

# Tampa 708 Elksize



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Friday 4:00pm - 12:00am

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Sunday 11:00am - 9:00pm



Members all: The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, which is one of the largest philanthropic organizations in our Country instilling the core values of CHARITY, PATRIOTISM, JUSTICE and BROTHERLY LOVE, will celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Service to our Nation's Communities this February. It is with pride that I share with you, the members of Tampa Lodge #708, the amazing difference we have made in our communities. Every month in our Newsletter we report to you on all the ways that our Order is making a difference in the lives of our Children, our Veterans and our Tampa Communities. On February 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 we will celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Order and we ask you to join us here at YOUR Lodge to share in this celebration. I hope you will impart to friends and family alike how proud you are to be member of such a distinctive order that has been sharing and caring for 150 years.

December was buzzing with activates at your lodge, (please see the committee reports inside this Elksize Edition), but again we were missing you at the events for adults, children, and Vets, we covered them all in December. As I have mentioned in my past articles we miss seeing you at the lodge and would like to know what would bring you back. For our Anniversary year we are going to do a survey over the next couple of months to help us find out more about you: your likes, dislikes and your interests so we can improve our service and offerings. We want to see our Lodge thrive and continue doing the good works of Elkdom, so please fill out the insert and return it to the lodge. We will have a box waiting for your responses. Please help us strengthen and sustain the lodge by participating in this survey and you will be entered to win a \$50 gift certificate.

Gasparilla is this month and is our biggest fundraising event of the year. We are making plans for our Florida Elk members to come and join us for the Invasion and Celebrations that follows. We will need plenty of help, see me, Laura Jones or Theresa Matthew if you would like to participate in this fun event. So don your best Pirate Gear and come and help us make this the spectacular event it has become over the years.

Wishing you all the best for a Happy and Prosperous New Year 2018. We will continue working to make our lodge viable for you and all the members to come.

See you at the Lodge, Shelagh Gombarcik, ER

# Your 2017-18 Committee Chairs

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Drug Awareness

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**George Hilficker**

Logan Matthews

Bert Newbill

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## Let's go Clay Shooting!



The recipient of our Gratitude Grant this year will be Black Dagger Military Hunt Club. In order to get to know the organization, and its work with Military Veterans and Gold Star Dads, our members have been invited to participate in a Clay Shoot on:

**Thursday, January 11th at 8:30 AM in Land O Lakes**  
**There will only be a \$6.50 fee for your lunch.**

If you wish to participate, I need to add your name to the head count so there will be sufficient shotguns. If you wish to attend but just join me as a worker/veteran helper, you are welcome to do that, too. Still only \$6.50.

**The exact address is Tampa Bay Sporting Clays**  
**10514 Ehrens Cutoff**  
**Land O Lakes, FL 34639.**

**Members only. Send me your name and whether or not you wish to shoot, at**  
**Lodge708Treasurer@ Outlook.com** Depending on the response,  
**we can arrange some car pools from the Lodge leaving at 7:30 AM.**

**Rita Smith**  
**Grant Coordinator**

## A Warm Welcome To Our New Elks



New Member:  
Brian Jersey  
Sponsored by:  
Dee Cisneros,  
Leading Knight

So  
Happy  
To have  
You with  
Us!



## January Elk Recognition

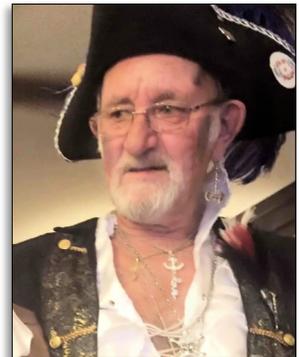
### OFFICER OF THE MONTH: THERESA MATTHEWS, PER, DVP

PER Theresa Matthew is Vice President of the West Central District and Chairman of the Board of Trustees for our Lodge has certainly earned this recognition. Theresa has chaired the BOD for 3 years included her time as the ER. She has also been the chairman of our State Convention Hospitality Room for which we have a State-wide reputation of having the best hospitality in the FSEA. Along with all that she has Co-Chaired and Chaired the biggest fundraiser we have at 708 "The Gasparilla Invasion Event" which brings upwards to 250/300 members and guests from other lodges to Tampa on Buses and then to the celebrations. Theresa is a logistics kind of girl and she knows how to organize a job like Gasparilla and Convention. We are on the map in Florida for both these events. Along with all the responsibilities that she has at our Lodge she is currently serving as the WCD Vice President. As you can see she was chosen because she can get the Job done.... Thanks Theresa for you do for our Lodge, District and Elkdom!



