



## **LODGE OFFICERS:**

**EXALTED RULER** - Courtney Weil  
**LEADING KNIGHT** - Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP  
**LOYAL KNIGHT** - Nanette Quire, PLP  
**LECTURING KNIGHT** - Becky Sullins  
**SECRETARY** - Rick Schneider, PER  
**TREASURER** - Melissa Bertoch  
**ESQUIRE** - Tommy Moore  
**INNER GUARD** - Laura Jones  
**TILER** - George Hilficker  
**CHAPLAIN** - Christine Harris  
**5 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Theresa Matthews, PER  
**4 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Robert Suhrheinrich  
**3 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Robert Norton  
**2 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Richard Florance  
**1 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Brian Brantley, PER

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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 New Year New Beginnings*

Who likes change... very few of us!

Change brings in the unfamiliar and the uncomfortable. However, without it there would be only caterpillars and no butterflies.

Our lodge is such a special place! It has created friendships and memories, and become a second home and family to many. It provides for the veterans, children and the homeless. I'm sure we all agree that our tradition of caring and sharing should go on into the future.

Growth and renewal is the only way for us to make this happen. Maintaining our comfortable and familiar existence will only lead to stagnation and a dwindling membership. Many of us have become complacent and unyielding in our views. Unwilling to accept change or different opinions. If you think about it, this is what happens in our private lives. We feel intruded upon when someone or something new or contradictory enters our space. Consequently we rebel against the intrusion and maintain the status quo. In some cases this is a good thing, but in our lodge it is the kiss of death. I know how precious our friendships are, and I know how uncomfortable having our familiar living room disrupted can be. However, we must find a way to overcome our adversity to change and open our minds to the new and different if our lodge is to survive when we have gone.

Now more than ever the Elk way of life is under siege. Across the United States our lodges are having a crisis of membership. We hold more older members than ever before. The younger members we are able to recruit find that they do not feel welcome or included in our lodges...and rightfully so. Everyone wants to be among people that they can relate to. I know we at 708 know how to make people feel welcome. I hope you agree that it's time we lay down our welcome mat and embrace the new people that have and will join us. They are our future after all.

Fraternally Yours, Courtney Weil, Exalted Ruler

# 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

Community Projects & Activities

## Logan Matthews

Marquee Manager

## Marty Quire

Web and Online Communications

## Nanette Quire

Fraternal Committee  
Harry Anna Foundation

## Patty Elkins

Youth Activities

## Rick Schnieder, PER

Government Relations

## Rita Smith

Grants  
Lodge Veterans Committee  
Athena House

## Robert Summers

Entertainment Chair

## Shelagh Gombarcik

Elks National Foundation  
Membership  
Orientation

## Steve Harmon, PER

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:

### Bob Suhrheinrich Chairman

Susie Harlow  
Hall Events

Laura Jones  
Kitchen Staffing

Ed Mulder  
Facilities

Chris Miles  
Secretary

Nan Quire  
Bar Assistant

## Non-Voting Members

John Wayne, PER  
Advisory

Nancy Keesler, PER  
Bar Manager

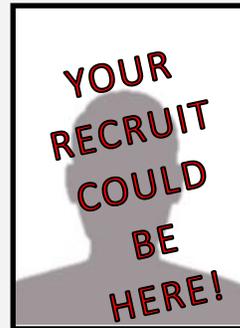
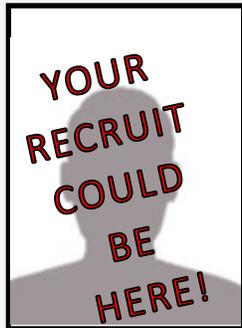


## OUR WWII VETS RETURN

By now most of our members should be aware of the huge undertaking by the Florida Elks Association transporting 25 WWII Veterans, their caretakers, and other Elks from the State level to Hawaii to take part in the festivities surrounding the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WWII. PDDGER Rudy Masi Jr did a great job organizing this adventure. Florida Elks was an entry in the Pearl Harbor Parade, and our WWII Veterans sat on the stage during ceremonies at the park. They visited the Pearl Harbor Memorial, and were treated like royalty at the Hawaiian Elk Lodges they visited. The first group arrived home on Dec 11<sup>th</sup> – but a group of 22 stayed for an additional week to do a cruise of the islands. They arrived exhausted, on Dec 18<sup>th</sup>. Tampa Elks members Manny Maldonado, Howard James, Debbie Osterbrock, and Past State President Frank Palladini made the trip. They are all veterans. Congratulations on your “Trip of a Lifetime,” and Thank You for your service!



