



## **LODGE OFFICERS:**

**EXALTED RULER** - Tracy Horrell, PER  
**LEADING KNIGHT** - Edie Hanley  
**LOYAL KNIGHT** - April Holtzman  
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**TREASURER** - Kristie Horst  
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**TILER** - Kim Van Walker  
**CHAPLAIN** – Crystal Johnson  
**1 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Tristan Reiber  
**2 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Norman Benzing  
**3 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Paul DeLand, PER  
**4 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Laura Jones  
**5 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Shelagh Gombarcik, PER

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Paul DeLand, PER

## **House Committee Members:**

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Friday 4:00pm - 12:00am

Saturday 4:00pm - 11:00pm

Sunday 4:00am - 9:00pm

**Lodge Secretary email:**  
tampa708secretary@outlook.com

**Lodge Office Hours: Mon & Thurs 2pm to 5pm**

## **A Message From your Exalted Ruler, Tracy Horrell**



What a great time in Austin, Tx.! Texas sure knows how to serve up some great hospitality! Great information was given on becoming more active within our community. Spending more time in the community will not only put the Elks in the public but we will make a difference as well!

Our new Grand Exalted Ruler is Douglas Schiefer who comes from Ohio who has a love for motorcycles and his motto for this year is: "Elkdom's Heart for America" look for more to come in the months ahead on this.

Summertime means FUN TIME! We have lots of events starting to take place. We have our Back to School Party for which we are taking donations now for school supplies. You may drop these off at the lodge. We have the quarter auction coming up and you never know what treasure you may find! We have music coming back to the lodge, which always brings people together for a good time! Look in the calendar section of the Elksize for dates. Come in and get involved in your lodge and you'll see what a good time you are missing!

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Tracy Horrell, ER

# Your 2024-25 Committee Chairs

**708 Board of Directors** - Chairman of the Board Laura Jones, Tracy Horrell, PER, Edie Hanley, Wendy Hall, PER, April Holtzman, Paul DeLand, PER, Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, Tristan Reiber, and Norman Benzing

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## HAVE YOU SEEN OUR NEW SIGN?

**It's a beauty!**

Thanks to our Bingo Committee, Dee Cisneros, PER, and our Bingo Players we now have a beautiful new sign to introduce ourselves to the community. It was a struggle with the exorbitant cost of everything these days, but our devoted members persevered and got the job done.

This venture started 3 years ago and progressed and stalled along the way. However, this past year we got a toehold on the situation and began running for the goal post. It takes a village to get a job like this done and that's exactly what we have at Tampa 708!

If you haven't seen it yet, please stop by and have dinner or a cocktail and let us know what you think.

Tracy Horrell, ER

## Our Newest Members



Brian Nestor  
Sponsor  
James Manley



Kelly Trapeo  
Sponsor  
Dee Cisneros PER



Tracy Savage  
Sponsor  
Ree Ann Boyle



Joe and Rachel Stauffer  
Sponsor, Tracy Horrell, ER



## AUGUST ELK RECOGNITIONS

### ELK OF THE MONTH...TOMMY MOORE

Tommy's dedication to our Lodge and our Order is truly heartwarming. You can find him on most Fridays in the kitchen, to help serve up some delicious food! But what you may not know, he is also our safety officer looking out for and reporting any issues within the lodge that may need to be taken care of. And let's not forget he is the one stocking the coolers, keeping our bar ready for us to have a cold drink. Please tell him when you see him, thanks for all he does!



### OFFICER OF THE MONTH...LAURA JONES

She is truly helpful when it comes to making financial decisions for the benefit of our lodge. Making sure we stay true to our budget, keeping costs down. when we can, and helping out in the office. Her keen sense of running a business is not only helpful to me but to our members as well. She often helps out with events, supporting dinners, and lending advice to keep me in line! And you can always see her cheering on her favorite sports team! Please give her a big thank-you shout-out when you see her!



### VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH...JACKIE APPEL

This lady is beautiful inside and out! The moment I took office she offered to step up and help out in any way she could. She devoted a whole day to helping with the cleaning of the kitchen, working hard to make sure we scrubbed each appliance until it shined. She has been on the audit committee for several years now and continues to keep a good watch on our books. She truly has our lodge's best interest at heart! Please make sure to tell her how much we value her expertise!





## Supporting Reports



### Chaplain's Corner by our chaplain, Crystal Johnson:

"If words control you, that means everyone else can control you." Warren Buffet.  
What you believe about yourself matters more than what people say about you.  
"A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls"  
Proverbs 25:28



### Ladies of the Elks:

I believe we have officially reached the dog days of summer! The desire to stay out of the heat and in the air conditioning is real! Let the Ladies help you with that. On Sunday, August 11th, the Ladies are hosting "Painting with a Twist" with Bree, at 2pm. Signing up is a MUST, how else will Bree know how many canvases to bring. See the LOE board to sign up or call/text Jacquie at 813-245-6458. The fee for an afternoon of painting, fun friendships, and cool ac is \$35. All are welcome to this event.

Next month is FLOE's State convention. This year the convention is being held at Daytona Beach. If you are interested in attending, I would suggest you make your reservations fast. Want to know what the Ladies of the Elks are all about? Join us for one of our meetings. We meet the first Wednesday of the month, dinner at 6:15pm and the meeting starts at 7pm.

Jacquie LoCicero

#### Executive Board

Jacquie LoCicero, PLP- President  
Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, PLP- Vice President  
April Holtzman - Secretary  
Laura Jones - Treasurer  
Suzanne Moore, PLP - Chaplain  
Ruth Levin - Parliamentarian



Greetings from the Florida Ladies of Elks.

It's hard to believe the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual FLOE Conference being held at the beautiful Shores Resort & Spa in Daytona Shores, September 19-20, 2024, is just right around the corner. Friday night entertainment will be provided by the Deep Creek Ladies of Elks. A Friday golf outing is planned for those interested. Visit <https://www.floridaelks.org/floe/conference> for more information and to make your reservations. We look forward to seeing you there.

The FLOE Angel Reverse Draw tickets benefiting the Florida Elks Childrens Therapy Services are now on sale. Tickets are available for a donation of \$20 each. Tickets are also available for our Annual Conference Raffle with three great prizes. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is a 2-night hotel stay at Shores Resort and Spa in Daytona Shores with a \$600 Visa gift card, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is a Northern Tool quiet generator with \$150 Visa gift card and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is a Yeti 18 soft sided cooler w/adult beverage and a \$100 Visa gift card. Tickets are 6 for \$5. All proceeds benefit FECTS and FEYC. If you would like tickets, please email [floeinformation@gmail.com](mailto:floeinformation@gmail.com) or contact one of our officers. Contact information is available on [floridaelks.org](http://floridaelks.org). Together we can make a difference in the lives of children throughout Florida.

On Monday July 1, 2024, during the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin Texas there was a workshop for all ladies of the Elks across the country to share ideas for fundraising and other activities from their lodges. This is the first time anything like this has been offered and we are extremely proud that Florida was the host of the workshop. The event was a huge success with standing room only.

Just a reminder, EVERY lady Elk, wife of an Elk and widow of an Elk are members of FLOE, regardless of affiliation with a lodge ladies' organization. There are no applications to complete nor dues to pay. How active a lady chooses to be is at her discretion, but she remains a member.

We would like to say "Thank You" for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you.





# Grant Reports and Information



## Tampa 708 Makes a Splash at the Women Veterans Recognition Breakfast



Edie Hanley, Representative for James A. Haley Hospital was asked to be a guest speaker at this event. She spoke about the formation of the Elks and all of the charitable works that we do. She told them that our motto is no veteran is left behind. Additionally, the challenges of women to be members of the Elks. The audience was surprised to hear that it did not occur until September 1995.

At least 3 audience veterans considered joining the Elks after she finished the speech. Crystal Johnson, Deputy Representative has also noticed that many individuals are not aware of the services that the Elks provide through the National Headquarters monthly stipend for the veterans at James Haley Hospital.