### ELK OF THE MONTH: BILL EDWARDS, PER

Bill Edwards PLP, PER is affectionately known to many members as Barnacle Bill. Bill is Elk to the bone and when he is not an Elk he is a Pirate. Bill has been ER 3 times and has also been President of the LOE; he is the only male member in our State or maybe even the Nation that has distinguished himself with that office. Bill has been cook, cleaner, bottle washer, stand in Officer, Ritual Coach, House Chair and a pretty decent karaoke singer; the list goes on. Whatever needs to be done at 708 Bill will always ask what he can do to help. Bill and Doris both are major supporters of the Elks National Foundation and he has made donations to help offset the cost of convention. He is currently selling new Tampa lodge pins to raise funds that he intends to donate to our sustainability fund. Bill has relocated with his lovely wife Doris to Dunnellon up in the West Central Area and is trying to help organize a group of Elks to come and join us for Gasparilla....this is Bill's favorite event as he luvs pirating. Even though he is a long way from home he always says...he will never not be a member of Tampa Lodge #708. Thanks Bill for all the years of consistent support of 708 and looking forward to your membership for many years to come!



### VOLUN "ELK" FAMILY OF THE MONTH: THE QUIRE FAMILY

The Elks are a family tradition for The Quires, starting with our beloved past member and patriarch of that family. Larry Quire was a PER of 708 and served the lodge faithfully in so many areas up until he passed away. He was affectionately known as "The Reverend." His wife, Bonnie Quire, was in the first class of females to be initiated into the order in 1996 when women became eligible to join the Elks. The 2nd Generation Elks are Marty Quire, Nan Quire, Linda Reid and her husband Jerry. They have all served the lodge and community on committees and in projects with Drug Awareness, Youth Actives, Lodge Activities and Rentals. Marty Quire is our webmaster and has managed our website. It is by far one best organized sites with all of the content that is available to the membership. 3rd Generation Elk is Chelsea, the daughter of Nan. Chelsea spent much of her childhood helping her Mother and Grandparents with whatever Elks activity they were involved in. She attended the FSEA youth camp many times and is proud to tell all about the great experiences she and her friends had and what an impact it had on her as she was growing up. So, at 21 it was natural for her to continue the tradition of service and become a member of the Elks, continuing to carry on a Family Tradition. The Quire Family takes a lot of pride in Elkdom and have created a history of service to our community that we can all be proud and grateful for... Thanks to you all for keeping up the Family Traditions.

# Supporting Reports



Can you believe a new year is upon us! The LOE is jumping in head first with a few new ideas. The LOE will be having a monthly craft get together. Our first craft day is Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. We will be making a pirate themed necklace or bracelet. This will be the perfect accessory to add to your pirate wardrobe. The cost is \$15 per person for your first item, if you would like to make more than one it will be an additional \$5 per item. Sign up is VERY important, have to make sure we have enough for all. The sign up sheet is on the LOE board or you can email me at [LOETampa708@yahoo.com](mailto:LOETampa708@yahoo.com). Our next Craft Day will be February 25<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

### Executive Board

Jacquie LoCicero - President  
 Suzanne Moore - Vice President  
 Devoney Bedami - Secretary  
 Robert Bordonaro - Treasurer  
 Carolyn Breit - Chaplin  
 Bonnie Atwood - Parliamentarian

Our December meeting was more of a social. We had a great time spending time together and chatting. Dinner was made with love by Courtney's Table, it was outstanding! During dinner and between chatting we had a gift certificate exchange. A good time was had by all, but the new year is here and we need to get back to work ladies and gentlemen.

Happy New Year to all, Jacquie LoCicero



### January Birthdays from Carolynn Breit

1/3 - Robert Bordonaro, 1/11 - Raymond Huffman, 1/15 - John Flowers



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We've had a great group of people who have donated this month. There are a couple who were left out last month, and I am sorry. I do put my articles in early in the month so please let me know if your name isn't in when you expect it.