## A Warm Welcome To Our New Elk



**Let's start the new year with a record breaking January recruitment!**

## January Elk Recognition

### OFFICER OF THE MONTH: RICHARD FLORANCE, PER

Richard Florance is a long time member of our lodge and a constant supporter of all our endeavors. He recently stepped up to take a position on the Board of Trustees when Sharon Ford had to withdraw due to time constraints. Richard has chaired many committees over the years and made substantial monetary contributions. He was a great help in the recent purchase and installation of our new air conditioning system and is currently helping to vet the incoming scholarship applications. As you can see this Elk is willing to step up where ever he is needed. Thanks Richard for all your dedication and good humor. The lodge needs more like you!



### ELK OF THE MONTH: LYNN BROWN

We all know and love Lynn Brown...her indomitable spirit and "stick to it" attitude has made itself known in our lodge, in more ways than one! Lynn's mom ran our kitchen for many years, so Lynn pretty much grew up with an Elk heart. She is the reason we can open our doors for Sunday morning breakfast, she has presented our members with a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner for several years, and she contributes her time to our Gasparilla Events, Convention preparations and many of our lodge activities. This year her birthday fell on Thanksgiving day and still she worked tirelessly to prepare a delicious dinner for all to enjoy. Thank you Lynn for all your hard work and devotion to Elks Lodge 708...but could you maybe take a little spice out of the kitchen language please. 🙄



### VOLUN "ELK" OF THE MONTH: JEANNIE

As you may know, Jeannie is a new addition behind the bar. She has been with us for only a few months but has already shown initiative and a willingness pitch in. Always with a smile and a gracious attitude, Jeannie helps out where ever she can. She has learned our computer systems and how the kitchen works, she sells tickets and promotes our events, she understand our mission and isn't shy about stepping up to make things run more smoothly. Here's hoping she stays with us for a long time to come. Welcome to the 708 Family Jeannie...thanks for all you do.



# Supporting Reports



## LADIES OF THE ELK

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thanks to all who donated and helped with the Ladies Christmas Bazaar! As we celebrated the holidays these words reminded me of what it's all about. May your heart be filled with joy all year through. Wishing you peace, health and happiness and a prosperous New Year. May you be blessed with happiness and delight from all those you love. In the true spirit of the seasons, wishing you peace in your hearts and memories of a life time .

**Executive Board**  
**Suzanne Moore** - President  
**Susie Harlow** - Vice President  
**Jacque LoCicero** - Secretary  
**Robert Bordonaro** - Treasurer  
**Donna Halsey** - Chaplain

As shepherds watched their flocks by night an angel appeared with a glorious light. They trembled in fear as the angel drew near. This is the good news that night they did hear. "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy. For the Savior is born to you on this day. Go and worship this newborn king. Salvation for all Christ the Lord does bring."



LOE January Birthdays submitted by Donna Halsey:



Jan 3 - Robert Bordonaro Jan 11 - Raymond Huffman Jan 15 - John Flowers

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



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## Happy New Year

I want to thank everyone that took time from their busy holiday to include our little green houses in their giving plan this year. I know that many of you drop coins in the houses on a regular basis, and not knowing who you are I am unable to thank you personally. Please accept this as my sincere thanks to all of you that continue to support this very worthwhile charity. A special thanks goes out to:

Robert Bordonaro, Tony Marino, Martha Smith, Geri and Christa Hauf, Debbie Osterbrock, Patty Jankiewicz and Sharon Ford for their contributions in December.

