



LODGE OFFICERS:

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HOUSE COMMITTEE:

CHAIR—Camden Lynn
Members: Wendy Hall,
Paul DeLand, Sue Moore,
Jacquie LoCicero & Tommy Moore

LODGE COMMITTEES:

Hall Activities—Jacquie LoCicero
Auditing Committee—Chair, Melissa Bertoch,
Bonnie Atwood, Robert Bordonaro
Elks National Foundation—Shelagh Gombarcik
Harry Anna Trust Fund—Camden Lynn
Veteran Services—Joe LoCicero
Elksize Editor—Paul DeLand

Elk of The Month

EOTM, Bonnie Atwood. Everyone knows and loves Bonnie, and while she's usually quiet I can tell you she has no problem speaking up and speaking her mind. With a soft voice she has a way of getting her point across in a way that is subduing and can get you thinking about a problem in a different way. But she can also raise her voice if you get on her nerves, I know first hand. Bonnie's instrumental in getting our monthly bulletin folded, tabbed, labeled, sorted, and mailed, and without her and the Elksize crew we'd likely be getting the December Elksize around Christmas! Bonnie is of course a great supporter and is at all the events, parties, and Lodge visits around the district. There are very few whose company I enjoy more.



Officer of The Month

OOTM, Trustee Bob Orcutt: Bob isn't just one of Trustees, he actively participates in helping around the Lodge, whether it's setting up for parties, attending committee meetings, helping to cook, cleanup, or just provide a helping hand, Bob is there when you need him. Bob also likes to participate in events, whether it's watching football on the big screen or swinging around at the LOE Sock Hop, Bob can get down. My favorite is when it's a themed party or Halloween because Bob loves a costume and he's good at putting together an outfit. If you've been to some of the parties you might take a second look to see whether it's Bob or Elvis in the building. Thank you Bob for your support and all you do.

Your Lodge Committees!

Committee

- 1. Americanism Committee
- 2. Army of Hope
- 3. Community Projects & Activities Committee
- 4. Drug Awareness Education Committee
- 5 Elks National Foundation Certificates
- 6. Elks National Foundation Scholarships
- 7. Elks Training Committee
- 8. Government Relations Committee
- 9. Harry-Anna Trust Fund Committee
- 10. Hoop Shoot Committee
- 11. Interlodge Visitation Committee
- 12. Ladies Organizations Committee
- 13. Lodge Activities Committee
- 14. Membership Committee
- 15. Orientation Committee (Formerly Indoctrination)
- 16. Public Relations Committee
- 17. Ritual Committee
- 18. Soccer Shoot Committee
- 19. Sports Committee
- 20. Veterans' Services Committee
- 21. Youth Activities Committee

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365 Club

This time of year, many children have exhausted their insurance maximum for therapy. Do you know a child in need of physical or occupational therapy? If so, just refer them to the Florida Elks Therapy Services, which has its own website or can be reached through FLELKS.org.

Eligibility for treatment will be based on a number of factors including medical and other criteria; such as but not limited to: ■ The patient must be a resident of Florida. ■ The patient must be between the ages of birth and 18 years. ■ The patient must have a condition necessitating Physical or Occupational therapies. ■ The Patient must have rehabilitative potential ■ The patient must have financial need for free services.

The application can be submitted online or by mail. All services are free to the family. That is why your donations are so important! In the last two months I have received \$40 each from Laura Jones and Donna Halsey. I also have a mystery house that was behind the bar with no name on or in it. Please let me know if it came from

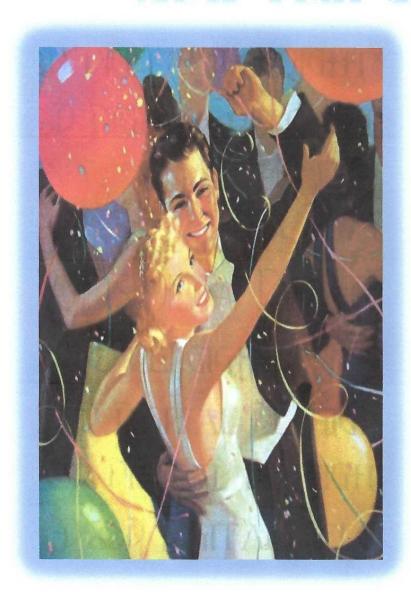


save the Date!



