

All-U-Can Eat

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Battered white fish.

PRIDAY, JAN. 22nd 6-9 pm

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Blackened white fish, cooked with just the right amount of

seasoning, red with French frie



LODGE OFFICERS:

EXALTED RULER - Chris Miles LEADING KNIGHT - Camden Lynn LOYAL KNIGHT - Paul DeLand **LECTURING KNIGHT -SECRETARY - Rick Schneider, PER TREASURER** - Laura Jones **ESQUIRE -** George Hilficker **INNER GUARD**— Bob Suhrheinrich **TILER**— Jake Slater **CHAPLAIN** - Melissa Bertoch **5 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Bob Orcutt 4 YEAR TRUSTEE—Tommy Moore 3 YEAR TRUSTEE - Courtney Weil, PER 2 YEAR TRUSTEE—Shelagh Gombarcik, PER 1 YEAR TRUSTEE - Theresa Seibert, PDDGER **DISTRICT LEADER - Frank Palladini, PSP, PDDGER LODGE ADVISORS - Steve Harmon, PDDGER**

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, Sue Moore. Everyone knows Sue has a bubbly spirit, especially when Tequila is involved. She's the prettier half of the Moore Duo, with Tommy being the consummate kitchen helper. Sue is active on the House Committee and with the LOE and is there whenever a helping hand is needed. Thank you so much for all the effort you put into making the Lodge a better and friendlier place to be.

Officer of The Month

OOTM, Tiler Jake Slater: The tiler has an important job in bringing initiates into the Lodge. But Jake also is our lead investigator when it comes to new applications. Jake is also our de facto government relations representative. With years of experience in the Tampa Police and the City of Tampa Jake has helped lead us through the maze of bureaucracy that is government. Thanks for 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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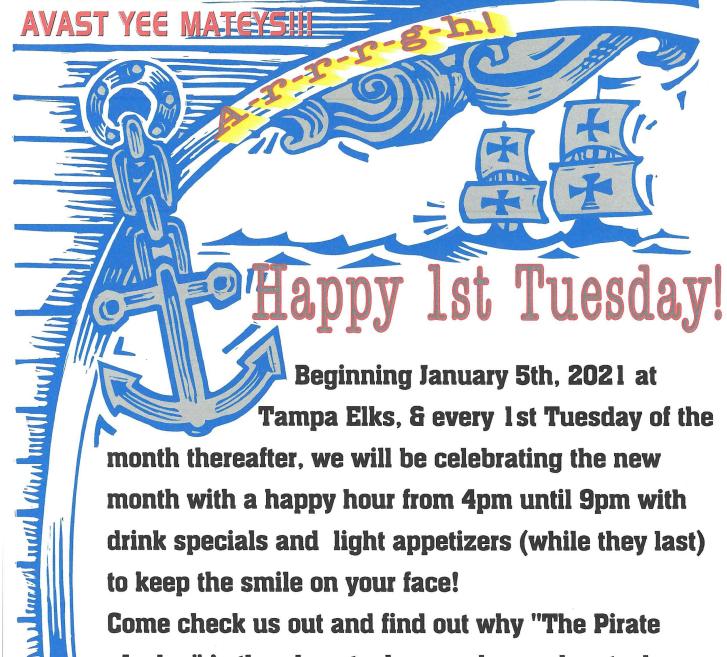
365 Club

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





month thereafter, we will be celebrating the new month with a happy hour from 4pm until 9pm with drink specials and light appetizers (while they last) to keep the smile on your face!

Come check us out and find out why "The Pirate Lodge" is the place to drop anchor and restock on drink and vittles....!

> Your House Committee sez come on in and enjoy the safe harbor of Tampa Elks #708!

(We follow all CDC & Local guidelines for a safe, comfortable visit)





Unfortunately, I was finally hit with the Corona/Covid virus. Even worse it was just 2 days before my surprise birthday party! I've been tested several times due to possible exposures with negative results, and had even thought "I hope I test positive so I can just get it and be done." However, having now gotten sick I can assure you that I would not wish this on an enemy. I apparently had a more aggressive case and was in bed for 10 days before finally coming around. While I'm better now, I can honestly say you should stay vigilant, wash hands, and mask up, because this is no joke, and you don't want it if you can avoid it.

This has also shown 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. Fortunately, I noticed my symptoms coming on and was able to stay away from the Lodge and prevent infecting anyone else. So if you feel sick please make sure to take a few days off from the Lodge. I know it's not always convenient, but it may prevent infecting members and guests, and that makes it worth taking the extra precautions.

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 remain open. 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.

