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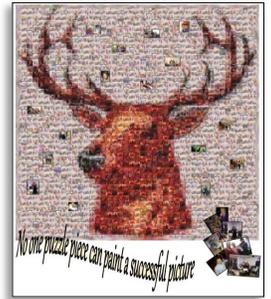
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Friday 4:00pm - 12:00am
Saturday 4:00pm - 11:00am
Sunday 12:30pm - 9:00pm



*A Final
Message from
your
2016-2017
Exalted
Ruler*



From Start to Finish...

When I began my year as your ER I committed myself to getting "Elkdom" out into the community and to bringing the community into our lodge. I was just as motivated to bring in new members and make our lodge as profitable as possible.

I would like to say that with the combined support and commitment of you, our members, we have achieved some very impressive goals.

- We are #1 in the state for Harry Anna contributions.
- We are the home of the WCD "Elk of the Year".
- We established the "Home for Vets" program.
- We have recruited 49 new members, and will end our year with a with +15 membership instead of the less than +2 we have become accustomed to.
- We have seen an upsurge in MacDill AFB participation.
- We have renewed and been approved for 6 grants.
- We sent one of our young people, a son and a grandson, to Boys State
- We sent 2 WWII veterans to the Pearl Harbor memorial.
- We opened our doors to – The South Tampa Chamber, MGM networking group, MGM Charity Partner Events, Robinson High School's Baseball Team, Plant High School's Drama Club and Westshore Elementary.
- We sent 60+ kids to the Florida Youth Camp, (many more than in recent years) as well as 2 counselors.
- Our "Back to School Party" and our "Christmas Party" served over 100 children each which is a benchmark number.
- One of our Hoop Shoot youths went to State Finals.
- We addressed and resolved many of our deferred maintenance problems and replaced the faulty air conditioning system and ice machine.
- We remodeled and repurposed the Antler Room.
- We established the very lucrative Queen of Hearts game.

Last but not least, we will be leaving the incoming officers, trustees, and board of directors a solvent lodge. They will have money to start their year, not a deficit they must overcome. Our kitchen has been profitable for the past 2 years and I'm happy to say that our events and activities have been successful.

Each of these accomplishments were lead and/or peopled by many members and I want to say a heart felt

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT HELPED TO MAKE THIS A BANNER YEAR FOR TAMPA LODGE 708!

I look forward to working with our new ER

The Fabulous Shelagh Gombarcik and her new board.

Fraternally Yours, *Courtney Weil*, Exalted Ruler

Your 2016 Committee Chairs

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Bar Manager



TAMPA LODGE 708 IS #1 IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA FOR HARRY-ANNA CONTRIBUTIONS!

This is an accomplishment we can all be proud to announce
and to use in our recruiting efforts.

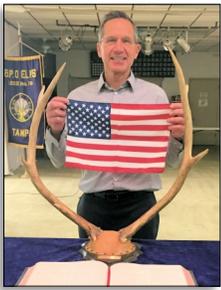
We are one of the smallest membership lodges in Florida, yet we boast the highest contributions per capita. Can you believe we submitted over \$40 per member in Harry-Anna Trust Fund contributions! This is well above all other lodges in the state.

Harry-Ann Trust provides supporting funds for the Elks Youth Camp in Umatilla, Florida, and the Children's Therapy Services. These incredible organizations do amazing things for children across Florida; free summer camp where team building skills, self discipline and self respect are emphasized and therapy vans that travel to needy children at no cost to their parents. It is an honor to support such a worth while fund, and here's hoping we can continue to be #1 in the coming years!

A special thanks to Julie Palladini for her generous contribution on behalf of her mother, Ebba Jean Palladini in the amount of \$3000.



A Warm Welcome To Our New Elk



David A. Starner
Sponsored by
Rick Schneider, PER



Charlotte Bertoch
Sponsored by
Melissa Bertoch



Mallory Benzing
Sponsored by
Laura Jones



Madison Benzing
Sponsored by
Laura Jones



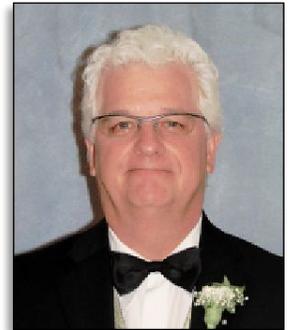
Bertram A. Baker
Sponsored by
Willis P. Van Dyke

