your Walk-A-Thon sheets. I hope we can reach our goal. Remember it is for the Children and their needs.

February 18th is Soup-to-Nutz Day! Watch for upcoming E-Mails for reminders. It is going to be a fun night to kick up your heels and sing-sing-sing. Let's get on board and bring a friend. It's a good way to take time out and show others what we are all about.

" Write it on your heart that everyday is the best day in the year."



LOE January Birthdays submitted by Donna Halsey:



Feb 5 - Sharon Ford Feb 9 - Susie Harlow Feb 11 - Berni Turpin Feb 12 - Ben Venable

In God's Love, *Suzanne Moore*, Ladies of the Elk President

Executive Board
 Suzanne Moore - President
 Susie Harlow - Vice President
 Jacquie LoCicero - Secretary
 Robert Bordonaro - Treasurer
 Donna Halsey - Chaplin



Hello Fellow Members,

I sure hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. I'm very proud that throughout the season people didn't forget the 365 Club. Here is a list of the donors.

Jackie Appel, Bonnie Quire, Donna Halsey, Robert Sommers, Laura Jones, Patty Jankiewicz, Rita Smith and as always Tony, the houses on the bar and the tables.

I did receive a box with no names, so please forgive me if your name didn't appear here.

Thank you to all who helped and I hope more will join.

As always, hope everyone stays happy and healthy in 2017. With Love, *Berni Turpin*

Committee Communications



Good News...ENF has instituted a new program awarding commemoration pins to members that have contributed to the foundation two years in a row. This year the pins went to Tommy Moore, Robert Bordonaro and Bob Suhrheinrick. A big thank you to everyone that donated to this worthy cause this year. I sincerely hope we will see more donations before the year is over and that 2017-18 will be even more successful. Tampa Lodge 708 Rocks!



As some of you may know, Tampa has received \$17,000.00 in grant money for the year 16/17 which directly supports our South Tampa community; Open Arms Ministry which feeds the homeless, Club Chivalry the success program at Robinson High School, the diversity programs at BridgePrep Academy, as well as our Tampa lodge activities for children; children's Christmas Party, the Back to School party, the upcoming Bowl-a-rama. The ENVSC division of ENF also Supports some of our Veterans programs such as the Bingo nights at James Haley and the new Welcome Home kit grants for Homeless Veterans who obtain their own place. Please keep those donations coming so we can continue to qualify for these all important grants.



Shelagh Gombareik, Leading Knight, ENF Chair

Committee Communications Continued

Drug Awareness. Hoop and Soccer Shoot

Hello everyone. Well we are now in the 4th Quarter of our year. It has been a fast and furious year so far.

Update on the Hoop Shoot: Marty Hanlon advanced to the regionals to be held in Sanford, FL at the end of January for the 8-9 boys age group. Good luck to him and will have the results in the March article.

Have a good month.

Tommy Moore, Chairman for Drug Awareness



**YOUTH
EVENTS**

Youth Camp News...



Another camp season is beckoning and our camp applications have arrived. Requests for applications can be obtained at the lodge office, or directly from me at 813-837-4252 (leave a message) or on line at Floridaelks.com enriching children's lives.

This year our goal for Lodge 708 is to send 70 children to the #1 Camp. So let your nieces, nephews, neighbors and school friends about this gem of a camp and help them register. They should also know that on February 19th at 2pm our lodge will hold a pre-camp registration. We will have a few of last year's campers there as well as experienced counselors to answer questions. Light refreshments will be served.

Hope to see you all there.

Fraternally yours, *John Wayne*, PER, Youth Camp Chairman



VETERANS COMMITTEE

Welcome Home GIGI

The Veterans and Athena Committees, and even the American Legion 139 Auxiliary, are joining forces to participate in a new program from the Elk's National Veteran's Service Commission (ENVSC). They are encouraging local Lodges to help get a previously homeless Veteran settled into their new home, and provide continuing support in the way of friendship and advice. This is a perfect chance to put the remainder of the Athena funds to use in a way that will be sustainable. Currently the ENVSC will reimburse the Lodge for up to \$200.00 per Veteran served.