Miles





An Auxiliary of Tampa Elks #7

HELLO DEAR LADIES OF THE ELK. I HOPE THAT YOU ALL HAD A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS AND ARE READY FOR THE NEW YEAR. FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE CORONA VIRUS THIS PAST YEAR YOU HAVE MY COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING AND SYMPATHY. UNFORTUNATELY I AM DEALING WITH THE CORONA VIRUS IN MY FAMILY TOO. FIRST BOB TESTED POSITIVE LAST MON-DAY AND THEN MINE AND SUSIE'S BROTHER JOE TESTED POSITIVE POSITIVE ON WEDNESDAYAND WAS ADMITTED TO THE VA HOSPITAL. ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON THE DISCHARGED HIM TO HOME AND BY FRIDAY NIGHT I HAD TO CALL AN AMBULANCE TO COME GET HIM. HE'S AT TGH WITH PNEU-MONIA AND IS IN THE COVID WARD. WE ARE ON QUARANTINE UNTIL DECEMBER 27TH. I HAVE BEEN VERY DISTRESSED AND WORRIED ABOUT HIM SO THIS WILL BE A SHORT ARTICLE AS I FEEL THERE IS NOT MUCH TO REPORT. LET'S ALL PRAY FOR A BETTER YEAR IN 2021. ONE THING TO REPORT IS THAT SUZANNE MOORE IS YOUR NEW 365 CHAIRWOMAN SO IF YOU HAVE ANY HOUSES OR LOOSE CHANGE PLEASE LOOK FOR HER. MY PRAYERS FOR A HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR, AND PLEASE RE-MEMBER TO ALWAYS BE KIND. YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WHEN THAT LAST "I LOVE YOU " COULD IN-DEED BE THE LAST.

BETTY ORCUTT LADY PRESIDENT

Robert Bordonaro 1/3 Raymond Huffman 1/11 Tom Hagan 1/18

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



LOE

2020-21

Officers

Betty Orcutt Susie Harlow Bonnie Atwood Theresa Seibert

President **Vice President** Secretary Treasurer **Robert Bordonaro Parliamentarian**

Lisa Snyder

Chaplain



TAMPA ELKS LODGE



January 16th—7pm

Be There for the FUN!

BRING A DISH TO SHARE Come Out and Support Your Lodge

LODGE MEETING ACCESS:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8138314280?
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Meeting ID: 813 831 4280

Password: 124970
One tap mobile

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- +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

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!



- Food
- Prizes
- · Fun
- Chinese Auction



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.



Come cheer on the Buccaneers with your Elks family!





Atlanta's Matt Ryan

Sunday Jan 3 1:00

Chicken Wings by Doug Grant

Tailgate at Halftime

Bacon Cheeseburger dip at kickoff

Drink Special:

Pirate Booty



How about those Buccaneers?

- 1. They have already clinched one of the conference's three Wild Card spots thanks to their 47-7 thrashing of Detroit on Sunday.
- 2. If they beat Atlanta in Week 17 they will be the top Wild Card, which is the fifth seed in the conference. That would guarantee an opening-round game against the champion of the NFC East which will be decided in week 17.

We will continue to tailgate as long as the Buccaneers continue to win.

Join us for a good, safety conscious viewing experience!



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.





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



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



PIP Banquet Postponed!

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we have decided to cancel the Partners in Progress banquet originally scheduled for February 6, 2021. We will reschedule it at a future time when things return to normal. Look at the PIP page in the Elksize to see if you are due and consider renewing your annual pledge to the Partners in Progress program. This program has been in place for 26 years now and the dollars from this program make up most of the funds the lodge has on hand. Its original purpose was to rebuild the investment funds, but it has served the lodge in many other ways.

The other program to consider is the Friends of 708. This program benefits the lodge by providing a monthly cash flow to the operating account. It is working as intended and has brought in over \$11,000 to the Lodge since its inception in July of 2018. At the suggested monthly amount of \$11.00, basically it is like attending the lodge one more time each month.

Both programs are worthy of your support. With everything going on it has been harder for the Lodge to operate in regular fashion, so these two programs are ways to provide that needed support. I want to thank all past, present and future Partners and Friends of 708 for their continued support.

Steve Harmon, PDD, Lodge Advisor



Gift Certificates for Our Homeless



Since we could not serve meals to the homeless during the pandemic we handed out gift cards instead!







January 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUES DAY	WEDNESDAY	THURS DAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 Bucs vs Falcons 1pm	4 Bar Bingo, 6:30pm Panin is Hou Comm. 6:30p	7:30pm- Mtg-Bar-Rn House Comm 6:30pm 1:ST TUE SO AM	6	Queen of Hearts 6:45p Open Gril I Night 6pm	8	NFL PLAYOF FS
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NFL PLAYOFFS	Bar Bingo, 6:30pm Panin is	House Comm. 6:30pm	20 Spaghetti Dinner	Queen of Hearts 6:45p Open Grill Night 6pm	22 Fish Fry - 6-9 pm	23
24 NFL CONF. TITLE GAMES	25 Bar Bingo, 6:30pm Panin is	26	27 Lodge Mtg. 7:30pm	Queen of Hearts 6:45p Open Gril I Night 6pm	29	GASP-arillal Pirate Party
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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.