## DINNER FOR OUR VETERANS

On July 12th the Lodge Veteran's Committee at Tampa Elks 708 hosted 9 Veterans from New Beginnings of Tampa for a Prime rib dinner, complete with stuffed mushrooms appetizer and a peach cobbler dessert. New Beginnings is a rehabilitation center currently housing 57 transitional Veterans. It is expected that about 30% will likely return to the workforce. The rest will retire or be declared disabled. The goal is for all of them to transition to permanent housing. Many Veterans arrive at New Beginnings with nothing but

the clothes on their backs. They accept donations of new or gently used men's clothing.

Richard Florance, PER, set the table up for the night and Richard Schneider, PER, hung our banner. Our volunteer servers were Elks Scholarship recipient Morgan McDaniel, Veterans Chairman Chris Ragusa, and Lodge Veteran Committee members Dory Lannigan and Evelyn Hemmingway.

The money to pay for the meal came from fundraising by the committee, and generous donations from Elks.

The Veteran's Committee is looking for more members. They meet the second Monday each month, so the next meeting is August 13 at 6:30. As you can see, the work is not arduous, but it is meaningful. Consider this your invitation to join.



# Grant Reports and Information



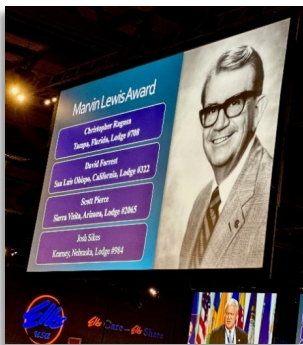
## Baby Shower For Our Female Veterans

Tampa 708's Edie Hanley and Crystal Johnson are pictured here with Ashley Sard, a Program Assistant at the James A. Haley Female Veteran Annex as they brought our donations to the annual Baby Shower held June 27th.

Our Lodge was able to supply 10 strollers, several boxes of diapers and baby wipes. Ashley expressed a sincere thanks to the Elks, and was very pleased that the veterans will now have baby strollers, as well as the other necessities. *The strollers were added to the donation due to a Boost Grant received to assist the veterans. We are proud to provide assistance to our veterans and wish the new mother's well.*



## A SPECIAL THANKS FROM A VERY SPECIAL MEMBER



Tampa Elks 708 members:

This letter is intended to convey my sincere thanks for the lodge sponsorship of my attendance at the 2024 Grand Lodge Convention in Austin, TX from June 31- July 2, 2024, to receive the Marvin M. Lewis Award for Elks and Scouting.

It was an incredible experience from beginning to end, and confirmed everything that 24-year old Chris Ragusa thought he knew about the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks when he was asked to become a member of the Bowling Green, OH Lodge 818 in 1988. The good fellowship and commitment to our people and communities through benevolent programs was clearly evident, and truly demonstrated that Elks Care and Elks Share. I left Austin with a renewed

enthusiasm for everything that we do that I care about.

I started my adventure Saturday on the Texas Elks Lodge Crawl - an organized event that included a stop in Luckenbach, and visits to Elks lodges in San Antonio, New Braunfels, Seguin, and Gonzales, TX. Along the way, I met Elks from all over the nation as we enjoyed the hospitality of the lodges that we visited. Much like my experience during the 2021 Grand Lodge Convention in Tampa, these Elks embodied the work hard, play hard mentality. That work being the enrichment of the youth, community, and veterans that we serve.

My Texas Elks Lodge Crawl host was the Executive Director of the Texas Elks Camp, which provides children with special needs and children in foster care, ages 7 to 21, an opportunity to try new things, meet new friends and make memories that will last a lifetime. No child is denied acceptance on the basis of his or her income level, ethnic origin, race, creed, color or religion. There is no fee. Their motto is "Having a difference, doesn't make a difference!" The Texas Elks Camp is their state major project.