First off, I am so proud of everyone because it's the season for everyone to ask for financial help, but you have never forgotten us. Here is some of our list of beloved donors: Betty Orcutt, Georgia Hilficker, (2) , Robert Sommers, Patty Jankiewitz, Richard Florance, Laura Jones, Bonnie Quire, Donna Halsey (2), Carolyn Bright, John Brennan, Tony Marino, and Sharon Ford, who dumps her purse out daily.

Thanks also to all the anonymous, generous souls who drop their dimes and quarters and sometimes dollars in the houses on the dining room tables and the bars. It all adds up to fund one of the best Children's Therapy Services in the world right here in our neighborhood!

Best of the Holidays, with love, Berni and Robert

# Committee Communications



Hope everyone had a good Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are now going into the 4th quarter and a lot will be happening. It has been a very good year for donations to the ENF and the Henry Anna Trust Fund. Our per capita is looking good. The latest results will be out after this article is published so I will have that info in the next Elksize. I want to thank everyone for donating to these causes.

Fraternally Yours, Tommy Moore, ENF Chairman

### Drug Awareness:

Hope everyone had a good Christmas and a Happy New Year. We start a new year for our Drug Awareness program. This years theme is " What do Heroes Do", Heroes Just Say No to Drugs. The annual Drug Awareness Poster contest for 3rd, 4th ,and 5th grades is now going on. The closing of the contest is 1/15/2018 and turned into the Lodge. If interested please call me at 813 831-1017 and I will give you the rules of the contest.



Fraternally yours, Tommy Moore, Drug Awareness Chairman



Happy New Year from the Chaplain's Corner; where together we celebrate faith and fill our spirits with hope. As always, it is my privilege to pray for you or with you. Please send prayer requests, favorite scripture passages, beloved prayers, or reasons &/or needs for lifting up our brothers and sisters to: Chaplain, Rebecca Sullins at [rsullins1@yahoo.com](mailto:rsullins1@yahoo.com) or 813.546.1562.

Please pray with me.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, we ask You to make this new year a happy one. Allow us to begin 2018 with a renewed sense of hope and purpose. Help us to abide by your words and live in the goodness of doing what You want us to do; focusing on love, peace, and unity. We ask for wisdom, strength, and humility as you guide us this coming year. Allow our hearts, minds, & lives to be refreshed. Help our Elk families to be known as givers; let generosity & kindness flow freely from our lodge. We ask for your grace, for your favor, and for your blessings to cover us. To You be glory and honor, in this New Year, and forever. In Jesus' name. Amen.

#### Chaplain's Chuckles!

A pastor's wife was preparing pancakes for her young sons when the boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson and shared; "if Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake; I can wait.'" The oldest boy turned to his younger brother and said, "Ok. You be Jesus."

## Grant Reports

### Club Chivalry for Successful Students ends its second year Successfully!

The 2017 Impact Grant that Tampa Elks Lodge uses to fund the Club Chivalry program at Robinson HS has been completed, and the final report will be filed as soon as we have the first semester statistics. Lecturing Knight Bert Newbill took the lead on the successful final project of the year- and you can read his report separately in this newsletter.

We had a successful December regularly scheduled club meeting. As a Christmas treat we served the students pizza from Slice, mini cupcakes, and sodas. We had a guest speaker- a co-worker of Kesha Pierson's. He is Ron Patterson, a Chief Warrant Officer in the US Navy who hails from the South Side of Chicago. Ron impressed the students with his story of success. He has climbed from being a gangbanger street thug to one of the highest positions in the Navy- a position held by only 70 people nationwide. His dynamic story kept the student's attention until the bell rang, when we hurriedly presented the Club Chivalry members in attendance with a new cobranded backpack. Thank you to the volunteers that showed up to serve. ER Shelagh Gombarcik, Loyal Knight Tommy Moore, Lecturing Knight Bert Newbill, and Elma Kelly. Robinson High's Success coaches were also in attendance and helpful.



We have 2017 funds left over, which we can carry over into the new year. The 2018 Impact Grant request is for \$7500.00 instead of \$10,000.00 because we knew we had excess funds. That has been approved and the first Club Chivalry club day meeting of the year is January 29th at 1:00. That will be the Yearbook photo shoot, so we will not bring in a guest speaker.