Please remember that should I receive your donation after the 15th of the month it will not appear in the following month's Elksize, but will appear in the next one.

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



# Harry-Anna Trust Fund & MGM Meet & Greet Mixers



In November the charitable arm of the MGM Meet and Greet networking group held a 70's party and auction in our lodge to raise funds for 3 organizations; VAREP, an agency supporting economic education and opportunities for the military and veterans, STARTING RIGHT NOW, an organization committed to supporting homeless youths, and the Harry-Anna supported, ELKS YOUTH CAMP, in Umatilla, FL. This month, just in time for Christmas, we were presented with a check made out to the Harry-Anna Trust on behalf of Elks Lodge 708 of \$933.31 from the proceeds of that event. We would like to thank this incredible organization for all they do throughout our community and for their generous contribution to one of the most impactful youth opportunities Florida has to offer.

Fraternally yours, Nan Quire



## Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events

### BOSTON BOB TURNED 80 "IN STYLE"



What a wonderful evening of dancing, dining and companionship. Boston Bob Norton, a Lifetime Elk, turned 80 years young on December 3rd and his lovely lady made sure he did it in style! From the Boston inspired menu to an extraordinary entertainer, Brenda Stokking pulled out all the stops when organizing this benchmark occasion.

Bob Orcutt and Bob Snyder were in the kitchen all day cooking up a storm to provide the outstanding buffet dinner, and Courtney Weil, PR made a huge pot of the best clam chowder you ever tasted. Laura's granddaughter, Mallory Benzing kept the diners happy and supplied with all the extras. Every detail was addressed and all the guests enjoyed themselves tremendously.

*From Bob and Brenda:*

*We would like to thank everyone that made this birthday so very special. A big thank you to Susie Harlow, Lisa Snyder, Nan Quire, Betty Orcutt, and everyone that helped with the set up, as well as Georgia Hilficker for the great banner. We cannot forget the delicious food made by Bob Orcutt, Bob Snyder and Courtney Weil, PR. Please accept our sincere apologies if we left anyone out.*

*Bob Norton and Brenda Stokking*



## LOE Christmas Bazaar

On Friday, December 9th the Ladies of the Elks held their annual Christmas Bazaar. The event was festive and offered some very unique and special gift ideas. Each year the Ladies do all they can to raise money for our lodge and for all its charitable undertakings...the Christmas Bazaar is just one of the many events they host.

This year's bazaar was a financial success and helped several members finish up their Christmas shopping, while creating a warm and welcoming holiday affair for all to enjoy.

I'm sure all of us would like to thank the LOE for its hard work and support throughout the year, as well as the individual members that step up to help with lodge events and ceremonies.

Georgia Hilficker, Elksize Editor



# Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events

## OUR GRATITUDE GRANT AT WORK

The Gratitude Grant Recipient this year was Bridgeprep Academy at St John's. This is a Hillsborough County Public Charter School of 286 students in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Our Chaplain, Christine Harris, is the Principal at this school and Tampa Elk Jennifer Gelsing and her husband Michael work there also. They reported having a lot of trouble with inner racial or heritage fighting, and with bullying.

To address this problem, we first hired a professional speaker on the subject, Gary Tivanovich. He gave two separate one hour long assemblies – one for the elementary grades and a different one for the middle school aged kids. They loved him, and hung onto almost every word. The second part was to hold a Modern and Multicultural Holiday Feast for the students and their families on Dec 12th. Elks Christine Harris and Jennifer Gelsing represented the school. Marty Quire put together a multicultural holiday slide show for our enjoyment, Becky and Bryan Sullins used Spotify to create background music. Georgia Hilficker offered advice and prepared our icebreaker.