Save the Date!

New Year's Eve Party



Dec 31, 2020
7 pm to Midnight

What better way to say "Good Riddance 2020", than having Good Food, Cocktails, Great Music, Dancing, and Lots of Fun with the Best People on Earth?

Wear your sparkles, baubles and bowties, and let's get dressed up to bring in a much better year!

Tickets are \$25:

- Delicious 4 Course Dinner
- Live Music and Dancing
- Light Midnight breakfast
- Champagne Toast
- Party Favors
- Games and Door Prizes

Tickets will go on sale later in November, so Save the Date!

For more information contact Linda at lindamom@tampabay.rr.com





Unfortunately, we were finally hit with the Corona/Covid virus. Sometime between the second and third week of November several people at the Lodge were diagnosed with the Covid, and at least 2 as of the time of this article had to be hospitalized but are doing better. However, the worst part is several asymptomatic people tested positive. I think this has shown us that no matter how hard we try, the virus seems to find a way around and the best we can do is try to follow the safety procedures we've been told will help mitigate our risk of contracting this disease.

Reviewing what happened exposed some weak points in our precautions. The first was that members have been signing in, but not including their phone numbers. In order to contact trace and notify members it is imperative that you sign in AND provide a phone number when you come to the Lodge. When we're trying to notify people as quickly as possible and to prevent any further spread of this menace, we need to be able to contact you quickly. The second was that we have all grown lax in our social distancing. With that in mind the HC has had to reinstitute spacing at the bar and in the dining room to limit potential exposures when masks are down while eating and drinking. The HC has other precautions, like going back to plastic cups, but I don't think anyone will mind if it keeps them safe. No one is happy about taking a step backwards, but we have no choice when the health of our members and guests is at risk. And I can tell you that during our contact tracing, the lack of social distancing played the most significant role in passing the virus to others.

Finally, not knowing a member or guest is sick, or when they first felt sick, likely led to additional exposures. So if you feel sick a day or two or even three days after visiting the Lodge, or god forbid you test positive, we need you to immediately let House Committee Chairman Camden Lynn or me know so we can try and contact trace, ask people to quarantine, and even close the Lodge if needed. The faster we can react, the more likely we can stop the spread, and prevent the infection of other members and guests. It will also allow us to more quickly open the Lodge for those who have not been affected and to do so as safely as we can under the circumstances.

However not to be all doom and gloom, after our 2 week quarantine we should be open by December 2nd which means Queen of Hearts, Movie Night, our Lodge Christmas Party, the LOE Lodge Deck the Lodge Christmas decorating party, and of course New Years' Eve which is being Hosted by Linda and Jerry Reid! Please see their flyer. We will also be collecting toys for the families in our area who are in need and have our Annual Elks Memorial Service which is December 6th.

Because things change so quickly, please check our website, look for emails, and give us a call if you have any questions regarding Events, hours, meals, and yes even meetings. Lodge Meetings are still available by Zoom and Candy V. has a clickable link in the online calendar. There is also a flyer in Elksize with information to enter by Zoom or by calling in. As I mentioned last month, this is a courtesy for members and not a substitute for coming to meetings where you otherwise could have (so no sitting at home with a wine, while the rest of us are here).

I again want to thank all the members without whose support and dedication we could not reopen. Unfortunately there is not enough space to thank everyone who has helped. I hope everyone is safe, and I look forward to seeing you soon.