Gigi is a veteran that we had befriended from the Athena House. We enjoyed having her join us at the pool party at St Petersburg Lodge and here at our lodge on Thanksgiving. She was excited to be getting her own place finally, and had been saving up for supplies.

I told her we could try to help her – but it was imperative that we not duplicate services she could receive elsewhere. She learned that Tampa Crossroads would give her a full-size bed, and her social worker located dishes and a pot and pan set. It was a nice start, but there were still many things she needed. Members of her church kicked in a sofa, TV stand, dresser and bookcase. She had enough money saved to purchase bedding and a TV. By the time she contacted me – she knew exactly what she still needed most. She gave me a list which I distributed to the American Legion and to the Veteran's Committee and some other Elks that I thought would be interested. Donations began to arrive. When my trunk was full, Bonnie and I made a trip to North Tampa, emptied my trunk and then took her to Walmart for some of the most essential items. \$200.00 does not go very far! Luckily more donations arrived, including another \$50.00 donation. Another trip to North Tampa with a full trunk, and her home is functional now! She feels safe and at home!

Thanks to Patty Jankiewicz, Bonnie Atwood, Dianne Curry, Jackie Appel, Dave Partlow, Katrina Campanello, Joe & Jacqui LoCicero, Linda & Tony Ziemack, Dee Wilson and Robin Bell for your donations! I'm sure we will have another "wish list" from another Athena Vet soon.

Rita Smith, Veteran's Committee Chair



Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT 708

This year's New Year's Eve party was a spectacular event, well organized, beautifully decorated and an impressive financial success. (*Net profit to the lodge of \$2,213.25.*) The 8 piece band made the evening truly special and everyone enjoyed their wide range of musical selections and up beat attitudes. The food was delicious, the service delightful, the champagne for the midnight toast was crisp and cold. What more could you ask for...how about a late night breakfast to top off the evening. Guess what...that too was available to all in attendance.

A big thank you goes out to Nancy Keesler for a year of fundraising and preparing for this one night. Her diligent planning and perseverance made this wonderful evening special for everyone.

Nancy would like to thank:

Susie Harlow, Tommy Moore, Nelson Grahn, Courtney Weil, ER, Robert Bordenaro, and Lisa Snyder for their help in the set up and/or tear down of the tables and decorations. Taylor Taylor for set up and helping to coordinate the serving of the meal. Jerry Reid for providing the table numbers. Our servers; Taylor Taylor, Mallory Benzing, Madison Benzing and Ashley Smith.

A special thanks goes to Georgia Hilficker for designing the tickets, the room layout and the posters, as well as helping with the determination of food portions to purchase. She also supported the monthly raffles by producing brochures and purchasing lots of ticket. To Laura Jones for buying more tickets for baskets than anyone, and helping to sell tickets. To Sharon Ford who not only gave money and donated items for the auction, but bought and sold tickets for the baskets and the auction. Last but not least to Nan Quire for donating many items to the auction, helping with the decorations and with the dessert and anything else I needed, which was a lot. I couldn't have done it without you guys.

Cash donations:

Jack Johnson
Sharon Ford
Richard Florance
Frank Sellers

Basket & Auction Donations

Richard Florance, PER	Bonnie Quire
Sharon Ford	Brian Brantley, PER
Donna Questa	Gisela Seder
Melissa Burtoch	Courtney Weil, ER
Nan Quire	



Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events



RE-CREATION A TRULY INSPIRING EVENING

The Re-Creation Dinner show on January 21 was well received by the more than 100 people in attendance. Of course, when you have a dinner show – the dinner, the show, and the charity must be great! I think we nailed all three – Derek Botelho, USAF, is taking the lead on the patio project at Tinker K-8 in MacDill AFB. It's "shovel ready" except for funding.

First, let me thank my Veteran's committee for all their hard work, and for attending meeting after meeting. Patty Jankiewicz, Carolyn Miller, Carolyn Breit, Bonnie Atwood, Elma Kelly, Joe LoCicero, Lynn Brown, Ben Venable, Leading Knight Shelagh Gombarcik and Brian Brantley, PER. All that planning sure paid off by the (almost) seamless flow of the event. Most of the committee even got to sit down and eat, then enjoy the show. Donations of the items in the basket of cheer and donations of desserts on the dessert table were from mostly from the committee. Thanks to Sue Moore and Jacqui LoCicero for also donating desserts. Additionally, we had 9 veterans from the domically as out guests, courtesy of donations from the LOE, Alan Moody, Lecturing Knight Nan Quire, Sharon Ford, Sandra Lake, Jack Johnson and Berni Turpin.