We did the shopping and most of the cooking ourselves – only outsourcing 3 items, and the desserts were bought prepared. Sue Moore made her famous collard greens and Patty Jankiewicz agreed to bake the corn muffins. Lynn Brown treated us to another round of her turkey, dressing, gravy and her homemade cranberry sauce, and worked tirelessly for 2 days. We had a lot of assistants on Monday. Laura Jones, Devony Bedami, Bob and Candy Suhrheinrich, Tommy and Sue Moore, and even Alex came to help us get everything cooked and loaded and out the door on time. Leading Knight Shelagh Gombarcik and Patty Jankiewicz came early, picked up the supplies, and went ahead to set up the room. We had 4 full cars, plus Bonnie Atwood and Theresa Matthews were picking up prepaid orders at local businesses and Linda and Robert Summers came to the school to help us serve. Our message and the feast was well received, as you can see in the pictures.

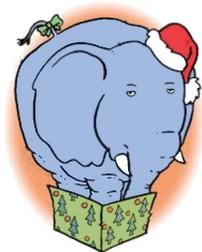


## REAL CHRISTMAS CHEER HERE!

This year's Lodge Christmas Party was a rip roaring success. The food was fantastic, the gift exchange was a blast, and the Holiday Karaoke was just the right touch. Everyone in attendance seemed to be in the Christmas spirit. Courtney, our PR was emcee for the evening, as well as one of the cooks, and she did an excellent job of both tasks.

Georgia Hilficker, Nan Quire and Courtney Weil, ER set out a table full of wonderful and creative, from scratch hors d'oeuvres ranging from mini gourmet cheese balls to savory pastry cups filled with deliciousness. Nancy Kessler made her fabulous Holiday Wassail for everyone to enjoy. Jerry Reid and Candy Venable kept the live music flowing the first hour or so, singing one Christmas Carole after another. We are so lucky to have so much talent in our Lodge.

If you missed this party...you missed a good one!



# Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events



## What a Party!



The Lodge Youth Activities committee was busy in December. We launched a very successful fundraiser, *Be an Angel - Buy an Angel*, and thanks to our very impressive salesperson, Patti Jankiewicz, we sold 54 angels raising \$540 towards our Christmas Carnival. Our donor list is impressive too! Bonnie Quire, Bonnie Atwood, Jeff Diamond, Betty Gnad, John Flowers, Wendy Woo, Jeff Savard, Deb Schavey, Rita Smith, Rachel Gombarcik, Roseann Romano, Mike Volpe, Kim Rhodes, Jeannie S, Laura Jones, Kristina Chowning, Candi & Bob Surheinrich, Rhonda Vaughn, Zaida Mauricio, Lisa Freeman, Wanda Ferrar, Lilly Wright, Nadine Lapine, Linda & Jerry Reid, Devony Bedami, Phyllis and Dick Pilante, Donna Halsey, Jacqui LoCicero, Susie Harlow, Jack Johnson, Chris & Nikki Counce, Georgia & George Hilficker, Trey Higgins, Tina Higgins, Patti Jankiewicz, Lisa Snyder, Shelagh Gombarcik, Nan Quire, John Brennan, Manny Maldonado, Richard Florance, and Barbara, Sue Moore, Bill Dean, Debbie Ceryl, Robert & Linda Sommers, PJ Kocher, Jackie Apple, Debbie Cassels, Candy Venable, Brenda Stokking, and Bert Newbill. Some bought several!

On Saturday, December 10, 2016, my fiancé and I attended a party held by the Dean & Rob Hanson, co-owners of Expedia Cruise Ship Centers. The Lodge Youth Committee was the recipient of cash and gifts valued at about \$1000.00 to benefit our Christmas Carnival. The donors were the friends, family, and employees of Expedia Cruise Ship Center, a member and friend from South Tampa Chamber of Commerce. Thank you, Shelagh Gombarcik, for hooking us up with Rob & Dean!

We also had generous donations from Publix Gandy, Happy Home Centers and Pin a Rama.

