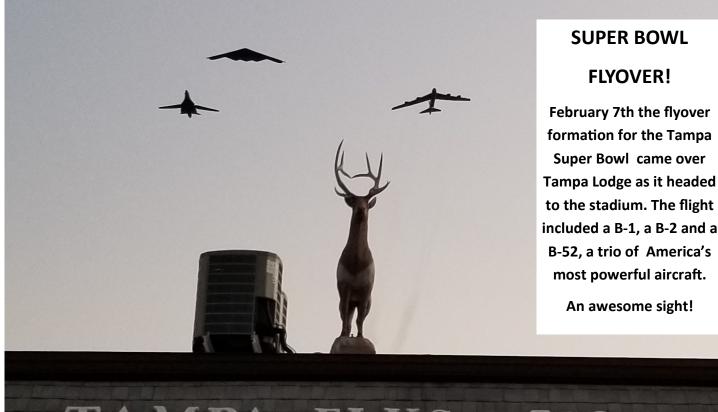


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Check These March Events March of Officers March 517th

St. Patrick's Day Celebrated...March 13th

Awards Evening March 20th...





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
& Shelagh Gombarcik

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

Elk of the Month, Nelson Grahn: Loud and boisterous is one way to describe Nelson, but so is hardworking and enthusiastic. Many don't know about the good works Nelson has done around the Lodge, many times without being asked. He has repaired the AC structure in the back of the building, helped with the breezeway renovation, cooks, and helps with Bar Bingo every week. A go to guy who is there when you need him, Nelson is our Elk of the Month.

Officer of The Month

Officer of the Month, Theresa Seibert, 1 Year Trustee: While BOD members know, many members may not know that Theresa has been able to save the Lodge thousands of dollars over the last 2 years for repairs and maintenance. Theresa is a past district VP and PDDGER in he own right but of course she also has the ear of her husband, State Secretary and COO Carl Seibert, which doesn't hurt. Theresa sees the big picture many can't and her advice is invaluable. Thank you Theresa!



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- 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

Name

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Bob Suhrheinrich

Rita Smith

Christine Harris

Jake Slater

Camden Lynn

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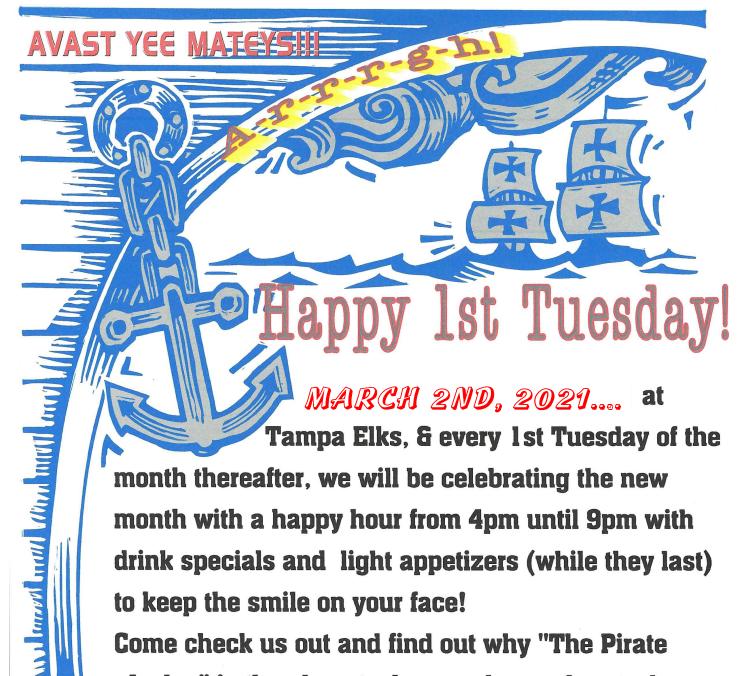
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CONTINUE THE TRADITION



Tampa Elks, & every 1st Tuesday of the 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)



ER Article:

The end of the 2020-2021 Elk year is here and looking back I want to give a BIG THANKS to EVERYONE who made it possible for our Lodge to remain open and even prosper in some areas. It's been a struggle and while we did remain mostly open it was not without numerous challenges. With the light of Covid Vaccinations nearing, I hope next year's Officers, BOD, and chairpeople have it just a little easier than this year and can make it better for our membership in the new year.

With the new Elk Year comes the opportunity for members to become active, or more active, and take part in Lodge Activities. You can do this by volunteering to chair committees, being on committees, or simply coming by the Lodge to participate. Whether you come to Bar Bingo and have a Pannini on Mondays, watch a Movie with potluck on Tuesdays, attend a Wednesday meeting, have a burger while looking for the Queen of Hearts on Thursday, have a Friday meal, or attend events on Saturdays or Sundays, each time you come by the Lodge and participate you are supporting the good work we do. Of course there are numerous charitable committees which need help as well, and those are the basis and reason for our organization.