Everyone agrees that the show was fantastic! To me, this was a given, as I have been watching Re-Creation performances for years at the James A. Haley VA Hospital. What wasn't known in advance is how easy and fun they would be to accommodate. Their advance directives were spot on, their road manager, Jay, was truly a professional, and the "stars" of the show were all as sweet as could be. They weren't cheap, but they were worth more than we paid! Thanks!

The dinner was also fantastic! It takes a lot of people to pull this off, and I was so happy that my family stepped up to assist me. After ER Courtney Weil helped me with the shopping, my brother-in-law Adrian Higgins led the kitchen crew with support from his son Trey Higgins, my son Douglas Grant, and Doug's girlfriend Karen Spence. They produced the Caesar Salad, London Broil with a Red Wine Reduction, Rosemary Roasted Potatoes, Lightly Lemon Asparagus and a Yeast Roll. Thanks to all of you.

My grandson Jeremy Elkins accepted the role of lead server. My daughter, Patty Elkins, had another commitment but took charge of recruiting the rest of the servers – Destiny Baine, EmmaLee Wyatt, and Alex Sellers from Club Chivalry, and Senora and Tranysha Downey and their mother Stephanie Collins. My grandson Christien Elkins was the student's chauffer, and did some manual labor for me in the afternoon.

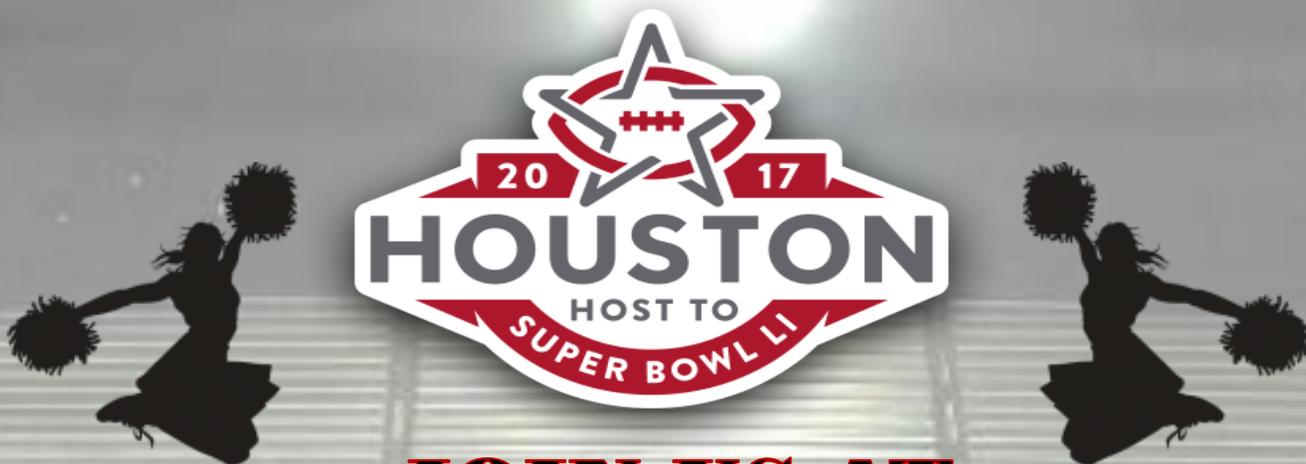
We had a fun and professional bartending team in Lodge Chaplain Christine Harris and her husband Glenn. We also had great support from bar managers Nancy Keesler and James Harlow, and the office staff – Rick Schneider and Mellissa Bertoch- were as accommodating as could be. Let me conclude with a special shout out to our cleanup crew- Sheila Scott on the dishes, Doug Grant in the kitchen and Betty Gnad, Susie Harlow & Shelagh Gombarcik in the Antler room.

The only downside is that we did not quite reach our fundraising goal. But it's not too late!

