



LODGE OFFICERS:

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Friday 4:00pm - 12:00am

Saturday 4:00pm - 11:00pm

Sunday 12pm - 9:00pm

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

A Message From your Exalted Ruler, Tracy Horrell



Hello fellow Elks! We are starting to see and welcome back our snowbirds, we greatly appreciate them spending time and having fun in our lodge. The weather up north is starting to cool down and hopefully, our snowbirds have brought some of that weather with them! We need a cool down and no more rain for a while!

I have been inspired by many Elks in our lodge who reach out and help with our schools, churches, and with our veterans within our community. Did you know that inspiration comes in all shapes and sizes?

Our Elks Lodge is making a difference in the lives of many people within the community of which we serve. We would not be successful without the support of our volunteers. There is truly something special about being able to contribute for the greater good! I'm so proud of the support, time, and energy you spend in helping to make a better place for others! Let's keep up the good work! Volunteering can help with your mood, decrease stress, and increase strength.

We are working hard around the lodge making it more inviting and more fun with events and improvements but we can't do it alone. Do you have time to volunteer? We have lots of committees that can use your help! Reach out to any lodge officer for more information!

We have several upcoming events starting with an 80's party, so dust off those shoes and come have a fun time! We have Oktoberfest coming up with delicious food and beverages, you don't want to miss our crew in authentic wear. Casino night is in October as well, this will help benefit the Children's Christmas Party. We will also have Elvis in the house in November, who doesn't want to see that? This is sure to sell out!

A big thank you to Kim VanWalker who spent a weekend following the State President while he was here in our district sharing his message. She did an amazing job taking photos and capturing the excitement and fun we all had!

Recently we lost a beautiful and fine lady Elma Kelly. She was the widow of George and belonged to our Ladies of the Elks. She spent many hours helping veterans and children. The smile on her face while volunteering was infectious! May she forever rest in peace. I will truly miss her! Please see details in Elksize for the information on a Ladies Memorial Service to be held in October.

Enjoy life, enjoy family, and enjoy your lodge!

All the best,

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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2024 GASPARILLA
JANUARY 25TH

SAVE THE DATE NOW!



**WE NEED 'ALL HANDS ON DECK' FOR OUR
BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!**

**WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS WITH UPCOMING
MEETINGS AND OUR FAMOUS PIRATE RAIDS!**

Our Newest Members



Damien Acevedo
Sponsor
Jessica Hood



Richard Vanderbilt
Sponsor
Richard Schneider, PER



OCTOBER ELK RECOGNITIONS

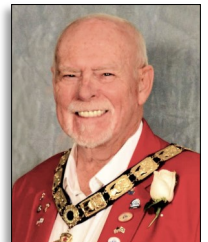
ELK OF THE MONTH...KIM BENZING

You may not see her often but she is always here on Mondays helping with bar bingo! She is the collector and it fits her because her background is in banking and finance. It is her love for numbers that also makes her the perfect fit to handle our machines and money bags, her accuracy is spot on! But did you also know she has an amazing singing voice? Come check her out at the next karaoke. Please let her know how much she is appreciated.



OFFICER OF THE MONTH...PAUL DELAND, PER

He has held every office in our lodge sometimes more than once and also has the title of PER. He is always helping our lodge whether it is supporting the bar, events, house committee chair, cleaning, cooking, playing Santa, or even being an emcee at our events. But did you know that he used to be a radio announcer? He has held and currently holds positions in the district and state. He truly loves Elkdome and it shows! Please help me show how much we care about him!



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH...DEAN VALENTI

Dean is a relatively new member but amazingly jumped right in to help the lodge. He often helps with attending events and is always giving when needed. But did you know that the chairs around the bar were all donated by this fine gentleman? These chairs were much needed and are oh-so comfortable! You will find Dean most times later in the evening enjoying conversation with other fine Elks. Next time you see him please let him know how much we appreciate all that he does.



Supporting Reports



Chaplain's Corner by our chaplain, Crystal Johnson:

"Winners aren't people who never fail... they're people who never quit." - Tech N9ne
Sometimes, all you have to do is keep your head in the game.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."
Galatians 6:



Ladies of the Elks:

The last few months have been a time of sadness and reflection for the Ladies as we said our goodbyes to two beloved members of our family. Last month we celebrated the life of Carolyn Breit who was a member of the Ladies' organization for 10 years. This month we will gather to celebrate the life of Elma Kelly, a 28-year member of the LOE. Both ladies volunteered with the LOE in countless ways. They will be forever missed.