Our HUGE Christmas Carnival was Saturday, December 17, from 12-3pm. We had 96 children from 1-13 register for the event but in Elks Care, Elks Share fashion we could accommodate a few extra and helped 96 children have a Merry Christmas. The kids were checked in by Candi Surheinrich and Alli Tourville, then children received a stocking to decorate, a carnival inspired lunch of corn dogs and French fries with ice cream for desserts. Rita Smith oversaw the kitchen, and was assisted by Chris Elkins, Karen Spence and Ted Vazquez. Thanks Mom! The kids then got to attend the carnival and play at the eight carnival booths. The carnival booths were provided by committee members and their families. All we had to provide them was the prizes. This worked out great! Becky & Bryan Sullins sponsored the Snowman bean bag toss game, Patti Jankiewicz sponsored the bobbing for candy canes booth, Sean Black sponsored the Santa Hat ring toss game, we have so many non-Elk volunteers helping out too! Jennifer Osberg and Teddy Vazquez sponsored the Pin the Heart on the Grinch booth, Stephanie Dean & Becky Tourville sponsored the Fishing booth, Patty Elkins & Mike Volpe sponsored the Guessing game booth, Shelagh Gombarcik sponsored the Roll a Reindeer booth. Marty Quire was our super Santa and was so patient and kind to all the children. Candy Venable was our creative elf who got the kids singing Jingle Bells at the top of their lungs to encourage Santa to stop making toys and make an appearance. That was a great video moment. We had several high school students that came to help from Robinson, Brandon, and Strawberry Crest High schools. They were Alli Tourville, Jeremy Elkins, Destiny Bain, Shane Downey, Billy Conway, and Mathew Stock. In total we had 30 volunteers, both Elk and non-Elk, which made for light work for everyone. In the lounge area, we had a quiet room for parents. We served them refreshments, and a quiet getaway and Bob Surheinrich, Bonnie Atwood, and Elma Kelly were on hand to answer questions and to make sure each parent filled out a registration form that was traded for a door prize ticket. I cannot thank each and everyone enough for helping me get this event off without a hitch. There wasn't one emergency, and we lacked nothing! It's the teamwork and dedication from each and every person that makes my heart swell with Elk pride.

Our next event is our Youth Bowling Tournament, which is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, February 26, 2017. Watch for details.

Patty Elkins, Youth Activities Chairman



## Upcoming Events and Projects



**TAMPA ELKS LODGE  
IS PROUD TO PRESENT**

**NATIONALLY REKNOWNED ENTERTAINMENT ACT**

# RE-CREATION<sup>®</sup>

## JANUARY 21, 2017

**FOR ONE SHOW ONLY!**

**Great entertainment at a great price!**

*Tickets available December 20th at the Lodge.  
A great Christmas gift for the Elk who has everything!*

# \$25

**A Tampa Elks Veteran's Committee Fundraiser To Benefit MacDill AFB Youth**

**5:30 cocktails • 6:30 dinner • 8:00 show • 9:00 dessert and drawings**

**Tampa Elks Lodge, 3616 Gandy Blvd**

## Upcoming Events and Projects



### GASPARILLA INVASION ADVENTURE

**SAVE THE DATE - JAN. 28TH**

**IT'S TIME TO PARTY LIKE A PIRATE AND JOIN IN THE  
FUN AS WE CELEBRATE THE 2017 INVASION**

**Buses will pick up from select lodges at 7am**

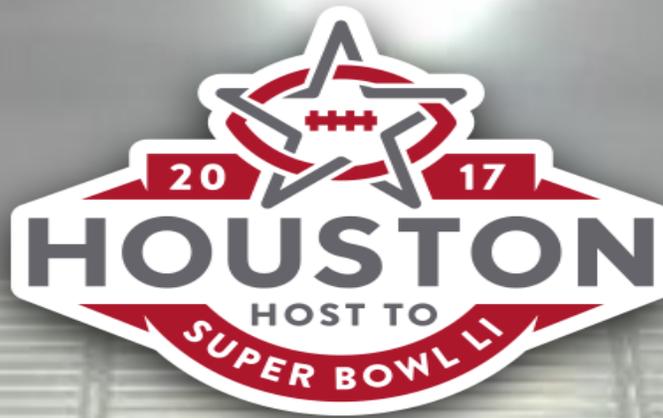
**You will enjoy:**

- 🚩 All you can eat breakfast**
- 🚩 Lunch and Boat Invasion viewed from  
Davis Islands waterfront, bring a lawn chair.**
- 🚩 Pirate Beads**
- 🚩 All you can eat dinner**
- 🚩 Live Music and**
- 🚩 Loads of fun activities**