This month we're busy with St. Paddy's Day, Member Appreciation and Awards Dinner, Officer Installation, Officer Training, Gourmet Club, and many social events. So while the year is closing out, it's not over and we still would love to see you come by for events.

Finally, with the loss of Mid-Year Convention and Gasparilla coupled with several closures the SS Tampa 708 has been taking on water. Therefore, I'd like to remind members of the Friends of 708; a voluntary program for members willing to donate to their lodge above regular dues. Donations go straight to our general fund and are used to offset shortfalls and patch holes in our budget.

Donations can be made annually or monthly. We've had members make one time donations of \$50 up to as much as \$1,000. Monthly donors are pledging between \$11 to as much as \$111. While how much to donate is up to you, I'm asking everyone to please consider becoming a member of the Friends of 708. A one time donation of just \$20 ($$20 \times 351$ members = $7,020$) would help patch the financial hole created by COVID and put us in a good position to start the 2021-2022 Year.

To put my money where my mouth is **I'll match donations dollar for dollar up to \$2,000**. So please help your Lodge and become a sustaining member of the Friends of 708. While all donations will be accepted I ask that donations be received no later than March 31, 2021 in order to receive a matching donation.

I again want to thank all the members without whose support and dedication we could not remain open, and also thank members who support Tampa 708 by simply paying dues and stopping by to have a meal and a drink. I hope to see you soon and thank you in advance for your continuing support.

Miles





Hello Ladies, March 2021

What an exciting February we had with so much activity at the Lodge. But, we Ladies outdid ourselves yet again! Our Tacky Party, although with a small turnout, was able to put a nice amount of money in our bank. I want to thank everyone who helped put the event on. You are all special to me. Thank you Susie, Linda, Sheila and especially Jerry, Hambone, Reid who supplied the great music through your KJ repertoire! A special thanks goes out to our Tacky Auction chairlady Shelagh because she was instrumental in convincing our members, including myself, to donate for our fabulous wonderfully tacky prizes! Plus, she was having such a great time and we won't even mention her stuffing 4 large marshmallows in her mouth after we had fun with Linda's wild marshmallow toss game. Thanks also goes out to Susie, Linda, and Shelagh for helping me with decorating for our event. Our Tacky Female Costume gift and trophy went to Unibrow Melissa! Bob,Tackiest Male, with an unmentionable T-shirt that told the whole story, won a gift and a trophy. Everyone was a winner that night! Thank you all. With the Covid 19 Virus still looming it has made it a difficult year for our Ladies to have as many events/fundraisers as we would have loved to have had but we did have a wonderful time ,thanks to Donna and Sue, at the Sock Hop and now with the Tacky Party, and we did it safely and within the guidelines of the CDC by wearing masks, distancing and with good handwashing techniques.

Watch for upcoming news about the Officer Installation Ceremony set for late March. This is one of the most solemn events to attend as it is a commitment to you as the members that those who were elected by you to do their absolute best for the good of the order and they will follow our oaths of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. It has been a pleasure being your Lady President this past year. I have had an absolutely wonderful set of Officers. I couldn't have asked for a better group of strong, spirited women to work with this past year. Their hard work and dedication to the Ladies Organization is why we did so well despite the bad Covid 19. Bob and I will be gone most of the summer in our 5th wheel seeing kids and grandkids in NC and VA. I'm very much overdue holding and hugging those sweet little babies. It's sad to end my year but I have great faith that the Ladies of 708 will continue to do great things. Congratulations to the newly elected officers.

In your service, Betty Orcutt, Lady President 2020-2021

Tommy Moore 3/6 Kathryn Hall 3/6 Sandra Brantley 3/8 Ziggy Zeigler 3/13 Steve Harmon 3/16 Francis Salter 3/26 John Brennan 3/31

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



Tampa 708's Chili cook off was a big success, in large part because our members came through for us!

Thank you to Paul Deland, Marty Quire and Becky Sullins for advertising this event.

Having the Buccaneers in the game sure didn't hurt, either. Doug Grant and Dee Cisneros, PER did a fantastic job as kitchen assistants. I don't know where they get their stamina, but I sure appreciated it!

I was looking for newer members for judges, and I found them. Paula Rousselle, Debbie Brennen, and Greg White Jr stepped up to the plate – err bowl! It was a truly blind taste test – even I did not know who



owned each crockpot. They were very professional in their considerations. Each judged all 13 chilis separately, then the scores were added for the final result. I am grateful for their time. And tongue. And taste buds!

Twelve different people brought in pots of chili. We had a total of 13 pots – one member brought in two types! Thank you for your donation. The judges did not have to spit out any chili – they were all good enough to eat.