On October 13th at 1pm, the Ladies are having a fundraiser to benefit the Antler Room renovation. We will make a patriotic flower wreath. Yes, it is during the Bucs game. Don't let that stop you. We can do two things at once, make a wreath and tailgate! See the flyer on the LOE board to sign up.

Don't forget to make your reservation to see Mama Mia. You can call me at 813-245-6458 for more information or to make your reservation.

Jacquie LoCicero, PLP, President, Ladies of the Elks

Executive Board

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Bonnie Atwood 10/18

Patty Jankiewicz 10/10

**JOIN YOUR
LOE FOR
A PATRIOTIC
AND FUN
FUNDRAISER**



WHEN: SUNDAY, OCT 13TH AT 1PM
WHAT: PATRIOTIC FLOWER WREATH
COST: \$35

RESERVATIONS BY 10/9

(SIGN UP ON LOE BOARD OR CALL/TEXT JACQUIE 813-245-6458)

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE ANTLER ROOM RENOVATION

EVERYONE WELCOME, NEED NOT BE AN ELK OR LOE MEMBER.

ALL LEVELS OF ABILITIES WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE THIS WREATH.

GREAT IDEA FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS.



THE SMASH HIT MUSICAL
returns to the Straz Center!



**MAMMA
MIA!**

Join the Ladies of the Elks Tampa 708
FOR AN EXCITING AND MAGICAL AFTERNOON
at the Straz Center in downtown Tampa.

Tuesday, Jan 28th at 7:30pm

Ticket levels: \$66.64- rear orchestra/front balcony
\$56.92- rear balcony (last three rows)
\$47.20- gallery

50% deposit due at time you make reservation.

If you are interested in attending please leave your name and contact information on the sign up sheet located on the LOE Board, or you can contact Jacquie at 813-245-6458.

A portion of your ticket fee will benefit
Children's Therapy Services.

Grant Reports and Information



VETS JOIN 708 AT **“ELKS DAY AT THE RAYS”**

Tampa Elks Veterans Committee hosted 5 Veterans and their driver to a fun afternoon at Tropicana Field, they joined us August 18th for “Elks Day at the Rays,” which is a fundraiser for Florida's 2 Major Projects.- The Youth Camp and the Mobile Therapy Services. Each Veteran received free admission, a Co-branded baseball hat, and a \$30 cash card to spend at the concessions. Pictured with the 6 from the Salvation Army are Tampa Veteran Chair Chris Ragusa and PERs Rick Schneider, Wendy Hall, and Paul Deland.

708 and Grand Lodge help our Veterans at James A. Haley Veterans Hospital



Pictured here are Tracy Horrell, Exalted Ruler, Edie Hanley, Leading Knight, and Crystal Johnson, Chaplain, at the James A. Haley Veteran's Hospital on July 24th. We were there to distribute the monthly stipend from Grand Lodge. Many of the veterans have a limited budget, so any assistance that they receive is greatly appreciated. We are proud to be able to assist them whenever possible and we truly enjoyed the extensive tour of the facility the staff gave us.

Pictured to the right are Crystal Johnson and Edie Hanley with Anita Henry of James Haley Hospital volunteer department. Through the monthly stipend we were able to assist the veterans with bus passes and items for their upcoming baby showers for the female veterans, among other things.



DID YOU KNOW TAMPA 708 NOW HAS ITS OWN RIDERS ASSOCIATION

Interested? Next Meeting will be held Saturday, October 12th, 2024, 12 noon at the lodge. All members are welcome to attend. You do not need to own a motorcycle to join. Applications are available at the entrance to the lounge. A one time fee of \$100.00 will provide you with patches to put on your vest and your membership. There are no yearly DUES. Come on down and find out what we are about. Kieth Stevens, President

Upcoming Events and Projects



Oktoberfest

Let's do this again!!

If you like German Food you don't want to miss this!

Friday, October 4th

Presented by: Chris Ragusa & Tom Knotts

2 Seatings 5 to 7pm & 7 to 9pm

Menu...

Beer Cheese Soup with Fresh made Pretzel.....	\$5.00
Schnitzel	\$9.00
2 Grilled Bavarian Bratwurst.....	\$7.00
2 Poached Weisswurst	\$7.00
German Red Cabbage	\$4.00
German Potato Salad	\$4.00
Kinderteller (1 Bratwurst or 1 Weisswurst & 1 Side)	\$6.00
Homemade Apple Strudel.....	\$4.00

Join us for another incredible night!
 German Draft Beer, German Music DJ,
 Wait Staff in Costume, 50/50, Raffle & loads of fun!