The winner for the beautiful Valentine's day Fragrance basket will be drawn on February 10th.



Upcoming Events and Programs



**JOIN US AT
ELKS LODGE 708 FOR THE
2017**

SUPER BOWL LI

ON THE BIG 150" SCREEN

**ENTER THE CHILI COOKOFF,
BRING AN ACCOMPANYING DISH,
OR JUST DONATE
TOWARD LODGE EXPENSES.**

**PARLOR GAMES &
FESTIVITIES**

BEGIN AT 4:00PM

FEBRUARY 5TH

Upcoming Events and Projects

Get your soup on!

After the holidays, Super-Bowl and Gasparilla are over, the 708 Ladies of the Elks are hosting



Soup to Nutz!



Feb. 18th - 6:00pm

Let's celebrate the wonderful warm winters in Florida!

Come on out for a night of silly karaoke, a crazy craft contest, a (dry) tee-shirt contest (wear the craziest or cutest one you have)

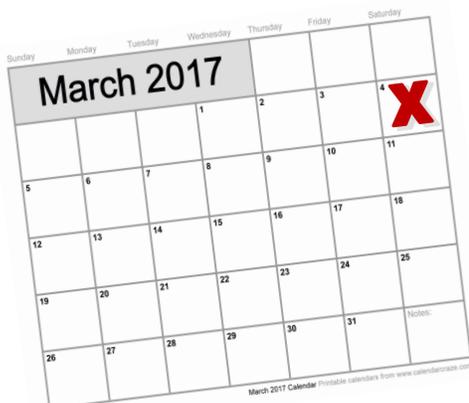
Aunt Fanny's Flea Market, and many varieties of homemade soup!

Bring your appetite and a big spoon because only \$6 will get you all the soup, crackers, and nutz you can eat as well as lots of yummy extras, including the famous LOE ice cream sundae bar!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

and join us for this year's

Appreciation and Awards Dinner March 4th - 6pm



Come show your support for the members that have contributed much of their time and energy this year to our lodge functions.

Dinner will be served at 6:30pm

Menu: Spring Greens Salad with Strawberries, Mushrooms and Feta. Individual Beef Wellington with Madeira Sauce, or Tilapia with a savory Shrimp Stuffing, both with Garlic Mashed Potatoes, and Parmesan Roasted Zucchini. Assorted Dessert Table

PLEASE SIGN UP AND MAKE YOUR DINNER CHOICE ON THE LODGE BULLETIN BOARD OR EMAIL GEORGIA AT georgia@hilficker.com with your name and dinner selection.

Ladies of the Elks will sponsor the 2017

WALK-A-THON



On Sunday, March 5, 2017 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, family members and friends, 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. Afterwards we will celebrate with refreshments at the lodge.

100% of your donation will go to Children's Therapy Services, which allows physical therapists to administer in-home therapy to children throughout Florida.

Upcoming Events and Projects

Valentine's Day



\$5.00
a Ticket



No Need
To be Present
To Win!

Drawing
February 10th
9pm

\$5.00
a Ticket

His & Hers Fragrance Basket \$400 Value



Mary Kay Day

at Elks Lodge 708

COMPLETE MAKEOVERS AND PHOTO SESSION MARCH 11TH

A once in a lifetime opportunity for men and women to explore the magical world of Mary Kay cosmetics and skin care products. Work your way through the foundation, contouring, eye enhancing stations and more...ending in a professional photo shoot. Should you like the photo it's yours for a mere \$10.00. No Charge for the Makeover!

Pre-register at:
Makeover session schedules:

For more information contact Area Director, Courtney Weil at:



This is a paid advertisement.



Calling All
Epicurean Elks...

2017 Gourmet Club
Kick-off
FEB 19TH AT 5PM



APPETIZERS

It's that time again...

Time for good food,
good friends,
and awesome trivia

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

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

Upcoming Events and Projects

Bob and Brenda Present

St Patrick's Day

March 18th



Traditional Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner
for a mere \$15.00 each

Dinner Served from 7pm to 8pm

Irish Music by "King David,"

the young man we all enjoyed at Bob's 80th Birthday!