Rita Smith, Coordinator



## Grant Report

# Club Chivalry Lunch and Learn

Tampa Elks Lodge No. 708 and the Robinson HS Club Chivalry held its first Lunch and Learn Event at Robinson High School on Wednesday, December 6, 2017. Club Chivalry is a student club that was formed by Robinson HS Guidance Office's former SUCCESS Coach, Ms. Kristina Chowning, to improve graduation rates and reduce dropout rates. The Elks sponsorship of Club Chivalry helps to improve the students' engagement in school activities by covering club expenses for meetings, field trips, and special events in addition to providing mentors and necessary supplies for the students.

The Lunch and Learn featured inspirational remarks from two guest speakers and a luncheon meal that included Garden salad, House-made rolls, Penne Alfredo, Rotini Marinara, Buttered Broccoli, Chicken Parmesan, and Assorted Desserts prepared by some of Robinson's culinary students. The Lunch and Learn was held during the B and C lunch periods in the Camelot Café, which is a classroom that has been converted to a student-run café on the Robinson HS campus. Vid Lamonte' Buggs, Jr. who is author of an Amazon best seller, *You Ain't Hungry Until I'm Starving* and founder of his own publishing company, 4-U-Nique Publishing delivered the keynote address to the students. Vid's message focused on three important requirements for success: Discipline, Vision, and Positive Attitude/Energy and was well-received by everyone in attendance. US Navy CWO5 Ron Carpenter also provided some inspirational remarks highlighted by a letter from a teacher in Singapore to remind parents and teachers that every student has a talent or gift that may not be marked by high exam scores; that there are artists, athletes, writers, poets, and entrepreneurs in the midst of our student populations. Both speakers' messages fit well in the overall theme of this year's Club Chivalry mentoring sponsorship program which is "Your future success is not defined by your current situation".

This was a promising start to what will be a series of mentoring events for the Elks' Club Chivalry sponsorship via the 2018 ENF Impact Grant funds. Over 35 participants attended the luncheon including 30 Club Chivalry student members, three teachers, seven Elk volunteers and two non-Elk volunteers. Tampa Elk, Kristina Chowning, who is currently the AVID Teacher at Robinson and Esteemed Lecturing Knight Berton Newbill served as chairpersons for this event. Thanks to the Elk volunteers: Antonio Cruz, Tommy Moore, Keshia Pearson, Rita Smith, and Rebecca Sullins, who served as table mentors for the students during the luncheon meal. Volunteers helped to facilitate discussion with the students and coached the students on proper etiquette and manners in a professional dining environment. Special thanks to the leadership and staff at Robinson High School, especially the Club Chivalry teacher sponsors, Mrs. Sweeney and Ms. Perez, and Chef Lucas and his culinary class for their support of Club Chivalry and this event.

Article by Berton R. Newbill/[brnewbill@gmail.com](mailto:brnewbill@gmail.com)



# Grant Reports



## THE 2017 BEACON GRANT HAS BEEN WELL USED!



Each year Tampa Elks applies for the Beacon Grant to help feed and clothe the homeless at Open Arms ministry. We specify that the ENF grant will be used for special Thanksgiving and Christmas Brunches, and to help stock the clothing closet with socks and underwear. For both of those meals, it takes several Elks most of a day to do the shopping and prepping, and then starting about 6:30 AM on

the day of the Brunch we have a crowd of Elks come into the church to offer their service. The Thanksgiving feast was traditional with Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean casserole, corn, and cranberry sauce. Though many of our regular volunteers were out of town that weekend, we still had a significant number of Elks in the kitchen and on the serving line. For Christmas, we mixed it up a bit and though we offered the traditional ham, we also prepped and served Salisbury steak, with mashed potatoes, gravy, mac & cheese, green bean casserole, creamed spinach, broccoli casserole, a special salad and more. At both of those meals eggs, grits, and sausage were also available, along with assorted bread, bagel, and desserts. Bags of fresh fruit, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and bags of bread are offered to the homeless to carry out the door with them each week. For Christmas Brunch, we had 5 Elks prepping on Wednesday, and on Sunday we had 21 Elks or family members show up to serve.

Just because Christmas Brunch is over- our commitment does not stop. The Florida State Elks Association matches our Beacon Grant funds which allows us to participate and donate food and clothing year-round. The Elks' turn to serve is always the third Sunday of the month, and we would love to see you there. If you arrive about 7:30 you have time to acclimate prior to the serving line opening at 8:00AM. By 9:30 you can be out the door and resuming your normal Sunday. Open Arms is a big, well organized production each week, and many of our members are substitute members of different teams- like greeters or clothing closet workers and are called in as needed any Sunday of the month. This is a project we can all be proud of. If your schedule prohibits participating in person, a donation to Elks National Foundation is always in order!