**LAURA JONES IS OUR RECRUITER OF THE MONTH.
ENJOY THE PARKING SPACE LAURA!**

February Elk Recognition

OFFICER OF THE MONTH: STEVE HARMON PDDGER

I can't let the year go by without acknowledging our quiet, behind the scenes lodge advisor Steve Harmon, PDDGER. Throughout the course of my year as your ER I have had him to lean on. I went to him for procedural advice, and he was integral in helping put together our quarterly reports...which is a fairly daunting job on its own! No matter how busy he might have been he took my calls and patiently helped me in any way he could. His assistance cannot be overstated. On top of his regular duties he cooks for us every 2nd Sunday breakfast of the month and stepped in wherever he was needed. Though we don't see him much, his constant support is paramount to our success. If you see him around the lodge please take a moment to thank him for the important work he does to keep the lodge running as smoothly as possible.



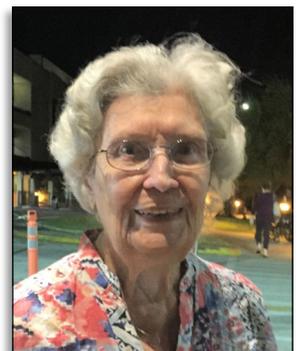
ELK OF THE MONTH: JAMES DEE CISNEROS "DEE"

Dee is our resident grill master, in a pinch DJ and all around guy Friday. Though he holds the position of Junior Governor at the Moose down the street, he still finds time to help in the kitchen when possible and has been a God send on more than one occasion. He loves a busy grill and with Logan Matthews, works our Bingo Mondays when things are popping. Dee has stepped in to run karaoke, cooked at major fundraisers and spun music at several others to help defer cost. Every organization needs a "Dee" in their wheel house and we are certainly blessed to have him ours. Thanks Dee



VOLUN "ELK" OF THE MONTH: CAROLYN WILLIAMS

This lovely lady will be 93 years young in April of this year. She is the widow of Joseph E. Williams and a long time member of the Ladies of the Elks. Carolyn is part of the Veteran's Committee and over the past 10 years she has contributed hundreds of hours to the James A. Hailey Veteran's Hospital working with our disabled veterans. She approaches all her duties with a spirit and commitment that belies her years, and is much loved by all that know her. We truly appreciate her dedication and hard work and wish we had 10 more just like her. Thank you Carolyn for all you do and we look forward to many more years of your kind assistance.





**THANK YOU
TO ALL 2016-17
LODGE
OFFICERS & PERs**



I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

INCOMING OFFICERS



2017-18 Tampa Lodge #708 INCOMING OFFICERS



OFFICERS:

EXALTED RULER SHELAGH GOMBERICK
 LEADING KNIGHT NANNETTE QUIRE
 LOYAL KNIGHT TOMMY MOORE
 LECTURING KNIGHT BERT NEWBILL
 SECRETARY.....RICHARD SCHNEIDER
 TREASURERRITA SMITH
 ESQUIRE..... GEORGE HILFICKER
 INNER GUARD..... MADISON BENZING
 TILER TBD

TRUSTEES

5TH YEAR TRUSTEELAURA JONES
 4TH YEAR TRUSTEE THERESA MATTHEWS
 3RD YEAR TRUSTEE.....BOB SUHRHIENRICH
 2ND YEAR TRUSTEE CHRISTOPHER MILES
 1ST YEAR TRUSTEE..... RICHARD FLORANCE

**BEST WISHES FOR A FABULOUS YEAR TO ALL
OUR OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES**



2017-18 WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT INCOMING OFFICERS



- TOM SHRIVER, DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER, ST. PETE
- THERESA MATTHEWS, DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT, TAMPA
- TONI GOODRICH, DISTRICT AUDITOR, ST. PETE
- AMANDA BALDWIN, COMMUNITY PROJECTS & ACTIVIES, STATE CHAIRMAN, HOLIDAY ISLES
- COURTNEY WEIL, YOUTH ACTIVITIES, STATE VICE CHAIRMAN, TAMPA
- JOANNE MATOS, ORIENTATION, STATE VICE CHAIRMAN, ST. PETE

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OWN
THERESA MATTHEWS, 2017-18 DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT AND
COURTNEY WEIL, 2017-18 YOUTH ACTIVITIES, STATE VICE CHAIRMAN**

This year Tampa 708 made a great showing at the state and district level. I'm sure I speak for all when I say how proud we are of our two outstanding ladies; Theresa Matthews our 2015-16 PER, and Courtney Weil our 2016-17 PER. The last two years have seen a positive change in our lodge and these women where instrumental in implementing that change. I know they will need our help and support in their new positions, so let's get on board and help them prove how effective Tampa 708 can be!