While we were in the back room judging, Susie Harlow offered people chips and dip as they arrived, and Bonnie Atwood made sure every-body got a taster's choice ballot with the safety rules on the back and a vinyl glove to wear when handling shared utensils. I hope these precautions made you feel safe, and I appreciate having their help.

I don't know how many people supplemented the potluck tailgate table – but it was really full of very good food. I think we put a big dent in it by the end of the game, though it was not depleted.

Before the game started, we all ran outside to watch the Military B-1, B2 and B 52 Flyover, which took place right over our heads. I think we had a better view than those ticket holders in the stadium!

Each quarter we waited for an announcement from Shelagh Gombarcik, who worked hard to make the game more exciting! At halftime there was the super sundae bar – and I thank Melissa Bertoch and Bonnie Atwood for their assistance with that. We also had the drawing for the Buccaneer gear basket, which was won by Laura Jones, then auctioned off by her! Jennifer Hubbard did a good job behind the bar, and helped clean up and sanitize the bar and dining room. Thank you to Shelbie Martinez and Laura Jones who were on hand to help as needed. A special thank you to Wendy Hall for handling the finances for the entire football season. This free event was funded by the full season of tailgates. Candy Venable won first place for her chili, and her brother, Scott Ullen, took second place. Patty Volpe got the Taster's Choice win. But the big winner – that was Tampa Elks Lodge # 708!

Oh yeah – and How 'bout those Bucs!



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.

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

Elks National Foundation

Members all, We are now entering the last month of our Elks Year. Anything not entered into our records this month will be given to the 2021-2022 year. For your information here are a few items to put on your personal "hard drives:" Our present membership is now 329. Members giving are 11 (plus our wonderful 12th, our Ladies of The Elks). Let that sink in for a moment. Only 3.34% of our membership gives to ENF. Our per capita giving is \$4.027 for this lodge year for a total of \$1325. (All numbers are as of January 31.) We have one member giving on an annual basis, one member quarterly, and three members monthly.

I would suggest that the easiest way to give is monthly, as do I. It's easy to have my credit card "hit" for a relatively small amount each month. I do this for my other charities as well. How 'bout it? I believe Elks Lodge 708 can do a better job with our giving to ENF. One of our grants from ENF depends on our giving to this wonderful Elks Charity.

Bob Suhrheinrich





Sunday, April 25, 2021 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, friends and family members, 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.

ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF YOUR DONATION WILL GO TO CHILDREN'S THERAPY SERVICES.

This will allow physical therapists to give in-home therapy services to children across our great state of Florida.

Need more information: contact Sue Moore at 813-390-2930 or email msnana7@verizon.net

Your 2021-22 Officers—Tampa Elks Lodge #708

Exalted Ruler - Paul DeLand
Leading Knight - Rita Smith

Esteemed Loyal Knight - Paula Rousselle
Esteemed Lecturing Knight - Sue Moore
Lodge Secretary - Rich Schneider, PER
Lodge Treasurer - Debby Brennen

5 Yr. Trustee - Theresa Siebold, PDDGER
4 Yr. Trustee - Bob Orcutt
3 Yr. Trustee - Bob Orcutt
3 Yr. Trustee - Tommy Moore
2 Yr. Trustee - Courtney Wiel, PER
1Yr. Trustee - Shelagh Gombarcik, PER
Esquire - Melissa Bertoch
Chaplain - Wendy Hall
Inner Guard - Edie Hanley

Tyler - Richard Florence, PER







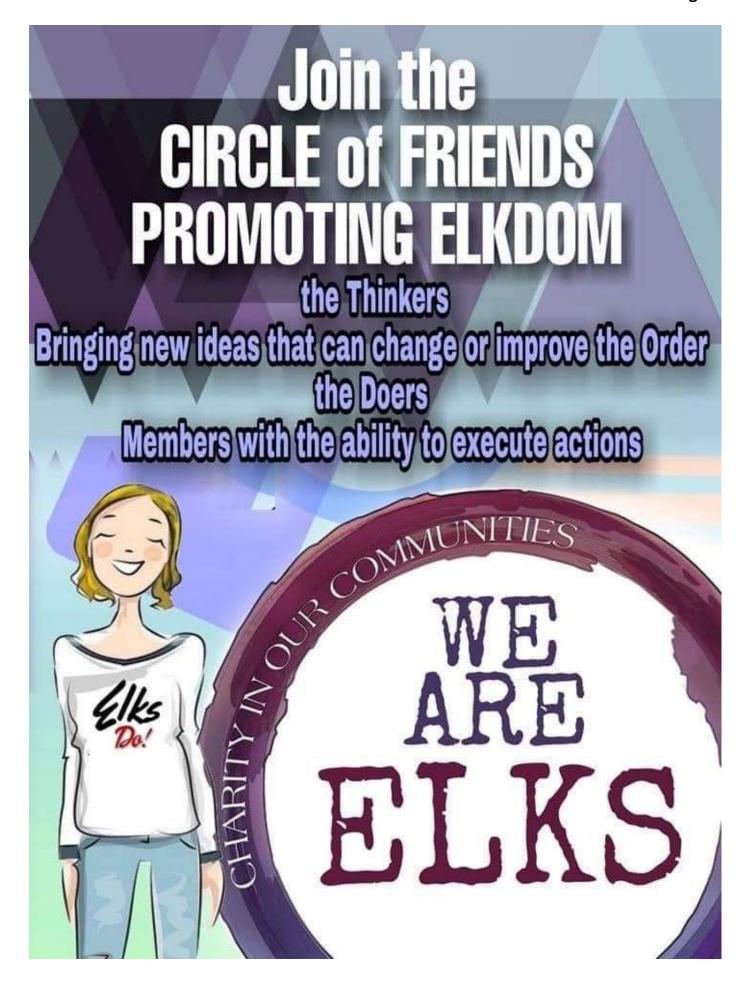
THESE RULES ARE FOR BARTENDER & ALL MEMBERS ATTENDING....WE MUST CONDUCT OURSELVES WITH RESPECT AND CAUTION TO INSURE WE REMAIN OPEN!