HELLO LADIES,

DECEMBER, 2020 I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT IT IS ALREADY CHRISTMAS SEASON. THE LAST OF YEAR 2020! CHRISTMAS IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. YIKES! WE LADIES ARE READY FOR CHRISTMAS THOUGH. WE WILL HAVE A \$15.00 GIFT EXCHANGE AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON DECEMBER 2ND. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO BUT IT IS A FUN THING TO DO. BOB AND I ARE COOKING THE DECEMBER MEAL AS A THANK YOU FOR ALL THE HARD WORK YOU LADIES HAVE PUT IN THIS YEAR TO MAKE OUR ORGANIZATION BETTER. WE WILL HAVE HAM, SWEET POTATOES OR REGULAR BAKED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, CORN AND A DESSERT. DINNER IS AT 6:15 PM WITH THE LADIES MEETING STARTING AT 7:00 PM. ANY NEW POTENTIAL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO COME AND SEE WHAT IT IS THAT THE LADIES OF THE ELKS DO. ENJOY DINNER AND JOIN US IN FELLOWSHIP AS WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL WE HAVE. THE LADIES WILL BE BUYING THE ELKS LODGE CHRISTMAS TREE AS WE DO EACH YEAR. WE LOVE THIS WONDERFUL TRADITION AND AS A REMINDER THE LADIES, AND HOPEFULLY, A LOT OF ELKS WILL BE MEETING AT THE LODGE THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING AT 5:00PM TO DECORATE THE TREE AND THE SOCIAL QUARTERS. THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREE IS USUALLY DECORATED AT THIS TIME TOO TO BE READY FOR THE ELKS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY. LADIES AND ELKS PLEASE COME OUT AND HELP DECORATE AND ENJOY THE "LEFTOVERS" FROM THANKSGIVING DAY. WE REALLY WOULD LIKE YOU TO COME OUT AND ENJOY THIS WONDERFUL TRADITION THAT WE ALWAYS LOOK FORWARD TO. IT'S A GREAT TIME TO COME TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT OF ELKDOM.

AS YOUR LADY PRESIDENT I PERSONALLY WISH YOU ALL A HEALTHY, WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS. REMEMBER THAT DURING OUR MEETINGS IT IS IMPORTANT TO SIGN IN, GET YOUR TEMPERATURE TAKEN AND SOCIALLY DISTANCE AS MUCH AS FEASIBLE. AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY WEAR YOUR MASK UNLESS YOU ARE EATING OR DRINKING. REMEMBER TOO, ALWAYS BE HUMBLE AND KIND,

BETTY ORCUTT LADY PRESIDENT

Jack Johnson 12/8
Betty Pickenpaugh 12/13
Carolyn Miller 12/22
Shelagh Gombarcik

Thank you, Lisa Snyder, LOE Chaplain, 2020-2021



LOE

2020-21

Officers

Betty Orcutt President
Susie Harlow Vice President
Bonnie Atwood Secretary
Theresa Seibert Treasurer
Robert Bordonaro Parliamentarian

Lisa Snyder Chaplain

Halloween Party--A Screaming Success!

A good time was had by all at the Elks 708 A Nightmare Before Christmas 2020 Halloween party. Jennifer tended bar with her specialty shocktails such as the Poison Apple, the Spider Bite, Vampire Blood, Bloody Mary, and Corona Shots while Lisa Hayes' playlist of Halloween inspired music got the party started. Throughout the evening, attendees were able to take selfies at the Nightmare Before Christmas picture wall as well as enjoy the Halloween themed food contest with delicacies such as Diarrhea with Sour Cream, Witch's Brew, Tipsy Frankenweenies, and Pumpkin Vomit, to name a few. Overall, it was Betty Orcutt's Cemetery cake that took first prize. As the night continued, everyone tried their hand at the Snowball Launch game, where it came down to a tie breaker between Crystal Johnson and Betty Orcutt. Betty was able to really launch the balls and eek out the victory. In addition, the Halloween Treasure Chest, the Fifty-Fifty drawing, and the Bootique auction offered a plethora of opportunities to win some nice prizes. In the costume contest, it was a tough decision, but Crystal Johnson walked away with first for her Sally, from a Nightmare Before Christmas costume, and Karalee Boswell came in second with her Day of the Dead costume. Both costumes easily stole the show. With the last contest of the night, participants lit up the dance floor doing the Frankenstein, the Vampire, the Zombie, the Witch, and the Ghost, but it was Linda Reid who clearly took first place with her groovy moves. By the end of the night, it was only Linda Reid who was brave enough to face the Table of Terror with its Baby Afterbirth, bloody eyeballs, sugared baby ears, human intestines, and pan of vomit. A great time was had by all. Thanks to Betty Orcutt for The Halloween Treasure Chest, Susie Harlow for the Bootique, Bob Orcutt, Jerry Reid, Lisa Hayes, and Sandra Lake for set up/clean up, Chris Miles for the technical support, and all others who attended and participated in making the party a success.