Rita Smith, Grant Coordinator





## ATHENA HOUSE REPORT

In November, Tampa Elks' Athena Committee hosted a Thanksgiving table of 8 guests from Athena, the transitional home for female Veterans who experienced homelessness. We put the word out that we would welcome those that were either past or present residents of the Athena House to join our family of Elks for Thanksgiving. We had plenty of food from the Red, White and Bluegrass to contribute to the meal, so the total cost, including soft drinks, was only \$60.00. Most of the attendees were past residents that we have kept track of through Facebook or text messaging. Only one was a current resident, and she came because of her friendship with one of the others. While we enjoyed having them, and they sure enjoyed coming, it was disappointing that more current residents did not join us.

For Christmas, we had discussed going on an outing in lieu of just dropping off gifts. But after the disappointing Thanksgiving showing, we realized that the current residents did not even know us. Even the one who came at Thanksgiving had already moved out. We decided, instead, to go for a visit and share a dinner with the Athena residents, and to get to know them in their own home where they are comfortable. This was a very successful event. Not only the 6 Veterans in resident, but also the 3 non-vets, enjoyed the Jimbo's BBQ meal and lingered a bit for the company. Elks in attendance on December 21st were Patty Jankiewicz, Carolyn Miller, Bonnie Atwood, Elma Kelly, Carolyn Breit and myself. Considering the crowd we fed, the total cost of 204.57 including drinks and dessert was quite reasonable. Additionally, the committee managed to come up with nice gifts for the 6 Vets in attendance, at no cost to the Athena account. They were left in the office for distribution on Christmas.



### MEET MERLY:

Merly was one of the Veterans that came to Thanksgiving dinner at the Elks. She had just moved out of the Athena House. Merly is an Army veteran, but is disabled and on kidney dialysis. Her prognosis is very poor. Somehow, she remains in good spirits, and was blessed to have her son visit her over the Holidays. She is sociable, and would like to have her new neighbors over for a meal or card game, but she is not equipped enough to entertain. She has made progress finding the things she most needed to set up house, but she could still use our help to make it a home.



If she put every pot, pan, plate, cup and fork she owns in the dishwasher, it would still look empty. She had no containers for microwaving or storing leftovers, so if you have extra Pyrex or Corning ware she would be grateful. She does have a rice cooker, toaster, and coffeepot. She would like an electric can opener, hand mixer, and crockpot.

She has a pretty shower curtain and bathroom rugs in green, gray and brown, but needs more towels. She is not too concerned that they match. She needs a dinette set as she is using a card table, and noted that it is difficult to cut meat when the whole table wiggles while you saw. She also has nothing on her walls and nothing to hang a picture with, so some tools would be useful.

Shelving for her walk-in closet is another need. She is small and ill, and it is hard for her to move boxes around to get to things.

Contact me before bringing in items not specifically requested, as storage is nonexistent. I can try to have a dinette set picked up and delivered.

Rita Smith, Grant Coordinator

# Last Month's Fantastic Festivities & Events

## Elks Annual Memorial Service



“The faults of our members we write upon the sand and their virtues on the tablets of love and memory”

On December 3<sup>rd</sup> the Officers held the Annual Memorial Service to remember and honor are passed away Elks as is the tradition of our order. The Lodge Officers, Dee Cisneros, Tommy Moore, Bert Newbill and George Hilficker performed the ceremony with dignity and respect for the audience that attended. Refreshments were served and fellowship was shared as we recalled memories of our departed members and friends. Thank you to all that attended.

Shelagh Gombarcik, ER

## YOUR LOE AT WORK FOR OUR LODGE!

On Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, the LOE had their annual Christmas Bazaar. What a great time we had shopping for stocking stuffers and gifts for our friends and loved ones. I'd like to thank all who came out to support the LOE. I'd especially like to thank those who helped throughout the evening, it could not have happen without you. Robert Bordonaro kept all of our finances in order, Sue Moore rallied the troops for donations, Laura Jones (those baked goods were too yummy), last but not least, Devoney Bedami and Carolyn Breit who helped set up. We are already looking forward to next year's bazaar.