3616 W. Gandy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33611

Proceeds to benefit our New Year's Eve Event

Reservations required by Sept 27th

Members may sign up on the Lodge bulletin board,
 or anyone may book reservation by emailing 708meals@gmail.com



Upcoming Events and Projects



AT TAMPA ELKS LODGE 708

Saturday, October 19th

Cocktails & Appetizers 6pm

Game Play 7pm to 10pm

PROFESSIONAL GAMES AND DEALERS

ADVANCE TICKETS \$30.00 - AT DOOR \$35.00

**TICKETS INCLUDE ENTRANCE TO THE EVENT,
APPETIZERS & \$10 IN FUN MONEY - ADDITIONAL FUN MONEY
AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE. THERE IS AN ATM IN THE
ANTLER ROOM FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE**

**TURN YOUR FUN MONEY INTO PRIZES LIKE
GOLFING AT PALMA CIEA, LIGHTENING TICKETS,
IPAD, TAILGATE PACKAGE, WINE BASKETS & MORE!**

**CHOOSE YOUR POISON AND TRY YOUR LUCK
IT'S FOR A GOOD CAUSE**

**Proceeds to benefit Tampa Elks Youth
Committee activities. Let's make this a
Christmas the Kids will remember!**

Interested in tickets or being a sponsor for the event?

Contact: Jackie Jacobs

Jackie.Jacobs1986@gmail.com or (813)765-9897

Upcoming Events and Projects

**TAMPA 708
HALLOWEEN
PARTY
OCTOBER 26TH
7PM-11PM**

**MUSIC BY "DJ CAUTION"
MUSIC AND KARAOKE**

**MAKE YOUR OWN CHILI BAR
(RICE, CORNBREAD, CHEESE,
JALAPENOS, ONIONS, SOUR CREAM,
AND FRITOS) CHILI PROVIDED**

A HAUNTED CHARCUTERIE BOARD

**SPOOKY DELIGHTS
(SPIDER WEB, DEVEILED EGGS, PUMPKIN
CHEESE BALL, HOT DOG MUMMIES,
COOKIES & SCREAMS, GRAVEYARD
CRUNCH, SPIDER WEB DIP-TACO-DIP)**

SPECIAL HALLOWEEN COCKTAILS

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE COSTUME

**BRING YOUR FAVORITE
HALLOWEEN FOODS
COSTUME CONTEST**

50/50

\$5.00 MINIMUM DONATION SUGGESTED

**GREAT FUN
GREAT FOOD
GREAT MUSIC**



Upcoming Events and Projects

ELK 708 THANKSGIVING DINNER

Dee Cisneros, PER has graciously agreed to cook Turkeys, Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy & Dressing again this Thanksgiving. Guests should bring their favorite side dish and \$8.00

Please sign up on 708meals@gmail.com or on the Lodge bulletin board as soon as possible.

Should we not have sufficient interest by Nov. 18th the Lodge will be closed for Thanksgiving day.

BUCCANEER WATCH PARTY AT 708

COME JOIN OUR WEEKLY TAILGATE PARTY & CHEER THE BUCS ON TO A WINNING SEASON

(SIGN UP TO HOST A PARTY OR BRING A DISH TO SHARE)

DOORS OPEN EVERY SUNDAY AT 12 NOON

2024 BUCS SCHEDULE

OCT 3RD - ATLANTA FALCONS - 8:15PM
OCT 13TH - NEW ORLEANS SAINTS - 1PM
OCT 21ST - BALTIMORE RAVENS - 8:15PM
OCT 27TH - ATLANTA FALCONS - 1PM
NOV 4TH - KANSAS CITY CHIEFS - 1PM
NOV 10TH - SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS - 1PM

NOV 24TH - NEW YORK GIANTS - 1PM
DEC 1ST - CAROLINA PANTHERS - 4:05PM
DEC 8TH - LAS VEGAS RAIDERS - 1PM
DEC 15TH - LOS ANGELES CHARGERS - 4:25PM
DEC 22ND - DALLAS COWBOYS - 8PM
DEC 29TH - CAROLINA PANTHERS - 1PM



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION OF LIFE
IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR DEAR SWEET
ELMA KELLY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH AT 2PM



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LET'S DO DINNER AT THE LODGE WITH COURTNEY

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Proceeds to benefit our Blue Star's Care Center