Green Beer & Traditional Drinks Available

Door Prizes...Lucky Auction Table!



AT PINARAMA
FEB. 26, 2017
FREE

to all that make reservations.
\$10 at the door.

Participants should be dropped off at

PINARAMA BOWLING LANES

5008 S. Dale Mabry, Tampa 33611

at 12:30pm for registration & shoe rental

1pm to 2:30pm - Bowling Tournament

**3pm to 4pm - Pizza Party & Trophy Presentation at the
Elks Lodge - we will walk the 1 block to the Lodge.**

Parents to pick up at the lodge at 4pm.

Sign up on the bulletin board at lodge or

Call Patty Elkins 1-941-580-7201 or

Email her at: elkinspatty@yahoo.com

On Going Monthly Activities



SUNDAY - FUNDAY!

Wii Bowling
4pm Most Sundays
Bragging rights and
your name on the
winners bowling pin!



Third Sunday GOURMET CLUB

Feb. 19th, 5pm
Join this fun group of
Elks and cook up a
storm, or enjoy their
fabulous creations and
lots of fun trivia!



6:30pm every
1st and 3rd Monday

Buy-in Packs \$20
Specials \$1 each or \$5 for 6
Bonanza \$1 Each or \$5 for 6
Exchanges Allowed
Short Order Grill is Open



SHORT ORDER GRILL Every Monday Night 5:30

Burgers, Patty Melts,
Reubens, Grilled Cheese,
BLT's French Fries, Tater
Tots, or Onion Rings
included with sandwiches
or purchased as appetizers.



Tuesday
Night Movie
7:30 pm
With
Popcorn



WIENIE WEDNESDAY 2nd & 4th Wednesdays Meeting Nights

Hot Dogs Served from
6:15pm - 7:15pm
and for 1 Hr
after the meeting



Thursday Night ONE DISH MEALS

6pm to 7:30pm - \$8.00
Feb. 2nd - Lasagna
Feb. 9th - Sausage, Pepper and Potatoes
Feb. 16th - Chicken Piccata Pasta
Feb. 23rd - Elk Chili
Dinners served with
salad, roll & dessert
While They Last!



3rd Thursdays after
Queen of Hearts.
\$2.00 to play
All proceeds go to offset the
cost of the Veteran's meals.
Fabulous prizes & Great Fun!
Multiple Choice Questions.
Hosted this month by:
Candi Suhrheinrich



Every Friday Night
Dinner & Dancing
See Menus on pg 14

Lodge Business and

Programs



Partners in Progress or PIP

Platinum Investors 100+

In Memory of Vern Pickenpaugh
from the Reids 3/17

Also from the Pickenpaugh Family 4/17
Osterbrock, Debbie 5/17
Walbart, Mark 6/17

Suhrheinrich, Robert & Candice 6/17
Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 6/17

In Memory of Jerrye & Patrick Fennell 6/17
Speach, Michael 6/17

With sincere thanks for the transportation
Schneider, Rick & Jan 6/17
Appel, Jackie 6/17

In Memory of Tom Stanton
From Mrs. Helen M. Stanton 9/2017
Florance, Richard 9/2017

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 7/2017

Silver Investors \$21-\$50

Shelagh Gombarcik 6/2016

Bronze Investors \$10 - \$20

Your Name Here?

Lodge Business and Programs Cont.

Isn't it amazing what a little paint, a lot of sweat and a couple of sore backs can accomplish in only one morning!



On Saturday morning January 21st, Laura Jones and George Hilficker took it upon themselves to re-stripe the front parking lot. Knowing that Gasparilla was upon us, and wanting the lodge to put its best foot forward, they spent all of that Saturday morning sweeping, blowing off and painting new strips. This along with the great curb edging done by Sharon Ford back in June has really made a difference in the appearance of our entrance.

Here is a perfect example of what a little time and attention can do for our lodge. Many of us wouldn't mind getting our hands dirty for one undertaking, but don't want to commit to a long term responsibility. That's just fine, but please consider letting your ER or the office secretary know that you're out there so you can be reached and given the opportunity to participate. You could even ask that your name be removed from the list once you have completed that one task and replaced on next year roster of helping hands.