Supporting Reports



LADIES OF THE ELK

My LOE Family: Well here it is my last Elksize letter as your Lady President. These past three years has been a great journey of experience as well as an honor. I have made many friends and learned a lot about myself, and what the Elks are all about. I hope I have served you well. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for supporting me in all that we have done this year.

I want to welcome our incoming president, Jacquie LoCicero. I'm sure that her energy and talents will bring new ideas and fun to the LOE. I know she will do us Proud.

Thanks to all those who attended and helped with the Soup to Nuts event. Thanks to Lisa Snyder for putting everything together. The Ice cream bar was fantastic!

Don't forget to pay your up coming dues and share the word with your friends and fellow Elks to come join the ladies.

As I close I want to remind you of the Walk-a-thon on Sunday the 5th of March. If you're not walking but can enlist some sponsors please start collecting now.

Remember real love for what you do cuts a path for your future. If the foot fits your on the right road.



LOE March Birthdays submitted by Donna Halsey:



Mar 6th - Tommy Moore, Mar 8th - Sandra Brantley, Mar 12th - Sue Mason, Mar 13th - Debbie Osterbrook, Mar 13th - Ziggy Ziegler, Mar 16th - Steve Harmon, Mar 26th - Cynthia Ullen, Mar 26 th- Frances Salter

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



Hello Fellow Members,

I want to thank everyone that continues to donate to this wonderful cause. Please tell a fellow member to take one of the houses home. I also want to thank Robert Bordonaro

who went to the bank for me. He's been a great help.

Here's a list of those that donated last month: Jackie Appel, Bonnie Quire, Donna Halsey, Robert Bordonaro, Bernie Turpin, Manny Manado, Tony Marino and Richard Summers...plus those that dropped their coins in the houses on the bar and dining room tables.

Thank you to all who helped and I hope more will join.
If you need me call 813.831.4270 or 813.244.9867 - With Love, *Berni Turpin*

Committee Communications



**It is March already. Time's going by fast.
Ready to start a new Elk's year.**

This just in...Monty Hanlon representing Tampa Lodge # 708 came in second place at the State level of the Elk Hoop Shoot program held at the Elk Youth Camp Grounds in Umatilla, Florida on February 18th.

We thank Monty and his family for being there and doing such a great job.

Great game Monty from Tampa Elk Lodge @708!

Tommy Moore, Chairman for Youth Events



**YOUTH
EVENTS**

Committee Communications Continued

Youth Camp News

A Very Successful Meeting

On February 19th we held our first pre-camp meeting in the antler room at the lodge. A big thank you goes out to our Exalted Ruler, Courtney Weil, our incoming ER Shelagh Gombarcik, Laura Jones, Tommy Moore, Richard Florance and assistant Madison Benzing for all their help in conducting the meeting.

Our past counselors, Taylor Taylor and Mallory Benzing, as well as several experienced campers were available to help newbies understand the camp and all it has to offer. There were 8 families in attendance and they were impressed and excited about their upcoming participation.

HELP, HELP, HELP!

The camp administrator has challenged us to send 100 kids to the camp this year. Please think about family members, friends and business acquaintances that might have children ages 9 to 13 that might enjoy a week at the best camp ground in Florida. Don't let me down, we're 708 and take our challenges seriously!

The best way to apply is on line at floridaelk.org then to youth camp applications. There you can fill out the application and send them your medical release. However, should this not be possible, I am always available to help you. I can be reached at 813-837-4252, just leave a message. Please do this as soon as you possibly can as we want to make our quota and assure there is space available.

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



Year Two for Club Chivalry

Welcome to the second year of the Impact Grant, Club Chivalry for Successful Students. Our year starts in January and runs through December. Our first event was a Club Day club meeting on January 31st. At that meeting they took pictures for the Robinson High School Yearbook. We needed extra help to get as many students as were willing into a Club Chivalry T-shirt. Thank you to Carolyn Williams, Bert Newbill, and Elma Kelly for making that early morning commitment.