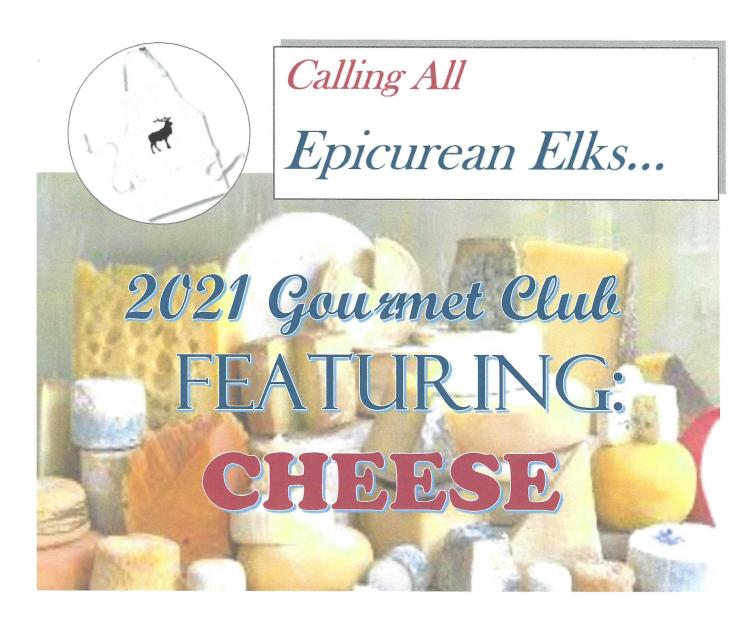
- 1. Must sign in upon entry (House Committee & BOD assist in making sure sign in process is completed... Friendly Members may help...)
- 2. Sign-in must have name/phone number. No service without both.
- 3. Plastic glasses will be used to assist sanitation.
- 4. Masks when not sitting/eating
- 5. Bartenders 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







Sunday, March 28th at 5:00 p.m.

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

..trivia...trivia...trivia...trivia...

On-Going Calendar





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





March 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Bar Bingo, 6:30pm Paninis	HOUSE COMM 6:30PM	3	Queen of Hearts 6:45p Open Grill Night 6pm	Carl Williamson Night, Country fried steak 6:30 to 8:30pm	Quarter Auction 1-5:00pm
7	8 Bar Bingo, 6:30pm Paninis	9 B. O. D. 7:15pm	Lodge Mtg. 7:30pm PER Assoc6:30-7:	Queen of Hearts 6:45p Open Grill Night 6pm	12 Officer Training	Officer Training St. Pat's Day
I 4 Daylight Savings Time Begins Officer Training	Bar Bingo, 6:30pm Paninis	16	Free Spaghetti Dinner 6:30pm	Queen of Hearts 6:45p Open Grill Night 6pm	19	Member Appreciation Awards Spring begins
2 I Orientation 4pm	22 Bar Bingo, 6:30pm Paninis	23	24 Lodge Mtg. 7:30pm	Queen of Hearts 6:45p Open Grill Night 6pm	26	OFFICER INSTALLATION 6PM
28	29 Bar Bingo, 6:30pm Paninis	30	31	FEB 2021 S M T W T I 2 3 4 7 8 9 10 11 I4 15 16 17 18 21 22 23 24 25 28	5 6 12 13 19 20 11 12 26 27 18 19	APR 2021 T W T F S I 2 3 6 7 8 9 IO 13 14 15 16 17 20 21 22 23 24 27 28 29 30



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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

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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

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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.