A big thank you goes out to Laura and George, for a job well done. The parking lot looks so much better with those crisp, clean strips.
Georgia Hilficker, Elksize Editor

LOOKING GOOD...

Now here's a conversion that was long in coming but so very nice to have. Thanks so Tommy and Suzanne Moore for donating this component cabinet, Linda Reid for having it varnished to complement the space and Marty Quire for installing the wires and labeling the appropriate input and output stations. In addition, Linda donated a tablet to make it possible for us to use Spotify, a music, podcast and video streaming system. We now have a handsome and workable video/sound cabinet.

Over the years Chris Miles has taken upon himself to supply our lodge with televisions, a big screen video screen, a camera security system, sound equipment and more. Last month the controls for these wonderful additions found a home. There have been many opinions voiced as to the look and the convenience of use the last cabinet which housed all the components needed to operate the media equipment provided. Members and staff found it to be confusing and unsightly. Now, not only does the space look more organized and neat, but the labeling makes the operation of the various ports and switches needed to operate the equipment much more accessible.

This is just another example of the adage "It takes a village." Many hands are needed to make a successful lodge, and we can use all the hands we can get. "The Best People in the World" help support the "Best Deal in Town." TAMPA ELK LODGE 708!

Georgia Hilficker, Elksize Editor



Buy an Elk Tee Shirt

Tee Shirts \$15.00

Show Your Elkdom!

Ask your bartender.




FEBRUARY LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 1st - BOD Meeting 6:30pm
- 1st - LOE Meeting 7:30pm
- 8th - General Elks Meeting 7:30pm
- 14th - House Committee Meeting 7:30pm
- 15th - BOD & Officer's Meeting 7:00pm
- 19th - Orientation & Initiation 11am
- 22nd - General Elks Meeting 7:30
- 28th - House Committee Meeting 7:30pm

Friday Night Menus at a Glance

Nelson's Night



February 3rd - 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Dinner Choices

- Fried Fish with French Fries, Coleslaw & Hush Puppies\$8.95
- Fried Chicken with French Fries, Coleslaw & Rolls\$8.95
- Kid's Menu
- 1 Piece of Chicken & Fries & a Roll\$4.95
- Dessert
- Cake and Ice Cream.....\$3.95

Sweetheart Pasta Night



Your ER's Specialties Night
February 10th - 6:30 to 8:30

Appetizer

- Fried Ravioli with Marinara Sauce..... \$3.95

Dinner Choices

Served with Caesar Salad and Garlic Bread

- Build your own Pasta Dish
- Red Sauce, White Sauce, Princess Sauce, or Meat Sauce\$7.95
- Add Broccoli, Mushrooms or Fried Eggplant\$1.00ea
- Add Chicken, Meatballs, Shrimp or Italian Sausage.....\$2.00ea

Kid's Menu

- Pasta with Butter\$5.95

Dessert

- Tiramisu..... \$3.95



Spectacular Steak & Salmon



February 17th
6:30pm to 8:30pm
Rick Cooking

Dinner Choices

Choice of Soup or Salad, and Choice of
French Fries, Baked Potato or Sweet, Elks
Green Beans, and Rolls

- 14oz Rib Eye \$14.95
- Pan Seared Salmon \$13.95
- 1/2 Roasted Chicken..... \$ 9.95

Bean Soup

- Cup \$ 1.50
- Bowl..... \$ 3.50
- Soup, Salad & Roll \$ 5.50

Kids' Menu

- Chicken Nuggets w/French Fries
and veggie.....\$ 5.95

Dessert

- Pound Cake
with Strawberries \$ 4.50

GOLDEN GIRLS GRILL NIGHT II



February 24th - 6:30 to 8:30

STARTERS - YOUR CHOICE \$3.95

6 Mozzarella Sticks or Basket of Corn Fritters

SANDWICHES - YOUR CHOICE \$8.95

SERVED WITH COLESLAW & FRENCH FRIES OR ONION RINGS

- Fish Sandwich** - Large Tilapia Filet with Homemade Tartar Sauce & Crisp Lettuce
- Reuben** - Seared Pastrami piled high with sauerkraut, Swiss cheese and tangy thousand island dressing on grilled rye bread.
- French Dip** - Thinly sliced Beef with Swiss or Provolone and "AU JUS" dip.
- California Club** - Turkey, Avocado, Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato on Toast.
- Gourmet Handcrafted Burgers** - American Cheese, Bacon & Fried Egg, Mushroom Swiss, Black & Blue, or make your own. Lettuce, Tomato & Onion. Caramelized on request