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OCT 11TH

**Friday Dinner
Oct 11th
Catfish
Dinner**

**House Salad, Potato Salad,
and Baked Beans
14.00**

**Dessert:
Chocolate Cherry Cake \$4.00**

Serving 6:30 to 8:00

Sign up by emailing 708meals@gmail.com,
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

OCT 18TH
NO FRIDAY DINNER

**Casino
NIGHT**

AT TAMPA ELKS LODGE 708
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BRING YOUR FAVORITE
HALLOWEEN FOODS
COSTUME CONTEST
50/50

\$5.00 DONATION REQUIRED

GREAT FUN
GREAT FOOD
GREAT MUSIC

**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
DINNER SERVED FROM 6:30PM TO 8:00PM**

BAR BINGO

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

**Oct 7th - Shrimp Po Boy with Fries
and a sweet treat**

**Oct 14th - Rueben with Fries and sweet
treat**

**Oct 21th - Pressed Cubans w/chips
and sweet treat**

**Oct 28th - Meatball Sub w/Fries and
sweet treat**

Sides are subject to change depending upon availability.

QUEEN OF HEARTS

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

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

***Oct 3rd -**

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

***Oct 10th - Shelagh & Tommy
Grill Night**

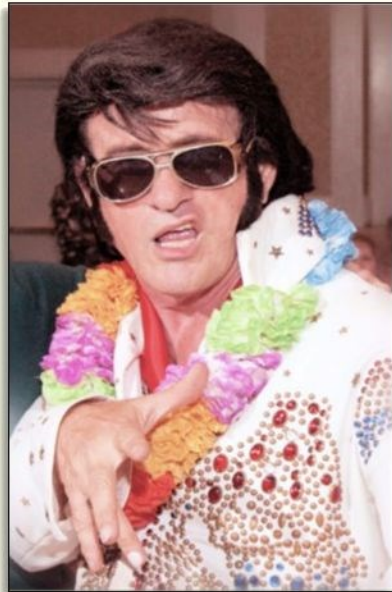
***Oct 17th - Gyro & Greek Salad**

**Oct 24th - Shelagh & Tommy
Grill Night**

*** Oct 31st - Fish Sandwich & Fries**

Upcoming Events and Festivities

ELVIS IS IN THE HOUSE FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY



**SATURDAY NOV. 9TH
6PM COCKTAIL HOUR
7PM DINNER**

**ELVIS' FAVORITE
DINNER...**

**MEATLOAF, MASHED POTATOES,
GREEN BEANS AND PEANUT
BUTTER AND BANANA
SANDWICHES AS APPETIZERS AND
BANANA PUDDING FOR DESSERT**

**A ROCK AND ROLL EVENING
OF GREAT LIVE MUSIC, FUN
FOOD, 50/50 AND MORE**

ONLY \$20.00

**FOR AN ALL OUT
FUN NIGHT**



Upcoming Events and Projects

NOW HERE'S A TASTY FUNDRAISER BROUGHT TO US BY OUR LODGE VETERANS COMMITTEE

The Tampa Elks 708 Lodge Veterans Committee will be selling smoked turkey breasts and smoked pork butts to fund the onsite and offsite activities that we host for our four veteran shelters. Please support this lodge community outreach program by including these items on your Thanksgiving Day menu. The items will be available for pickup at the lodge the day before Thanksgiving .

Details:

- Kansas City Master Barbeque Association Pitmaster (and 30-year US Navy veteran) Tommy Pate has volunteered to prepare 7-8 pound smoked turkey breasts and 4-5 pound smoked pork butts (Boston butt or pork shoulders) onsite using his competition-level smoker.
- Pre-ordered purchases only, beginning November 1, 2024, and ending November 17, 2024.
- Pre-ordered items will be available for pickup on Wednesday, November 27...the day before Thanksgiving...at the lodge from 3:00-7:00pm.
- Watch for ordering and pricing information coming in November.



SCHAFF-WALL
MARDI GRAS BAND



**NEW YEAR'S EVE 2025
MARDI GRAS EXTRAVAGANZA
AT TAMPA 708
\$70 TICKETS GO ON SALE DEC 1ST
100 GUEST LIMIT...CLOSED LODGE EVENT**

Lodge Business and Projects



**Elks
National
Foundation**

**Become an ENF
FIDELITY CLUB Member**

Why join the Fidelity Club...

By joining you support all our charities with one quick and easy payment.

Easy: The ENF Fidelity Club recognizes automatic, regularly scheduled donations through your bank account or credit card. These donations occur monthly (minimum \$5).