Jacquie LoCicero, LOE President



## Adult Christmas Party



Thank you to all the members that attended the Christmas White Elephant Party. So much fun with games by our Lodge Elves Theresa Matthews and Lisa Snyder, they always mix it up and push it out there. The White Elephant was a hoot, thank you Lodge Elf Linda Reid for making this activity so enjoyable. Excellent food was served by Courtney's Table and her little elf Blair all our members and guests enjoyed the food and bread pudding by Shelagh. We had a 50/50 that was donated to replacing our lodge kitchen door fund. Elks members carin, sharin and having fun.



## Upcoming Events and Projects

### Get Crafty With The LOE

Join the LOE for an afternoon of crafting.  
Make a Pirate Necklace or Bracelet.

January 14th - 2pm to 4pm



**\$15.00**



You might like to bring a piece of your  
personal jewelry to add to your creation.

This could be a piece of broken costume jewelry  
or a current item you'd like to reimagine.

Sign up sheet on the LOE bulletin board.  
Sign up strongly encouraged!

### Another Crafty Idea from your LOE!

Design your own light up bottle for bar or  
counter top! Also wonderful for flavored  
oils or vinegars, gifts and more. The uses  
for this craft are only limited by your  
imagination!

February 25th

2pm to 4pm

**\$15.00**

An extra bottle may  
be purchased for an  
additional

**\$5.00**

Must sign up on the LOE  
bulletin board to attend.  
Please make a note if you  
wish to purchase an extra  
bottle.



*Calling All  
Epicurean Elks...*



**2018 Gourmet Club**

**Kick-off**

**APPETIZERS**

**Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 p.m.**

(Note change to 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month)

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

*...trivia...trivia...trivia...trivia...*



Save this very significant date  
to Celebrate Our  
**150th Anniversary**  
**Saturday, February 24, 2018**  
More information to  
follow in next month's Elksize.

## Upcoming Events and Projects



**It's time to  
Party like a Pirate  
with Tampa Elks 708!  
Saturday, January 27th**

**Buses will pick up from selected Lodges at 7am**

**You will Enjoy:**

- . **All you can eat breakfast**
- . **A bagged lunch and a great view of the Boat Invasion from the Davis Island waterfront**
- . **Pirate Beads**
- . **Games, Activities & Prizes**
- . **Big Screen TVs to view the parade as it marches down historic Bayshore Blvd.**
- . **Live Music**
- . **All you can eat dinner**
- . **And More**

**All this for \$60,00 per person!  
(Bring a Lawn Chair)**

**Tickets may be purchased at  
[www.tampaelks.com](http://www.tampaelks.com)**



# On Going Calendar

<p><i>Courtney's Table at 708</i> <i>Sunday Brunch or Lunch</i></p> <p>Omelets Eggs Benedict Breakfast Sandwiches Breakfast Classics Country Fried Steak &amp; Eggs French Dip Sandwich And so much More</p> <p>9:30am to 2pm</p>	<p><b>BINGO</b></p> <p>6:30pm every 1st and 3rd Monday</p> <p>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</p>	<p><b>BINGO MONDAY GRILL NIGHT AT Courtney's Table AT 708</b></p> <p>OPEN 5:00PM TO 8PM Burgers, Pattie Melts, Italian Sausage Hoagie, Fried Chicken Sandwich, Chicken Salad Plate French Fries, Onion Rings And more</p>	<p><b>MOVIE NIGHT</b></p> <p>Tuesday Night Movie 7:30 pm With Free Popcorn</p>
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<p><b>MEETING NIGHT WEDNESDAY DINNER</b></p> <p><i>Courtney's Table AT 708</i></p> <p>Burgers, Hot Dogs, BBQ Pork Sandwich, Mojo Pork on Cuban Bread w/Grilled Onions and Swiss, Fries, Onion Rings, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw and More.</p> <p>Dinner - 5PM TO ?</p>	<p><i>Courtney's Table AT 708</i> <b>THURSDAY DINNER</b></p> <p>DINNER 5PM TO 9PM</p>  <p><b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b></p> <p>Ticket sales till 6:45pm Drawing at 7pm</p>	<p><b>TRIVIA NIGHT</b></p> <p>Thursday Jan. 18th \$2.00 to play All proceeds go to offset the cost of the Veteran's meals. Fabulous prizes &amp; Great Fun! Multiple Choice Questions. Hosted this month by: Lisa Snyder &amp; Sandra Lake</p>	<p><i>Friday Night Dinner at Courtney's Table AT 708</i></p> <p>Early Bird 5pm to 6pm Dinner 6pm to 9pm Dancing from 7pm to 11pm MENU ON PAGE 14</p>
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## Lodge Business and Programs