**\$60.00**

**Go to "Tampaelks.com" to purchase tickets online!**

## Upcoming Events and Projects



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

**SUPER BOWL LI  
ON THE BIG 144" SCREEN!**

**SIGN UP AT THE LODGE TO  
ENTER THE CHILI COOKOFF  
AND GET ALL THE DETAILS.**

**TAILGATE PARTY STARTS AT  
4:00 PM**

**FEBRUARY 5TH**

# On Going Monthly Activities



## SUNDAY - FUNDAY!

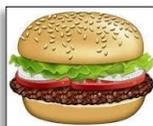
Wii Bowling  
4pm Most Sundays  
Bragging rights and  
your name on the  
winners bowling pin!



## Bucs Football

on our 144" screen!

JANUARY  
BUCS SCHEDULE  
Last Regular Season Game  
Jan 1st - Panthers - 1pm  
Good Luck Meal at Halftime



## SHORT ORDER GRILL Every Monday Night 5:30 To 7:30

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



Tuesday Night Movie  
7:30 pm  
Jeff brings in the most  
recent Redbox Movie



## WIENIE WEDNESDAY

2nd & 4th  
Wednesdays  
Meeting Nights  
\$1.00

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  
Jan. 5th - Pork Marsala with  
Sliced potatoes  
Jan 12th - Stuffed Peppers  
Jan 19th - Beef Enchiladas  
Jan 26th - Chicken Parm Pasta  
or Chicken Pot Pie

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 by: Candi Suhrheinrich



Every Friday Night  
Dinner & Dancing  
See Menus on pg 18

# 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  
Speech, 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.



## 2016 MEMORIAL SERVICE



On December 4th a memorial service was held for those members that past in 2016.

The members that were recognized are as follows:

**Theodore W. Heider Sr. - 7/18/1938 to 11/5/2016**  
**H. Kelly Sapp - 8/14/1933 to 8/06/2016**  
**Harold Knuckles - 11/15/38 - 6/15/16**  
**Craig Newberg - 9/06/1955 to 3/23/2016**  
**Charles W Rice - 6/14/1940 to 3/11/2016**  
**Vernon D. Pickenpaugh - 10/07/1934 to 3/05/2016**  
**Isaac Owen - 11/20/1925 to 2/27/2016**  
**Clyde Godsey - 8/04/1933 to 12/21/15**

## MUSINGS OF A TRUSTEE

By Bob Suhrheinrich, Four-year Trustee

Definition(s): *adj.* Deep in thought; contemplative. *n.* 1. Contemplation; meditation. 2. A product of contemplation; a thought:

We have now completed 75% of the Lodge year. I have always marveled at how well-attended the first Lodge meeting in March is and how steeply attendance plunges once the Lodge officers for the coming Lodge year have been elected. It's as if eleven elected officers can fill every position needed to efficiently run the lodge. My brothers and sisters, trust me; **it ain't so. Our Lodge desperately needs participation from members in the kitchen, for help in the bingo sessions, and for other necessary "stuff" around the Lodge.** In most of these needs, muscle is not important, your time is. ALL of our activities depend on volunteers to be successful. Have you volunteered lately?

The Christmas decorations were beautiful; the Antlers Room was a wreck! I look upon it as a lack of respect for our Lodge and everyone who glances at that room. Do we really think so little of our physical plant to leave the room in total disarray?

Only \$93.25 per year is one of the best values anywhere to stop in and have a refreshing adult beverage and a nice meal. Have you stopped in at 708 lately? The bar and our kitchen provide most of the funds to keep our lights on. Dues, local portion thereof, do not even pay one month's utilities. Lack of available funds is an item your Board of Directors spend a lot of time pondering.