We also gave out the preliminary information on the South Tampa Relay for Life. Students were asked to get online and sign up to participate and help us hit our fundraising goal of \$1000.00. In the 2 weeks between that meeting and this article, only Kathleen Young has signed up – so I would really appreciate some help supporting her. Just go to the main Relay for Life page and hit Donate, then support a participant, then choose Kathleen Young at the south Tampa Relay for Life on April 24th.

Or read this online at: http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/?fr_id=81619&pg=team&team_id=2143761

We have made plans to have our field trip to the ropes course at the Florida State Elks Camp on March 31st. I will need at least 3 volunteers, at least one of which must be male. Please hold the date if you can. We leave the school at 7:30 Am and return at 7:30 PM. There is no out of pocket expense - meals are provided.

Rita Smith, Club Chivalry Chairman

Committee Communications Continued



A HOME OF THEIR OWN

Welcome Home Margy!



Margy is another Veteran that moved into her place after spending some time at the Athena House. She is disabled, but has not been able to prove it was service related. Her income is very low. Having some space outdoors was important to her, and she was thrilled to have found a place she could afford that had a small patio. When I first visited Margy – she had a list of about 5 things that she felt she needed.

It was obvious that Margy did not know what she needed. She confessed she had never had her own home since she joined the service right after high school. After her discharge, she had stayed with friends or had been on the street.

After getting her permission to look around, we agreed there was more that she lacked and came up with this list which was distributed to both the Tampa Elks and the Post 139 Legion Family.

Furniture needed: lamps, dresser, couch or loveseat, occasional chair or recliner, TV, TV stand

Kitchen Wares: pots & pans, dishes, flatware, ovenware, serving utensils, coffee maker, toaster, crock pot

Linens: full size sheets and comforter, bath towels, kitchen towels

Tools: She had one screwdriver, so anything, plus gardening tools and gloves

Miscellaneous: Wall clock, vases, 8x10 picture frames, planters/containers for patio gardening, potting soil

I am thrilled to say that less than three weeks later not only has Margy received every item on her list, and quite a bit of it was brand new. She now also has patio furniture, and a patio full of bright flowers, a well-appointed and coordinated kitchen with beautiful china, canning supplies, and a fairly full pantry, all the furniture her apartment will comfortably hold, a TV, a full toolbox, plenty of bedding and linens, and things that will save her money down the road like energy efficient lightbulbs and a huge supply of detergents and paper products.

Special thanks to: Chris Miles, Susan Wonder, Gail Buie, Courtney Taylor, Carolyn Breit, Bill Dean, Mary Goebel, Robin Bell, Patty Jankiewicz, Patricia Bellairs and Mary Stone for their very generous donations. The Elks National Veterans Service Commission kicked in the last \$200 to be used for making this veteran's home "fully equipped."

Thank you to Georgia Hilficker, Elksize editor, Marty Quire, Webmaster, for giving me platform to share the information and take care of these Veterans. I expect another one to be needing our help next month. While I can't offer storage until I have a recipient, please keep this in mind as you start your spring cleaning.

Rita Smith, Athena Committee Chair

Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events



2017

GASPARILLA CELEBRATION

THANK YOU GASPARILLA 2017 CREW

My sincere thanks to all who extended typical Tampa #708 hospitality in making a very fun day for the guests who attended our 18th Annual Gasparilla Boat Parade Party. Bottom line, this was another profitable year since the inception as a fund raiser seventeen years ago.

A special thanks to the 57 volunteers who contributed 901 dedicated hours on this year's Gasparilla event which included eight Past Exalted Rulers of Tampa #708:

Brian Brantley, PER
John Wayne, PER
Steve Harmon, PER, PDD

Bill Edwards, PER
Rick Schneider PER
Richard Florance, PER

Nancy Keesler, PER
Theresa Matthews, PER, PLP

Those other members and non-Elks who graciously volunteered their time and efforts before, during, and after the event are deeply appreciated and include:

Jackie Appel
Melissa Bertoch
Lynn Brown
Jeanne Reinhart, PER, DD
Bob Norton
Doris Edwards
Sandra Brantley
Laura Jones
Patricia Jankiewicz
Nelson Grahn
Georgia Hilflicker
Susie Harlow, PLP
Linda Reid
Bob Orcutt
Bonnie Atwood
Cindy Green, ER