While at the convention, I attended Sunday's Official Grand Lodge Opening Ceremony with our Exalted Ruler Tracy Horrell, two Elks National Veteran Service Commission seminars, and the Activities Committee seminar. On Tuesday at the General Session, I was awarded the Marvin M. Lewis Award for Elks and Scouting in recognition of my contributions to Scouting and the development of America's youth.

To repay your investment in my trip to Austin, I became a member of the ENF Fidelity Club. I pledged (and then some) the amount that Tampa Elks 708 lodge spent on my trip to Austin for the Marvin M Lewis award. I will continue to make that monthly contribution because I have been able to see locally and nationally the good that ENF grants accomplish.

Thank you again for this opportunity. It was life changing. Fraternally....Chris Ragusa





## Past Events and Projects



### ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL LOW COUNTRY BOIL

The Ladies had their annual Low Country Boil on Friday, July 19th . The Vets Committee invited 15 Vets to join us for dinner, which made a great event even better. It was wonderful to see so many members and their guests at our table.

It took many hands to put this event together. Thank you to the kitchen staff, Cindy Allen, Ruth Levin, April Holtzman,

Joe LoCicero and Tommy Moore. Laura Jones greeting our guests and Sue Moore handling the 50/50 for Children's Therapy Services. The evening ended with a great band booked for us by Jason Brown. If you didn't have the opportunity to see them, stop by the next time they are at the lodge.

Thank you to all who came out to support the Ladies and our charity, Children's Therapy Services. Jacquie LoCicero, LP



## Upcoming Events and Projects

### OUR LOE BRINGS US...



**PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!**

**August 11th, 2:00pm**  
**Come and enjoy the company**  
**and the creative atmosphere**  
**All supplies provided.**  
**\$35.00**

## Upcoming Events and Projects

**IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO  
LEND A HAND!**



For those that don't know, each year Tampa 708 supports our Community children by providing the classroom supplies required by their schools.

This year it will be held

**SATURDAY AUGUST 3RD  
FROM 12PM TO 3PM**

The more helping hands we can muster the more successful our event.

If you have time please come to the Lodge at 11am and offer your support.

Or text Patty at 941.580.7201  
or email [pattyandmrfox@gmail.com](mailto:pattyandmrfox@gmail.com)  
To let her know you're coming.

**TOTALLY  
AWESOME 80s**

**Party**

**SAVE THE  
DATE**

**SEPT. 28TH**

**6:30PM**

**Dinner and  
Dancing**

**50/50**

**Best 80's  
Costume  
and more!**

**HOLD ON TO YOUR HATS! IT'S ANOTHER FANTASTIC**

**CASINO  
Night**

**OCTOBER 19TH - 6PM - GAMING STARTS AT 7PM**

**Professional tables with Live Dealers...Spin and Win...  
Scratch offs...Raffles...Gift Baskets...Appetizers and More**

**SO MARK YOUR CALENDAR! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS**



## Upcoming Events and Projects

### A NOTE FROM YOUR KITCHEN

You may have noticed that in April we changed our Friday dinner start time from 6:30pm to 6:00pm. That was done because we had been asked by several members to start earlier. However, that has not worked out as we had hoped and very few, if any, members sit down to eat until 6:30pm. This causes the food to sit for at least a half an hour before serving, and as you can imagine, that isn't ideal. Consequently we will be returning to our previous start time starting this month. Please make a note:

**FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER WILL BE SERVED FROM 6:30PM TO 8PM**



## GEORGIA INVITES YOU TO SUNDAY DINNER AT THE LODGE

**Serving at 6pm  
Sunday, August 4th**

**White Bean & Ham Soup**

**Smothered  
Pork Chop**

**w/Mashed Potatoes and  
Gravy, Glazed Carrots, Yeast Rolls  
Blueberry Delight**

**Alternative - Rotisserie Chicken  
with all the same sides**

**\$16.00**

Please secure your meal by making your reservation and menu choice by Friday, August 2nd  
Email - [708meals@gmail.com](mailto:708meals@gmail.com) or sign up on the Lodge bulletin board.  
Proceeds to underwrite the 2025 New Year's Eve Celebration.  
Donations gratefully accepted.