Young kids - Grilled Cheese \$2.00

Dessert - Chocolate or Carmel Sundae \$3:00



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FEBRUARY 2016 CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

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			<p>1  LOE Dinner 6:45 Meeting 7:30pm</p> <p>BOD Meeting 6:30pm</p>	<p>2 One Dish Meal 6 to 7:30pm Lasagna Salad & Roll</p> <p> Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm</p>	<p>3 Dinner & Dancing 6:30 to 8:30 MUSIC BY: MS T KARAOKE</p>	4
<p>5 Breakfast 8:30am to 12pm</p> <p> SUPER BOWL SUNDAY</p>	<p>6 Short Order Grill 5:30 to 7:30</p> <p> BINGO 6:30PM</p>	<p>7 STCOC Military Affairs Meeting 3:00pm</p> <p>Improv Class 6:30</p> <p>Movie Night 7:30pm</p>	<p>8 Elks General Meeting 7:30pm</p> <p>Weenie Wednesday</p>	<p>9 One Dish Meal 6 to 7:30pm Sausage, Peppers & Potatoes Salad & Roll</p> <p> Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm</p> <p>Bingo at the VA</p>	<p>10 Dinner & Dancing 6:30 to 8:30 MUSIC BY: KATHY & PAUL</p>	11
<p>12 Breakfast 8:30am to 12pm</p>	<p>13 Short Order Grill 5:30 to 7:30</p>	<p>14 Improv Class 6:30</p> <p>Movie Night 7:30pm</p> <p>House Committee Meeting 7:30pm</p>	<p>15 Officer and BOD Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>16 One Dish Meal 6 to 7:30pm Chicken Piccata Pasta Salad & Roll</p> <p>? Trivia Night ? Candi Suhrheinrich 7pm</p> <p> Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm</p>	<p>17 Dinner & Dancing 6:30 to 8:30 MUSIC BY: RETRO VIBES</p>	<p>18  LOE Hosts a SOUP TO NUTZ PARTY 6:00pm</p>
<p>19 Our week at Open Arms Ministry Feed the Homeless</p> <p>Breakfast 8:30am to 12pm</p> <p> Orientation and Initiation 11am</p>	<p>20 Short Order Grill 5:30 to 7:30</p> <p> BINGO 6:30PM</p>	<p>21 Improv Class 6:30</p> <p>Movie Night 7:30pm</p>	<p>22 Elks General Meeting 7:30pm</p> <p>Weenie Wednesday</p>	<p>23 One Dish Meal 6 to 7:30pm Elk Chili or Bacon Mac & Cheese, Spaghetti & Meatballs, or Hamburger & Potato Casserole Salad & Roll</p> <p>PER Orange Jacket</p> <p> Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm</p>	<p>24 Dinner & Dancing 6:30 to 8:30 MUSIC BY: DAZZLER TRIO</p> <p>James A. Haley Vets join us for dinner.</p>	<p>25  bowling at Pin a Rama 12.30 See info pg 11</p>
<p>26 Breakfast 8:30am to 12pm</p>	<p>27 Short Order Grill 5:30 to 7:30</p>	<p>28 Improv Class 6:30</p> <p>Movie Night 7:30pm</p> <p>House Committee Meeting 7:30</p>				

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Shelagh Gombarcik 3/2017
Rosie & Roger LaChance - 4/2017
Leopold Wiesler - 4/2017
Robert Bordonaro - 5/2017
Mrs. Helen Stanton,
In Memory of Tom Stanton - 9/2017
Donna R. Morris - Halsey - 9/2017
In Memory of
Harold Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018
Vera Wright 3/2018

Bud Cash - 4/2018
In Memory of
William (Bill) Atwood - 5/2018
Berni Turpin In Memory of
Robert O'Connor Berni - 5/2018
Bill Dean - 6/18
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