Carolyn Breit
Jacquie LoCicero
Debbie Palladini
Bonnie Quire
Taylor X. Taylor
Tommy Moore
Rose DuRant
Mallory Benzing
Madison Benzing
Pat Boyd
George Hilflicker
Lisa Snyder
Patti Richberg, PER
Betty Orcutt
Bonnie Montalvo
Bob Suhrheinrich

Devoney Bedami
Logan Matthews
Courtney Taylor-Weil, ER
Nan Quire, PLP
Bob Green
Brenda Stokking
Rita Smith
Shelagh Gombarcik, PLP
Sandra Lake
Michael Brantley
Jerry Reid
Sue Moore, PLP
James Harlow
Barbara Connors
Kimmie Meslow
Carl Seibert, PDD

Again, my very sincere thanks to all for a job well done!!

Frank J. Palladini, LM, PER, PSC, PVP, PDD, PSP, PGLC
Gasparilla Chairman
Theresa Matthews, PER, PLP, WCD VP Designate
Gasparilla Co-Chairman



Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY AT ELKS LODGE 708

Thanks to all who came out to the Super Bowl Chili Cook-off! We had eight great entries of delectable, different chilis and lots of yummy side dishes and appetizers. Thank you!!



Congratulations, Champion Chili Cooks!
Brian Brantley took home the first place medal,
followed closely by Rita Smith in second,
and Jan Bertoch came in third.



Thanks also to our judges:
George Hilficker, Nancy Keesler, Tony Marino and Bob Orcutt.

New member, Mallory Benzing showed us some real talent by winning the Football Toss game.
A very special thanks to those who helped with set-up and clean-up: Betty Orcutt, Melissa Bertoch, Sandra Lake, Susie Harlow, and Nelson Grahn. (Sorry if I missed someone.)

Start thinking now about next year's Super Bowl Chili Cook-off when we'll be cheering on the Bucs! (?)

ANOTHER GREAT CHILI COOKOFF



The LOE's SOUP TO NUTZ!



Good food, good company and lots of fun activities.

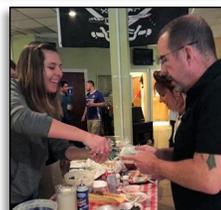
This year's Soup to Nutz party was a rip roaring success! Twelve varieties of delicious soup were available for sampling and everyone ate their fill. New members Mallory and Madison Benzing served up a sumptuous ice cream sundae bar, Susie Harlow manned the Chinese Auction and the Aunt Fanny Market was imaginative and fun.

The Dry T Shirt contest was hilarious with four categories of entry; Cute, won by Lisa Snyder, Crude, won by Manny Manado, Comical, won by Rita Smith, and Cool won by Suzanne Moore.

Manny was the big winner of the night taking home \$75 from the 50/50 and winning the "Count the Nuts" contests as well as his Dry T Shirt win for the "Crude T shirt".

It was a great night and we look forward to next year's event!

Georgia Hilficker, Elksize Editor



Upcoming Events and Programs

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



Ladies of the Elks will sponsor the 2017



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.



*Calling All
Epicurean Elks...*

Keep Calm and Cook On...

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

trivia...trivia...trivia

Cuisine of the United Kingdom

Sunday March 19, 2017 5:00pm

England

Ireland

SCOTLAND

Wales



Upcoming Events and Projects

Bob Norton
and Brenda Stokking
Host

St. Patrick's
Day



Dinner & Dancing March 18th

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

Cocktail Hour 6pm

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!



THE 2017-18
OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND THE LOE OFFICERS
WILL BE INSTALLED ON
APRIL 1ST



Cocktail Hour and Hors d'Oeuvres begin at 6pm

Installation begins at 7pm

immediately followed by the Installation of LOE Officers.

A dinner will be served upon the completion of Installations.

All are welcome.

Please be kind enough to sign up at the lodge if you plan to attend.

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**

March 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

Mar 2th - Beef Enchiladas, Chips & Salsa
Mar 9th - Jumbo BBQ Pork or Chicken
Burger with Coleslaw
Mar 16th - Brats, Sauerkraut & Potatoes
Mar 23rd - Sausage Peppers & Potatoes
Chicken Parmesan Pasta
Mar 30th - Stuffed Peppers
Dinners served with salad, roll & dessert



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:
Lisa Snyder & Sandra Lake



**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
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?



**COME AND
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Lodge Business and Programs Cont.

From Your House Committee

We hope everyone has noticed the “spruce-up” that has been accomplished in the Antler Room. There is a lot of 708’s history in plain (and available) sight for you to peruse at your leisure. We have our own Laura Jones to thank for this effort. She had able help from her brother, George Hilficker and granddaughters Madison and Mallory. We hope everyone will keep this room in excellent condition. If we have a challenge on cleanliness, etc., we have a plan: Soon, there will be a 4-foot square marked off in the south end of the lodge room. Any “junk” or such which adds to the deterioration of the Antler Room will be placed in this 4-foot area. At the end of a week, it will be disposed of in our dumpster.