# Upcoming Events and Projects



## LET'S DO DINNER AT THE LODGE WITH COURTNEY

### AUGUST 2ND



Friday Dinner  
August 2nd  
**Shelagh and Tommy**  
are in the kitchen

**Fish and Chips or Tommy's Grits, Coleslaw and Hush Puppies \$11.00**  
Appetizer: Onion Rings \$3.50  
Dessert: Lemon Layer Pie \$4.00

Serving 6:30 to 8:00  
Sign up by emailing [708meals@gmail.com](mailto:708meals@gmail.com)  
or on the Lodge Bulletin Board

### AUGUST 9TH



Friday Dinner  
August 9th  
**Sliced Steak**

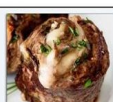
Clam Chowder, Scalloped Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables, and a Roll  
**\$19.00**

Appetizer:  
Pecan Praline Brie for 2 - \$5.50  
Dessert:  
Pineapple Upside Down Cake - \$4.00

Serving 6:30 to 8:00

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or on the Lodge Bulletin Board by Thurs night.  
If you'd like to receive a reminder email each Wednesday, please send you email address to [georgiahilficker@gmail.com](mailto:georgiahilficker@gmail.com)

### AUGUST 16TH



Friday Dinner  
August 16th  
**Italian Stuffed Steak**

Italian Salad, Side Pasta, Italian Veggies and Garlic Bread  
**\$19.00**

Appetizer:  
Caprice for 2 - \$4.50  
Dessert:  
Tiramisu - \$5.00

Serving 6:30 to 8:00

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### AUGUST 23ND



Friday Dinner  
August 23rd  
**Stuffed Shrimp**

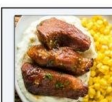
Caesar Salad, Dirty Rice and Spinach Casserole and Roll  
**\$18.00**

Appetizer:  
Lump Meat Crab Cakes - \$5.50  
Dessert:  
Banana Bread a la Mode with Butterscotch Sauce - \$5.00

Serving 6:30 to 8:00

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### AUGUST 30TH



Friday Dinner  
August 30th  
**Country Ribs**

House Salad, Bowl of Lima Beans with Bacon, Buttered Corn, Texas Toast  
**\$16.00**

Appetizer:  
Fried Okra - \$3.50  
Dessert:  
Chocolate Chip, Ice Cream bowl- \$4.00

Serving 6:30 to 8:00

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**PLEASE SIGN UP AT 708MEALS.COM OR ON THE LODGE BULLETIN BOARD TO ASSURE YOUR MEAL!  
ONLY A FEW EXTRA MEALS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR WALK-INS.**

**WANT TO GET ON THE REMINDER EMAIL LIST? SEND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO [GEORGIAHILFICKER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:GEORGIAHILFICKER@GMAIL.COM)  
DINNER SERVED FROM 6:30PM TO 8:00PM**



**Served Mondays 6pm to 7:30pm  
All Menus \$8.50 including tax**

**August 5th** - Italian Sausage Sub or Meatball sub or Antipasto Salad over greens both w/sweet treat

**August 12th** - Meatloaf Sandwich w/side or 1/2 Sandwich w/Beef Barley Soup both w/sweet treat

**August 19th** - Fish Sandwich or a Shrimp Po Boy both with Sweet Treat

**August 26th** - Tuna Melt w/Fries or Tuna Salad on a bed of greens both w/sweet treat



## QUEEN OF HEARTS

**Donation by 6:45pm  
Drawing at 7pm**

**Thursday Nights  
Served 6pm to 7:30**

**\*August 1st** -

**COURTNEY'S  
SPAGHETTI  
DINNER NIGHT...\$7.50**

**\*August 8th** - Shelagh & Tommy Grill Night

**\*August 15th** - Quesadilla w/side Or Taco Salad

**\* August 22nd** - Shelagh & Tommy Grill Night

**• August 29th** - Cuban Sandwich or 1/2 Cuban & Spanish Bean Soup or 1905 Salad



## Upcoming Events and Festivities

### COME ENJOY YOUR LODGE BAR

Summer's here the heat is on and our **RAYs** are UP!  
 Enjoy the games on the big screen with friends and an ice cold brew!