# Partners in Progress or PIP

### Platinum Investors \$100+

- South Tampa Chamber Of Commerce 12/17
- Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 6/18
- In Memory of Jerrye & Patrick Fennell 6/18
- Osterbrock, Debbie 4/18
- Johnson, Jack 5/18
- Schneider, Rick & Jan 5/18
- Suhrheinrich, Bob & Candice 6/18
- Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 6/18
- In memory of
- Fennell, Jerrye & Patrick 6/18
- Appel, Jackie 6/18
- Summers, Robert & Linda 7/18
- Drew, Toby 8/18
- In Memory of Tom Stanton
- from Mrs. Helen M. Stanton 9/18
- Atwood, Bonnie 9/18
- Florance, Richard 11/2018
- Deen, William 11/2018
- Smith, Rita 11/2018
- Walbart, Mark 6/19

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 7/2018

**Silver Investors \$21-\$50**  
James, Howard 3/2018  
Easterly, Mr. & Mrs. James 10/18

**Bronze Investors \$10 - \$20**  
Bertoch, Mellissa 4/2018

# Lodge Business and Projects

House Committee Report:

*Birthdays are good for your health; studies have shown that people who have more birthdays live longer.*



There are 30 members who were born in January. Check out the 'birthday board' as you enter the social quarters to see the complete list.

And while you're at it, offer a big ol' Atta Girl to Jacquie LoCicero for her creative display. Thanks, Jacquie.

Join us for the January birthday celebration on Saturday, Jan 20<sup>th</sup>. Pot Luck dinner, Karaoke & Birthday Cake are all part of the fun & frivolity. Attendance by the month's honorees has been someone sparse so far, but EVERYONE who's participated has had a great time. Special thanks to Jerry Reid, Dee Cisneros, & Marty Quire for their out-standing KJing and keeping the fun rolling.

See you there! Laura Jones, House Committee Chair

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THE LOE**



**TO BE HELD  
FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>  
START TIME 10AM**

**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT  
THE 365 CLUB**

## JANUARY LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 2nd - STCOC Military Affairs 3pm
- 2nd - LOE Board Meeting 6:30pm
- 3rd - LOE Dinner 6:45pm - Meeting 7:30pm
- 4th - House Committee Meeting 7:30pm
- 9th - Board of Director's Meeting 7:30pm
- 10th - Officer's Meeting 7pm
- 10th - Elks General Meeting 7:30pm
- 16th - VA Committee Meeting 6:30
- 24th - Orientation 6pm
- 24th - Officer's Meeting 7pm
- 24th - Elks General Meeting & Installation 7:30pm



# *Courtney's* *Table<sup>at</sup> 708*

**Is making a change!**

Starting January 3rd new kitchen hours:  
Open on **Bingo Mondays** which are the  
1st and 3rd Mondays each month.