Common courtesy? I see lack of it at times: loud, and I do mean **loud**, talk at the bar where it interferes with other's conversation, lack of patience in demanding our bartenders' attention while they are serving other patrons or taking a short break.

Speaking of participation, I will end this note with a very positive item. I hope all of you noticed the very tasteful Christmas centerpieces on the tables in our dining room. Jerry and Linda Reid, on a strictly volunteer basis, cleaned both sides of the glass table tops, furnished the beautiful red tablecloths, and the very classy centerpieces. The centerpieces were designed and constructed by Linda. All of their time, talent, and treasure were furnished at no expense to 708. They do not "blow their own horns" so I am taking this opportunity to shout out a hearty **Thank You** to Jerry and Linda.

**Buy an Elk**

**Tee Shirt**

**Tee Shirts \$15.00**

**SOLD  
OUT**

**Show**

**Your Elkdom!**



**Ask your bartender.**

## JANUARY LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

4th - BOD Meeting 6:30pm  
 4th - LOE Meeting 7:30pm  
 10th - STCOC Military Affairs 3:00pm  
 10th - House Committee Meeting 7:30pm  
 11th - Elks Lodge Meeting 7:30pm  
 15th - Orientation & Initiation 11am  
 24th - BOD & Officer's Meeting 7:00pm  
 25th - Elk's Lodge Meeting 7:30pm

# Friday Night Menus at a Glance



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

<b>Appetizer</b>	
Onion Rings .....	\$3.95
<b>Dinner Choices</b>	
Fried Fish, French Fries, Coleslaw & Hush Puppies .....	\$8.95
Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Corn & Rolls .....	\$9.50
<b>Kid's Menu</b>	
Chicken Nuggets & French Fries .....	\$5.95
<b>Dessert</b>	
Cookies a la mode .....	\$3.25



January 13th - 6:30pm to 8:30pm  
Georgia Cooks  
Melissa & Nelson Serve

<b>Appetizer</b>	
Spinach and Artichoke Dip.....	\$3.50
<b>Dinner Choices</b>	
Seafood Gumbo with Rice and Crunchy Bread .....	\$10.95
Smothered Pork Chops, Smashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies & Rolls .....	\$9.50
<b>Kid's Menu</b>	
Hot dog & Chips.....	\$1.50
<b>DESSERT</b>	
Apple Pie a la mode .....	\$3.50

*Spectacular*  
**Steak & Salmon**

January 20th  
6:30pm to 8:30pm  
Rick Cooking

**DINNER CHOICES**

All dinners served with choice of potato, baked, mashed, or fried, Elk Green Beans, Salad or soup, butter and rolls

<b>12oz Rib Eye Steak .....</b>	<b>\$13.99</b>
<b>Pan Seared Salmon .....</b>	<b>\$13.99</b>
<b>Roast Chicken Dinner.....</b>	<b>\$ 9.50</b>

**SPLIT PEA SOUP**

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

**Kids' Menu**

Chicken Nuggets w/French Fries And Green Beans.....	\$ 5.95
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**Dessert**

Rum Cake with Vanilla Ice Cream.....	\$ 4.50
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**Nannette**  
Is in the  
Kitchen!

January 27th - 6:30 to 8:30

**Knight Nan Quire and Nancy Keesler, PER bring back Lodge favorites!**

**Dinner Choices: \$9.50 each**

Dinners come with a salad, veggies and roll

<b>Beef Stroganoff over Noodles</b>
<b>Country Fried Steak with</b>
<b>Mashed Potatoes and White Gravy</b>

**Kid's Menu**

<b>Corn Dog &amp; Fries</b>	<b>\$3.50</b>
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**Dessert:**

<b>Chocolate Cream Pie</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>
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**DAVID WITKOWSKI**

## ATTENTION ALL 708 ELKS

Want to generate hundreds of dollars for your Lodge and it's Charities?  
If you or any of your friends or relatives are in the market for a vehicle...