COME ENJOY OUR SPECIAL DRINK NIGHTS:



MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS FOR JESSICA'S UNUSUAL DRINK SPECIALS - OPEN KITCHEN

MARGARITA TUESDAY WITH KRISTI FOR A SPECIALTY MARGARITA - FOOD AVAILABLE

CRAFT COCKTAIL WEDNESDAYS WITH KRISTI WITH DELICIOUS CONCOCTIONS - FOOD AVAILABLE



SHELAGH GOMBARCIK, PER, BAR MANAGER

## 2023-2024 GOURMET CLUB

THIS MONTH'S HOSTESS IS RITA SMITH, PER

AUGUST 25TH - 5:30PM

HERE'S A CHALLENGE!

YOU CAN MAKE ANYTHING YOUR HEART DESIRES BUT...

IT MUST CONTAIN ONLY 5 INGREDIENTS OR LESS!

TAKE OUT YOUR  
 CALCULATORS FOLKS  
 WE WILL BE CHECKING.

SKY'S THE LIMIT SO  
 GET CREATIVE....THIS  
 COULD BE FUN.



BRING A DISH OR A  
 DONATION AND AN  
 APPETITE

*Trivia...Trivia...Trivia...Trivia*

## Upcoming Events and Projects

**JOIN US FOR**

# QUARTER AUCTION

**NOT YOUR USUAL QUARTER AUCTION SALE**

**AUGUST 10TH**

**This one is offering**

**“Kitchen Sink to Collectables  
& Soup to Nuts”**

**Doors Open at 12pm - Auction at 1pm**

**Proceeds to benefit the Lodge**

**Mystery Bags**

**50/50**

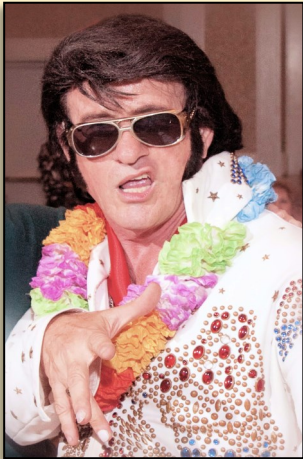
**Great Raffle**

**Appetizers Available**

**STUFFED MUSHROOMS, BEEF & CHEESE EMPENADA,  
CHICKEN EMPENADA,**



## Upcoming Events and Projects



**ELVIS IS IN THE HOUSE**  
**SO MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
**NOVEMBER 9TH**  
**FOR A NIGHT TO REMEMBER**

## Lodge Business and Projects

**DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY**

**to renew your dues before you're dropped from the rolls.**

**It's so easy...you can pay online at [tampaelks.com](http://tampaelks.com)**

**or come in and pay the bartender.**

**Just look through this publication for some  
of the great things in store for our members this year.**

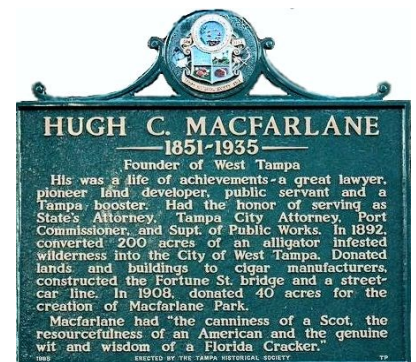
**Hope to see you soon!**



### Hugh C. MacFarlane (Elk)

Hugh MacFarlane was born the 28<sup>th</sup> of December 1851 in Scotland. His hometown was Pollok Shaws Renefewshire. At the age of 14 he immigrated to the United States with his parents and eventually ended up in St. Paul, Minnesota where he attended St Johns College. After graduation he went to Law School at Boston University. After successfully completing the bar, he opened up a Law office. He married his first wife who was only known as "Miss Brown". They had a son James. Soon after that they were divorced and Hugh then moved to New Orleans. He decided to move to Tampa after hearing wonderful stories about the town in 1884. He married Francis Pettingrill. He quickly blended into the local political scene and joined several attorneys to organize the Tampa Board of Trade. He was known as the Old Guard of the Board. He was also involved in many philanthropic and social organizations including the BPOE. He was a City Attorney for 3 years and then was appointed States Attorney in 1890. He was a big advocate of West Tampa and built a park on a large plot of land off MacDill Ave. He passed away on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January 1935.