If you haven’t been to the lodge lately, please stop by and say hello to Trish and Annie, our new bartenders.

Bob Suhrheinrich, House Committee Chairman

Didja know? Did you know that a combination *suggestion/complaint* forms are available at the lodge bar?"



YOU SHOULD KNOW...

The West Central District Deputy Clinic will be held Saturday, April 8 at 9 a.m. at Largo Lodge. All Exalted Rulers, Leading Knights, Chairmen of the Board of Directors and Lodge Secretaries are required to attend. However, all officers and members are also encouraged to attend. The agenda items are guaranteed to be informative.

Immediately following the Clinic, lunch is available to be purchased in the lounge area. Sandwiches, chicken tenders and more are available from the menu.

All WCD Committee Chairmen will meet approximately a half hour after the clinic ends.

Thank you, Jeanne Reinhart , WCD Deputy



QUEEN OF HEARTS
OUR GIRL IS UP TO \$1,300
 If no one found her in the last week of February, the pot will be up to \$1,300. Come in and enjoy dinner, a cocktail and a chance to win this impressive Prize!



Buy an Elk Tee Shirt

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Ask your bartender.

MARCH LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 1st - BOD Meeting 6:30pm
- 1st - LOE Meeting 7:30pm
- 4th - Appreciation & Awards Dinner 6pm
- 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



MARCH 3RD
6:60 TO 8:30

Appetizer	
Hummus with Fresh Vegetables	\$4.50
Dinner Choices Served with Salad and Rolls	
Shephard's Pie	\$8.50
Shrimp Scampi with Rice Pilaf and Broccoli	\$9.95
Kids Menu	
Hot Dog and Chips	\$1.50
Dessert	
Brownie A la Mode	\$3.50



Your ER's Specialties
March 10th
6:30pm to 8:30pm

Appetizer	
Brie with Pecans, brown sugar and apples	\$4.25
French Onion Soup	Cup \$2.95 or Bowl \$3.95
Dinner Choices <i>Served with Caesar's Salad, Smashed Potatoes or French Fries, Glazed Carrots or Green beans & rolls</i>	
14oz Ribeye.....	\$14.95
Cat Fish, Fried or Blackened.....	\$10.95
Grilled Chicken Marsala.....	\$ 9.95
Kids Menu	
Corn Dog and French Fries.....	\$ 3.50
Dessert	
Banana Cream Cheese Crumble Cake.....	\$3.95

Spectacular Steak & Salmon



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

Dinner Choices		Chicken Noodle Soup	
Choice of Soup or Salad, and Choice of French Fries, Mashed or Baked Potato, Elks Green Beans, and Rolls		Cup	\$ 1.50
Chopped Steak with Mushroom Gravy		Bowl.....	\$ 3.50
\$8.95		Soup, Salad & Roll	\$ 5.50
Pan Seared Salmon With Dill Sauce		Kids' Menu	
\$13.95		Chicken Nuggets w/French Fries and veggie.....	
Roasted Pork Loin.....		Dessert	
\$11.95		Chocolate Chip Pie with Ice Cream	
		\$ 3.75	

TASTES of ITALY

Brought to you by:
Jacquie LoCicero
and Crew

March 24th
6:30pm to 8:30pm

Appetizer	
Fried Ravioli with Marinara Sauce	\$ 4.95
Entre Choices Served with Italian Salad and Penne Pasta and Italian Bread with Herb Dripping Oil	
Sicilian Braciolo - Flank Steak stuffed with breadcrumbs, parmesan, provolone cheese, pine nuts, onions and garlic.....	\$13.95
Chicken Cacciatore - Slow braised chicken in a savory seasoned tomato sauce.....	\$12.95
Kids Menu	
Child's Pasta	\$ 5.95
Dessert	
Cannoli.....	\$ 2.95