- **Eco-Friendly:** Save a tree and save time with paperless donations!
- **Convenience:** No need to purchase stamps or mail a check. It takes just five minutes to sign up, and you're good to go!
- **Flexibility:** You can increase, modify or cancel your gift at any time.
- **Security:** It's safe, reliable and allows the ENF to spend less time on administration and more time on our charitable mission.

Becoming a member of the Fidelity Club is simple! Enroll online at enf.elks.org/recurring and start your gift today!

Questions? Contact enf@elks.org or 773-755-4728 for additional information about starting a monthly gift and joining the ENF Fidelity Club.

Lodge Business and Projects



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
To TONY MORINO,
 our long time member who
 celebrated his 98th birthday last
 month. If you see him,
 congratulate him.



WHAT'S NEW AT YOUR LODGE BAR

It's **BUCS** ARE BACK!

Enjoy the games on the **BIG SCREEN** with friends!
 GAME SPECIALS INCLUDE **SMOKED OLD FASHIONS & MANHATTANS**



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

FOOD AVAILABLE ON TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS BY **KRISTI** - DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED



DEE CISNEROS, PER, IS AT THE BAR SERVING UP DELICIOUS DRINKS

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY NIGHTS

AND THERE FOR OUR BUCCANEER "WATCH PARTY" AT EVERY BUC'S GAME!

SHELAGH GOMBARCIK, PER, BAR MANAGER

We need your help...

If you have anything hanging around in the back hall, please pick it up. We have several events and hall rentals coming up and will be forced to dispose of any remaining items.

Thank you, **Wendy Hall, PER**



Lodge Business and Projects



AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST



A program of the Elks' Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee, this contest is geared towards students in 5th through 8th grades to promote patriotism among young people.

Rules

- At the time of the contest, eligible participants must be Students enrolled in one of these four divisions: I—5th grade; II—6th grade; III—7th grade; or IV—8th grade.
- Essay length is not to exceed 300 words.
- Essay must be typed or legibly printed in ink. Also, Essay must be submitted as written (or typed) by the entrant.
- Essay must be submitted for judging to the Elks Lodge nearest to the address of the entrant.
- Participant must be identified by name, grade, school attending and sponsoring Elks Lodge on the Essay.

Awards

Plaques will be awarded by Grand Lodge for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place for national winning essays in Divisions I, II, III, and IV. Monetary awards will be disbursed for each grade level for 1st Place—\$1,000; 2nd Place—\$500; and 3rd Place—\$250. Winners will be announced at the Grand Lodge Session.

Application Packet

Contact our Lodge Secretary, Richard Schneider, PER at 813-831-4280 to obtain an entry form. All applications must include the cover page to identify the student and local Elks Lodge it is submitted to. Essay should be submitted to your nearest local Elks Lodge on/before December 15, 2024.

EXALTED RULER

- Courtney Weil- for her unwavering devotion to the kitchen
- Shelagh Gombarcik- for her help in the kitchen
- T. Michael Boyle- for his expertise on the House committee
- Susie Harlow- helping sell tickets for Casino event, football squares
- Betty Orcutt- helping sell tickets for the Casino event
- Jackie Jacobs- for fundraising for Casino event
- Sam Washington for his contributions to ongoing projects.
- Albert Weil, George & Georgia's son-in-law for grilling those delicious steak last month.
- Jason Brown & Crystal Johnson for their support of events and coming up with ways for our Lodge to raise money.
- Patrons who love our lodge!



OCTOBER LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 2nd - LOE General Meeting 7pm Dinner 6:15pm
- 9th - Elks General Meeting - 7:30pm
- 10th - House Committee Meeting - 6:30pm
- 14th - Veteran's Meeting - 6:30pm
- 22nd - BOD Meeting - 7:00pm
- 23rd - New Member Orientation - 6:30pm
& Installation following general meeting
- 23rd - Elks General Meeting - 7:30pm