This short biography was contributed by Norm Jones II



## Lodge Business and Projects

### IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

After much consideration and discussion your House Committee has decided that all well drinks will be priced at a straight \$3.50 each. With the price of everything the bar requires to operate going up substantially, we are attempting to adjust our prices as responsibly as possible.

It is common knowledge that pricing for all goods have risen substantially this past year or so. We have attempted to maintain our pricing throughout this upsurge but it is no longer possible to ignore the losses we are taking. We sincerely hope our members will understand the necessity of this action.

Hope to see you at the Lodge soon!

### EXALTED RULER

- Norm Benzing for helping repair or replace items throughout the lodge. Also, willing to change the sign at the last minute.
- Kim Benzing for stepping up to take over the Queen of Hearts.
- Bob Kane for fixing the fan in the men's bathroom.
- Jessica Hood for the amazing fireworks on the 4th of July.
- Ruth Levin for always being willing to help in the kitchen.
- Cindy Allen for the continued help in the kitchen and dining room.
- Daniel Armentrout and his mother for making the Friday dinner tables look so beautiful with fresh flowers.
- Sue Dortch for being available to help with the quarterly audit.
- Melissa Bertoch for being available to help with the quarterly audit.
- Jackie Appel for being available to help with the quarterly audit.
- Officers of Tampa 708 for being available for our meetings.
- Richard Florance for always making sure the lodge room is set up for meetings.
- Sammy Weil for his willingness to fix things around the lodge.
- Jason Brown and Crystal Johnson for holding a trivia night.
- Dean Valenti for donating all the nice comfy chairs around the bar.



### AUGUST LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

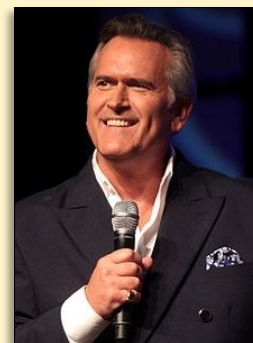
- 5th - LOE Board Meeting - 6:30pm
- 7th - LOE General Meeting 7pm Dinner 6:15pm
- 12th - Veteran's Meeting - 6:30pm
- 13th - BOD Meeting - 7:00pm
- 14th - Elks General Meeting - 7:30pm
- 21st - House Committee Meeting - 6:30pm
- 28th - New Member Orientation - 6:30pm
- 28th - Elks General Meeting & Installation - 7:30pm