LODGE MEETING ACCESS:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8138314280? pwd=SjBMZzFHRlBya1E5TW0zdWNvbGNXUT09

Meeting ID: 813 831 4280

Password: 124970

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Meeting ID: 813 831 4280 Password: 124970

CURRENT RULES—All members coming to the Lodge must wear a mask into the Lodge, sign in at the station at the bar(INCLUDING PHONE #) and have their temperature checked by the bartender or a House Committee member.

BE SAFE AND CHECK CURRENT RULES ON EACH VISIT TO THE Lodge!



Come cheer on the Buccaneers with your Elks family!





Minnesota's Kirk Cousins

Sunday Dec 13 1:00

Vikings Vs Buccaneers

Minnesota style "Hot Dish" tailgate at halftime

Onion Dip with chips at kickoff.

Drink special: Minnesota Bootlegger



Tampa Bay's Tom Brady



Tampa Bay's Tom Brady

Sunday Dec 20 1:00 Buccaneers Vs Falcons

BBQ Brisket by Bob Orcutt

Tailgate at Halftime Peachy Pecan dip at kickoff

Drink Special: White Peanut



Atlanta's Matt Ryan



Sunday Dec 27th TBA Lions Vs Buccaneers Detroit Style Pizza Tailgate Free Cheese Kurls at Kickoff Drink Special: Apple Cherry Bomb



Tampa Bay's Tom Brady

Please Note: The NFL can, and frequently does, change the start time of Sunday games during the last few weeks of the regular season to ensure that playoff contenders get prime time. Please check the schedule a few days prior to the game. If a game moves to prime time, the tailgate is at 7:00.



ALL Tailgates feature themed drink specials.

Come view the games on our 150" big screen.

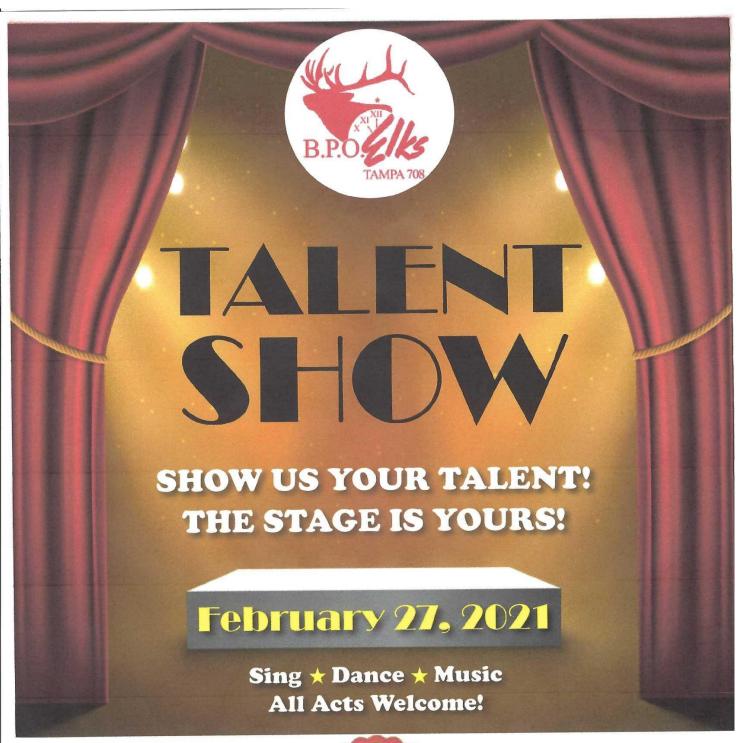
More TV's available so you can track your Fantasy Games.

Plenty of room to Social Distance.

Want to host a game? Let's Talk! 813-431-3020

More specifics are available on FB or by contacting Rita the week of the game.





- Food
- Prizes
- · Fun
- Chinese Auction



December 15

Questions or Volunteer Call or Text:

813-410-1873 Melissa Bertoch 813-500-9433 Wendy Hall 813-376-5401 Paul DeLand

Registration closes February 14, 2021

This event is to raise funds for new tables in the dining hall.