CELEBRITY Elks

**Bob
Evans**

**American
Restaurateur**













**Lodge No. 107
Gallipolis, OH**



Tampa Elks Lodge #708

OCTOBER 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	2 LOE GENERAL MEETING 7PM LOE DINNER 6:15PM	3 COURTNEY'S SPAGHETTI DINNER NIGHT...\$7.50 BUCS vs FALCONS 8:15PM QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	 Oktoberfest Let's do this again!! If you like German food you have want to miss this Friday, October 4th Presented by Chris Ragusa & Tom Knotts 2 Shootings 5 to 7pm & 7 to 9pm Menu... Beer Cheese Soup with Fresh made Pretzel.....\$5.00 Schneitzel.....\$7.00 2 Grilled European Ribs.....\$7.00 2 Panched Wisconsin.....\$7.00 German Beer Cabbage.....\$4.00 German Potato Salad.....\$4.00 Bismarkeler (Bismarck) w/ Wisconsin & 1 Side.....\$6.00 Homemade Apple Strudel.....\$4.00 Join us for another incredible night! German Draft Beer, German Music DJ, Blue Shift Casino, 50/50, Raffle & loads of fun! 500 W. Gandy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33611 Reservations requested by Sept 27th *Reservations may be made by calling 708-ELKS or emailing 708elks@gmail.com	5 HALL RENTAL 5PM TO 10PM
6 CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR ELMA KELLY  2PM BACK HALL	7 SHRIMP PO BOY W/FRIES BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	8 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	9 7:30PM GENERAL MEETING	10 THURSDAY NIGHTS 6:00 TO 7:30PM  BURGERS & FRIES QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	 Friday Dinner Oct 11th Catfish Dinner Special Guest Mindy & Korbin are in the kitchen House Salad, Potato Salad, and Baked Beans 14.00 Dessert: Chocolate Cherry Cake \$4.00 Serving 6:30 to 8:00 Sign up by emailing 708elks@gmail.com. If you'd like to receive a reminder email each Wednesday, please send your email address to:	12 HALL RENTAL 2PM TO 6PM  ELK RIDERS MEETING 12PM TO 2PM
13  LOE PATRIOTIC CRAFT EVENT 2PM SEE PG 4 BUCS vs SAINTS 1PM	14  6:30PM VETERAN'S COMMITTEE MEETING REUBEN W/FRIES BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	15 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	16  HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM	17 GYRO & GREEK SALAD QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	18  Casino Night AT TAMPA ELKS LODGE 708 Saturday, October 19th Cocktails & Appetizers 6pm Game Play 7pm to 10pm PROFESSIONAL GAMES AND DEALERS ADVANCE TICKETS \$30.00 - AT DOOR \$35.00 TICKETS INCLUDE ENTRANCE TO THE EVENT. APPETIZERS & BEV IN FUN MONEY - ADDITIONAL FUN MONEY AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE. THERE IS AN ATM IN THE ATTENDANCE ROOM FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE. TURN YOUR FUN MONEY INTO PRIZES LIKE COLFING AT PALMA CEE, LIGHTENING TICKETS, IPAD, TRILITE PACKAGE, WINE BASKETS & MORE! CHOOSE YOUR POISON AND TRY YOUR LUCK IT'S FOR A GOOD CAUSE Proceeds to benefit Tampa Elks Youth Committee activities. Let's make this a Christmas the Kids will remember! Involvement in Events = Making a Difference for the Future! Contact: Jackie Decker for the event! JACKIE.DUCKER@TAMPAELKS.COM or 708-ELKS-0087	
20 BUCS vs SAINTS 1PM	21 BUCS vs RAVENS 8:15PM PRESSED CUBANS WITH SIDE BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	22  7:00PM BOD MEETING 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	23 7:30PM GENERAL MEETING	24 THURSDAY NIGHTS 6:00 TO 7:30PM  BURGERS & FRIES QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	25  TAMPA 708 HALLOWEEN PARTY OCTOBER 26TH 7PM-11PM MUSIC BY "DJ CAUTION" MUSIC AND KARAOKE MAKE YOUR OWN CHILI BAR ELKS CORNBREAD, CHEESE, JALAPENOS, CHOCOL, SOUR CREAM, AND PINTOS (CHILI PROVIDED) A HAUNTED CHARCUTERIE BOARD SPOOKY DELICIES (SPIDER WEB, DEVILED EGGS, PUMPKIN CHEESE BALL, HOT DOG MONSTER, COOKIES & SWEETS, GRAVITY CRACKER, SPINACH W/ DIP, TACO-BURR, SPECIAL HALLOWEEN COCKTAILS WEAR YOUR FAVORITE COSTUME BRING YOUR FAVORITE HALLOWEEN FOODS COSTUME CONTEST 50/50 \$5.00 MINIMUM DONATION SUGGESTED GREAT FUN GREAT FOOD GREAT MUSIC	
27 BUCS vs FALCONS 1PM	28 MEATBALL SUB & FRIES BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	29	30	31 FISH SANDWICH W/FRIES QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM		

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