### CELEBRITY ELKS

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American  
Actor**

**Albany, NY  
Lodge No. 49**









# Tampa Elks Lodge #708

## AUGUST 2024

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					PLEASE NOTE 6:30 START TIME	
				1 COURTNEY'S SPAGHETTI DINNER NIGHT...\$7.50  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	Friday Dinner August 2nd Shelagh and Tommy are in the kitchen  Fish and Chips or Tommy's Grits, Coleslaw and Hush Puppies \$11.00 Appetizer: Onion Rings \$3.50 Dessert: Lemon Layer Pie \$4.00 Sign up by emailing 708micals@gmail.com. or on the Lodge Bulletin Board	3  BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY 12PM TO 3PM SEE PG 8
Georgia's Sunday Dinner White Bean Soup Stuffed Pork Chops Blueberry Delight See pg 12 	5  LOE BOD MEETING 6:30 PM ITALIAN SAUSAGE SUB OR MEATBALL SUB OR ANTIPASTO SALAD OVER GREENS  BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	6  MARGARITA TUESDAY FOOD AVAILABLE 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	7 LOE GENERAL MEETING 7PM LOE DINNER 6:15PM  CRAFTED COCKTAILS FOOD AVAILABLE	8  THURSDAY NIGHTS 6:00 TO 7:30PM BURGERS & FRIES  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	Friday Dinner August 9th Sliced Steak Clam Chowder, Scalloped Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables, and a Roll \$19.00 Appetizer: Pecan Prairie Pie for 2 - \$5.50 Dessert: Pineapple Upside Down Cake - \$4.00 Serving 6:30 to 8:00 Sign up by emailing 708micals@gmail.com. or on the Lodge Bulletin Board by Thurs night. If you'd like to receive a reminder email each Wednesday, please send your email address to georgiahilfcker@gmail.com	 FUN QUARTER AUCTION DOORS OPEN AT 12:00PM AUCTION STARTS AT 1:00PM A TRULY UNUSUAL ARRAY OF ITEMS!
11 YOUR LOE PRESENTS  AUGUST 11TH 2PM SEE PAGE 7	12  6:30PM VETERAN'S COMMITTEE MEETING MEATLOAF SAND/W SIDE OR 1/2 SANDWICH W/ BEEF & BARLEY SOUP  BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	13  7:00PM BOD MEETING  At 7pm with Jason & Crystal 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	14 CRAFTED COCKTAILS FOOD AVAILABLE  NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION & INITIATION STARTING AT 6:00PM  7:30PM GENERAL MEETING	15 QUESADILLA W/ SIDE OR TACO SALAD  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	Friday Dinner August 16th Italian Stuffed Steak Italian Salad, Side Pasta, Italian Veggies and Garlic Bread \$19.00 Appetizer: Caprice for 2 - \$4:50 Dessert: Tiramisu - \$5.00 Serving 6:30 to 8:00 Sign up by emailing 708micals@gmail.com. or on the Lodge Bulletin Board by Thurs night. If you'd like to receive a reminder email each Wednesday, please send your email address to georgiahilfcker@gmail.com	17 9am CPR Training in the back hall
18	19 FISH SANDWICH OR SHRIMP PO BOY WITH SWEET TREAT  BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	20  Primary Elections In the back hall  MARGARITA TUESDAY FOOD AVAILABLE 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	21  HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM  CRAFTED COCKTAILS FOOD AVAILABLE	22  THURSDAY NIGHTS 6:00 TO 7:30PM BURGERS & FRIES  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	Friday Dinner August 23rd Stuffed Shrimp Caesar Salad, Dirty Rice and Spinach Casserole and Roll \$15.00 Appetizer: Lump Meat Crab Cakes - \$3.50 Dessert: Banana Bread a la Mode with Butterscotch Sauce - \$3.00 Serving 6:30 to 8:00 Sign up by emailing 708micals@gmail.com. or on the Lodge Bulletin Board by Thurs night. If you'd like to receive a reminder email each Wednesday, please send your email address to georgiahilfcker@gmail.com	24 Vice President Visitation: St Pete/Holiday at Holiday
25  GOURMET CLUB 5:30pm  CALENDAR MEETING 6:30PM	26 TUNA MELT W/ FRIES OR TUNA SALAD ON A BED OF GREENS  BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	27  MARGARITA TUESDAY FOOD AVAILABLE 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	28  7:30PM GENERAL MEETING  CRAFTED COCKTAILS	29 CUBAN SAND OR SPANISH BEAN SOUP OR 1905 SALAD  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	Friday Dinner August 30th Country Ribs House Salad, Bowl of Lima Beans with Bacon, Buttered Corn, Texas Toast \$16.00 Appetizer: Fried Okra - \$3.50 Dessert: Chocolate Chip, Ice Cream bowl - \$4.00 Serving 6:30 to 8:00 Sign up by emailing 708micals@gmail.com. or on the Lodge Bulletin Board by Thurs night. If you'd like to receive a reminder email each Wednesday, please send your email address to georgiahilfcker@gmail.com	31

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