Club Chivalry News

For the first time in six years, there were no Elks present at the Club meeting on November 30th. Only about 4 people have notified me that they have been approved as volunteers. The school requires a 24 hour notice for entry. Between those two rules, and the fact that school was closed for a week preceding the meeting, we did not have enough Elks on board to plan the meeting. Thank you to Ms. Hand, our school sponsor, for agreeing to carrying on with out us, and a special thank you to Laura Jones, our treasurer, for allowing us to use her home as a warehouse and

Everybody entering the High School Campus must fill out a volunteer application on the Hillsborough County Schools web site. Dig around a bit, and you can find it searching for Volunteers or Y.E.S. They are being approved very fast. Please be sure to put in Tampa Elks Lodge #708 as your affiliated organization. While you are in there, you might as well add Westshore

Elementary ,Lanier Elementary, and Coleman Middle as schools along-side TR Robinson High School. Those are the 4 schools with which we are most active. Be sure to let me know when you are approved so I can add you to the committee. *Every Elk is welcome to join us!*

herself as a delivery driver to get the supplies to the school.

I hope we have a lot of volunteers for our Pizza party on December 15th!
Rita Smith, Project Manager



Requested Meeting Supplies

Youth Activities

What a year! I sure do miss the kiddo's.

This year we know we have a tremendous need for holiday help right here in our own back yard. We will be focusing on our own children's registration list, Westshore Elem, Lanier Elem, and Hope on the Horizon to ensure that our communities' children have their needs met.

We are currently not scheduling a large party but will be reaching out to families by email.

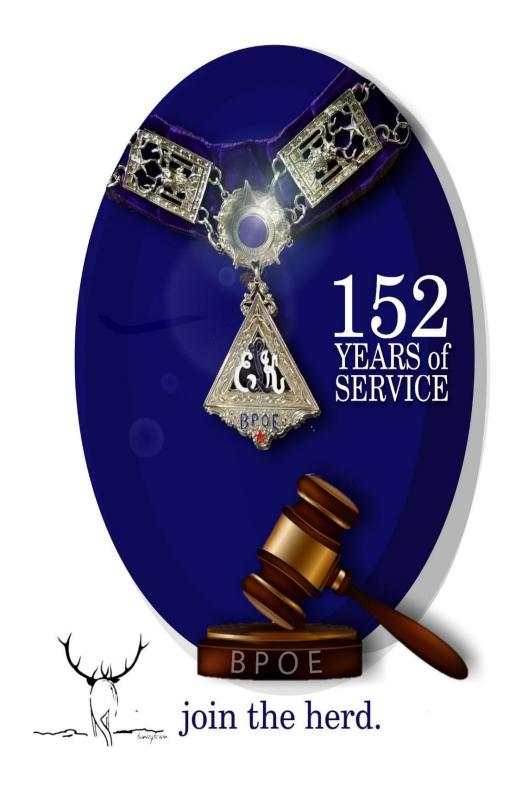
We always need the support of our Elks, even our members that are socially distancing, you can help too! Christmas Cards, wrapping paper, tape, bows, gift tags.

Presents, gift cards for teens

We may need help picking up/dropping off gifts

If you have additional questions or want to volunteer, please email us at Pattyandmrfox@gmail.com Happy Holidays,

Mike & Patty Volpe





THESE RULES ARE FOR BARTENDER & ALL MEMBERS ATTENDING....WE MUST CONDUCT OURSELVES WITH RESPECT AND CAUTION TO INSURE WE REMAIN OPEN!

- 1. Must sign in upon entry (House Committee & BOD assist in making sure sign in process is completed... Friendly Members may help...)
- 2. Sign-in must have name/phone number. No service without both.
- 3. Plastic glasses will be used to assist sanitation.
- 4. Masks when not sitting/eating
- 5. Bartenders must wash hands every 30min.
- 6. Bartenders must wipe down bar top/tables when customer leaves. Members are encouraged to help by wiping down their tables if Bartender is busy
- 7. Antibacterial wipes/sanitizer for bartender
- 8. Bartenders must appropriately wear masks all the time. This means over the mouth and nose. They can go outside to take a break as needed. Members are asked to be tolerant of bartender breaks.
- 9. Bar spacing will begin again. Only served in numbered spaces!10. Add temperature to sign-in sheet.