### LET ME BE YOUR CAR GUY!

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That's It, No More, No Less. I look forward to hearing from you!



# TAMPA ELKS LODGE #708

## JANUARY 2016

### CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p>1 Limited Menu Breakfast 9am-12pm <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b></p> <p>Bucs vs PANTHERS On the Big Screen</p> 	<p>2 Short Order Grill 5:30 to 7:30</p> <p>BINGO 6:30 PM</p>	<p>3 Improv Class 6:30pm Movie Night 7:30pm</p>	<p>4  LOE Dinner 6:45 Meeting 7:30pm</p> <p>BOD Meeting 6:30pm</p>	<p>5 One Dish Meal 6 to 7:30pm Pork Marsala Over sliced potatoes <u>Salad &amp; Roll</u></p> <p>Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm</p> 	<p>6 Dinner &amp; Dancing 6:30 to 8:30</p> <p>MUSIC BY: Miss T Karaoke 7-11</p>	<p>7 Wild Card Weekend</p>
<p>8 Breakfast 8:30am to 12pm</p> <p>Wild Card Weekend</p>	<p>9 Short Order Grill 5:30 to 7:30</p>	<p>10 STCOG Military Affairs Meeting 3:00pm Improv Class 6:30 Movie Night 7:30pm House Committee Meeting 7:30</p>	<p>11 Elks General Meeting 7:30pm</p> <p>Weenie Wednesday</p>	<p>12 One Dish Meal 6 to 7:30pm Stuffed Peppers <u>Salad &amp; Roll</u></p> <p>Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm</p> 	<p>13 Dinner &amp; Dancing 6:30 to 8:30</p> <p>MUSIC BY: Double Play 7-11</p>	<p>14 NFL Play-Offs</p>
<p>15 Breakfast 8:30am to 12pm</p> <p>NFL Play-Offs</p>	<p>16 Short Order Grill 5:30 to 7:30</p> <p>BINGO 6:30 PM</p>	<p>17 Improv Class 6:30 Movie Night 7:30pm</p>	<p>18 Officer and BOD Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>19 One Dish Meal 6 to 7:30pm Beef Enchiladas <u>Salad &amp; Roll</u> ? Trivia Night ? Candi Suhrheinrich 7pm</p> <p>Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm</p> 	<p>20 Dinner &amp; Dancing 6:30 to 8:30</p> <p>MUSIC BY: Green Flash 7-11</p>	<p>21 Re-Creation 5:30</p> <p>London Broil Dinner and Show \$25.00</p>
<p>22 <b>Our week at Open Arms Ministry Feed the Homeless Breakfast 8:30am to 12pm</b></p> <p>Orientation and Initiation 11am</p> 	<p>23 Short Order Grill 5:30 to 7:30</p>	<p>24 Improv Class 6:30 Movie Night 7:30pm House Committee Meeting 7:30</p>	<p>25 Elks General Meeting 7:30pm</p> <p>Weenie Wednesday</p>	<p>26 One Dish Meal 6 to 7:30pm Chicken Parm Pasta Or Turkey Pot Pie <u>Salad &amp; Roll</u></p> <p>Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm</p> 	<p>27 Dinner &amp; Dancing 6:30 to 8:30</p> <p>MUSIC BY: Dazzler Trio 6:30-10:30</p> <p>VETS DINNER</p>	<p>28  <b>2017 TAMPA LODGE 708</b></p> <p><i>Gasparilla Event</i> 3 meals plus Pirate invasion \$60</p>
<p>29 Breakfast 8:30am to 12pm</p>	<p>30 Short Order Grill 5:30 to 7:30</p>	<p>31 Improv Class 6:30 Movie Night 7:30pm</p>				

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Donna Morris Halsey 7/16  
Bob & Candi Suhrheinrich 9/16  
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  
Rita Smith - 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 Connor - 5/2018  
Bill Dean - 6/18  
Deborah Cassels 6/18  
Debbie Osterbrock - 04/19  
John F. Morris - 3/2021  
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