5:30pm to 8:00pm

**Meeting Wednesdays** which are the  
2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month.

5pm to 9pm

**All Thursdays and Fridays**

5pm to 9pm

**Sunday Brunch or Lunch**

will remain the same

9:30am to 2pm

**Watch for the new Menus!**



# TAMPA ELKS LODGE #708

## JANUARY 2018

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	<p>1  <b>New Year's Day</b></p> <p><b>LODGE IS CLOSED</b></p>	<p>2  LOE Board Meeting 7:30</p> <p>STCOC MILITARY AFFAIRS 3PM</p> <p>Movie Night 7:30pm</p> <p>Improve 7:00pm</p>	<p>3  LOE Dinner 6:45</p> <p>Meeting 7:30pm</p>	<p>4 <b>DINNER 5PM TO 7PM</b></p> <p>House Committee 7:30</p> <p> Queen of Hearts 7pm</p>	<p>5 <b>Dinner</b></p> <p>Early Bird 5pm to 6pm</p> <p>Dinner 6pm to 9pm</p> <p>Dancing from 7pm to 11pm</p> <p>MENU ON PG 18</p>	<p>6 <b>WILD CARD PLAYOFF TBD</b></p> <p></p>
<p>7 <b>Sunday Brunch 9:30AM TO 2PM</b></p> <p><b>WILD CARD PLAYOFF TBD</b></p> <p></p>	<p>8 <b>BAR BINGO 7pm</b></p> <p> Line Dance Class 7pm</p>	<p>9 Improv Class 7:00</p> <p>Movie Night 7:30pm</p> <p>BOD MEETING 7:30PM</p>	<p>10 Officer Meeting 7pm</p> <p>Elks General Meeting 7:30pm</p> <p><i>Meeting Night Grill 5PM TO 9PM</i></p>	<p>11 <b>DINNER 5PM TO 7PM</b></p> <p> JAMES A HALEY VETERAN'S HOSPITAL</p> <p> Queen of Hearts Drawing</p>	<p>12 <b>Dinner</b></p> <p>Early Bird 5pm to 6pm</p> <p>Dinner 6pm to 9pm</p> <p>Dancing from 7pm to 11pm</p> <p>MENU ON PG 18</p>	13
<p>14 <b>Sunday Brunch 9:30AM TO 2PM</b></p> <p>LOE Crafting Event 2PM to 4PM</p> <p>Make Gasparilla Jewelry</p>	<p>15 <b>BINGO 6:30PM</b></p> <p><i>Open Grill 5:30<sup>PM</sup> 8:00PM</i></p>	<p>16 Improv Class 7:00</p> <p>Movie Night 7:30pm</p> <p>VA Committee Meeting 6:30</p>	17	<p>18 <b>DINNER 5PM TO 7PM</b></p> <p>TRIVIA 7:15PM</p> <p> Queen of Hearts 7PM</p>	<p>19 <b>Dinner</b></p> <p>Dinner 5pm to 9pm</p> <p>Dancing from 7pm to 11pm</p> <p>MENU ON PG 18</p> <p>KARAOKE</p> <p>Domiciliary Vets Join us for dinner</p>	<p> <b>January Birthday Celebration</b></p> <p>Karaoke, Pot Luck dinner, Prizes &amp; More</p>
<p>21 <b>Open Arms Feed the Homeless 7:30</b></p> <p><b>Sunday Brunch 9:30AM TO 2PM</b></p>	<p>22 <b>BAR BINGO 7pm</b></p> <p> Line Dance Class 7pm</p>	<p>23 Improv Class 7:00</p> <p>Movie Night 7:30pm</p>	<p>24 Orientation 6pm</p> <p>Officer Meeting 7pm</p> <p>Elks General Meeting and Installation 7:30pm</p> <p><i>Meeting Night Grill 5PM TO 9PM</i></p>	<p>25 <b>Gasparilla Set-up 7pm</b></p> <p><b>DINNER 5PM TO 7PM</b></p> <p> Queen of Hearts 7PM</p>	<p>26 <b>Dinner</b></p> <p>Dinner 5pm to 9pm</p> <p>Dancing from 7pm to 11pm</p> <p>MENU ON PG 18</p> <p>James A Haley Vets Join us for dinner</p>	<p> <b>GASPARILLA 2018</b></p> <p></p>
<p>28 <b>Sunday Brunch 9:30AM TO 2PM</b></p> <p><b>AFTER GASPARILLA PARTY 1PM</b></p>	<p>29 <b>BAR BINGO 7pm</b></p>	<p>30 Improv Class 7:00</p> <p>Movie Night 7:30pm</p>	31			

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Rita Smith - 12/2017  
Ted Bass - 2/2018  
Melissa Bertoch - 2/2018  
In Memory of  
Harold Siddens, Linda & Richard 3/2018  
Vera Wright 3/2018  
Rosie & Roger LaChance - 4/2018  
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In Memory of Hilda DeGiacomo - 4/2018  
Bud Cash - 4/2018  
In Memory of  
William (Bill) Atwood - 5/2018  
Berni Turpin In Memory of  
Robert Connor - 5/2018

Bill Deen - 6/2018  
Deborah Cassels 6/2018  
Bob & Candice Suhrheinrich 6/2018  
Pat & Marilyn Fennel 6/2018  
Robert Bordonaro 7/2018  
In memory of  
Jerrye & Patrick Fennell 6/2018  
Mrs. Helen Stanton,  
In Memory of Tom Stanton - 9/2018  
Debbie Osterbrock - 04/2019  
Bonnie Attwood - 9/2019  
John F. Morris - 3/2021  
South Tampa Chamber of Commerce  
12/2021



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