GOLDEN GIRLS GRILL NIGHT II



March 31st - 6:30pm to 8:30pm

STARTERS - YOUR CHOICE \$3.95	
6 Mozzarella Sticks or Basket of Corn Fritters	
SANDWICHES - YOUR CHOICE \$8.95	
<i>SERVED WITH COLESLAW & FRENCH FRIES OR ONION RINGS</i>	
Fish Sandwich - Large Tilapia Filet with Homemade Tartar Sauce & Crisp Lettuce	
Reuben - Seared Corn Beef 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



TAMPA ELKS LODGE #708

MARCH 2017

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

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			<p>1 </p> <p>LOE Dinner 6:45 Meeting 7:30pm</p> <p>BOD Meeting 6:30pm</p>	<p>2 One Dish Meal 6 to 7:30pm Beef Enchiladas <u>Chips and Salsa</u> <u>Salad</u></p> <p> Queen of Hearts Drawing</p>	<p>3 Dinner & Dancing 6:30 to 8:30 MUSIC BY: KATHY AND PAUL TRIO</p>	<p>4 2017 LODGE Appreciation and Awards Dinner</p> <p>Cocktail Hour 6pm Dinner Served at 6:30 </p>
<p>5 Breakfast <u>8:30am to 12pm</u> LOE WALK-A-THON </p> <p>10am - Meet at Ballast Point Park Everyone welcome! You can join us or sponsor someone</p>	<p>6 Short Order Grill 5:30 to 7:30</p> <p> BINGO 6:30PM</p>	<p>7 STCOC Military Affairs <u>Meeting 3:00pm</u> Improv Class <u>6:30</u> Movie Night 7:30pm</p>	<p>8 Elks General Meeting 7:30pm</p> <p>Weenie Wednesday</p>	<p>9 One Dish Meal 6 to 7pm BBQ Pork or Chicken Burger & Coleslaw</p> <p><u>Bingo at the VA</u></p> <p> Queen of Hearts Drawing</p>	<p>10 Dinner & Dancing 6:30 to 8:30 MUSIC BY: RETRO TRIO</p>	<p>11  MARY KAY MAKEOVER EVENT 10AM TO 4PM SEE SPECIFICS ON PAGE ?</p>
<p>12 Breakfast <u>8:30am to 12pm</u></p>	<p>13 Short Order Grill 5:30 to 7:30</p>	<p>14 Improv Class <u>6:30</u> Movie Night <u>7:30pm</u> House Committee Meeting 7:30pm</p>	<p>15 Officer and BOD Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>16 One Dish Meal 6 to 7:30pm Brats, Sauerkraut & Potatoes <u>Salad & Roll</u> ? Trivia Night ? Lisa & Sandra 7pm</p> <p> Queen of Hearts Drawing</p>	<p>17 Dinner & Dancing 6:30 to 8:30 MUSIC BY: MS T KARAOKE</p>	<p>18 Bob & Betty Host a  St. Patrick's Day Dinner Event 6pm</p>
<p>19 Our week at Open Arms Ministry Feed the Homeless Breakfast <u>8:30am to 12pm</u>  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 <u>6:30</u> Movie Night <u>7:30pm</u></p>	<p>22 Elks General Meeting 7:30pm</p> <p>Weenie Wednesday</p>	<p>23 One Dish Meal 6 to 7:30pm Sausage, Peppers & Potatoes or Chicken Parmesan Pasta</p> <p> Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm</p>	<p>24 Dinner & Dancing 6:30 to 8:30 MUSIC BY: DOUBLE PLAY James A. Haley Vets join us for dinner.</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 Breakfast <u>8:30am to 12pm</u></p>	<p>27 Short Order Grill 5:30 to 7:30</p>	<p>28 Improv Class <u>6:30</u> Movie Night <u>7:30pm</u> House Committee Meeting 7:30</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 One Dish Meal 6 to 7:30pm Stuffed Peppers Rolls & Salad</p> <p> Queen of Hearts Drawing</p>	<p>31 Dinner & Dancing 6:30 to 8:30 MUSIC BY: DAZZLER TRIO</p>	<p>APRIL 1ST 2017-18 Officer and Board Member and LOE Officer Installation Ceremony 6pm</p>

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In Memory of Tom Stanton - 9/2017
Donna R. Morris - Halsey - 9/2017
Ted Bass - 2/2018
Melissa Bertoch - 2/2018
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 - 6/2018
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