YOUR COOPERATION AND STRONG SUPPORT WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED! WE'LL SEE YOU SOON AT THE LODGE!

YOUR HOUSE COMMOTTEE



Adult Christmas Party at Tampa #708

We'll all dress

Ricely in our

Holiday clothes

8 party for the season!



& The Annual Children's Christmas party 2pm - December 19th!

On-Going Calendar







We're back! Join us for fine movies!



Lodge Business and Programs



Partners in Progress or PIP

Platinum Investors \$100+

Fennell, Jerrye, Patrick & Cheryl 7/21 Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 7/21 Appel, Jackie 7/21 Palladini, Frank 2/21 Schneider, R & J 2/21 Suhrheinrich, Bob & Candace 1/21 Miller, Scott & Beth 10/20 Florance, Richard 11/2021 Waldbart, Mark 8/23 Bertoch, Melissa 2/21 Atwood, Bonnie 2/21 Smith, R 2/21 Miles, ER, Chris 2/21 Jones, Laura 2/21 Brennen, J. 3/21 Edwards, Bill 5/21 Bertoch, Jan 6/21'

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. Our goal is to increase our overall financial strength determined to secure the future of Tampa Elk's 708

Gold Investors \$51-\$99

McLaughlin, Susan & Mark 10/20 Bordonaro, Robert 7/21

Silver Investors \$21-\$50

Lake, Sandra (Member) 10/20 Lake, David & Carol 10/20 Tuttle, Peggy 10/20

Bronze Investors \$10 - \$20

Wheatley, Shannon 2/21 Buikema, Douglas & Carol 10/20 Piser, Carol 10/20 Lynn, Camden 2/21



Possibly

Lions TBD

Bucs vs

Bar Bingo,

6:30pm

Panin is

7:30pm Night

at the movies

- Delana's

Food



December 2020



JAN 2021

18

18

21 22 27

28 29 30

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17 18 19 10

24 28

11 12 17



Spaghetti

6:30pm-8:30px

Dinner

New Yar's Eve

Hearts 6:45p

Open Grill

Night 6pm

Queen of



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> In Memory of Tom Stanton - 9/2018 Rebecca Sullins - 2/2019 Debbie Osterbrock - 4/2019

Jerry & Patrick Fennell 6/2019
Robert Bordonaro 7/2019
Mrs. Helen Stanton,
Bonnie Atwood - 9/2019
Brenda Stokking and Bob Norton 11/2019
Suhrheinrich, Bob & Candi 4/20
Shannon Wheatley 6/2022
Jerrye, Patrick & Cheryl Fennel 6/21
Pat & Marilyn Fennel 6/21
Robert Bordanero 7/22
Donna Halsey—6/2021
Frances Aberle—8/2021



Please remember to send any change of address to: lodge708secretary@outlook.com

Bill Deen - 6/2020
Deborah Cassels 6/2020
Berni Turpin,
In Memory of Robert Connor 7/2020
Bud Cash 11/2020
In memory of
John F. Morris - 3/2021
South Tampa Chamber of Commerce
2/2023
Vera WrightIn Memory of Harold Wright 6/2023

Frances Aberle – 8/2021 Support the Elksize

Be an SOB - Smiling 'Ole' Booster

\$10.00 a year helps to defer the cost of our publication and allows
us to direct more of our annual income to the charities and organizations we support.

Thank you!

Friends of 708

OUR CURRENT MONTHLY SUPPORTERS

Marty Quire Bonnie Quire Linda Reid Theresa Matthews Bonnie Atwood Nanette Quire Tommy & Susan Moore Mr & Mrs Orcutt Sharon Ford Richard Schneider Jacquie LoCicero Christopher Miles Mr & Mrs Suhrheinrich Susie Harlow Steve Harmon Lisa Snyder Pat & Marilyn Fennell Bill Deen Candy Venable Chris Ragusa Mr & Mrs Hilficker Shannon Wheatley Camden Lynn Laura Jones LOE 708

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This local program focuses solely on improving our lodge through generous member donations. **All members are encouraged to sign up for the "Eleventh Hour Pledge".** Your recurring pledge of \$11 a month will help maintain our lodge.