



LODGE OFFICERS:

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4 YEAR TRUSTEE - Laura Jones
5 YEAR TRUSTEE - Shelagh Gombarcik, PER

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Saturday 4:00pm - 11:00pm

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

A Message From your Exalted Ruler, Tracy Horrell



We have now moved on from the dog days of Summer! I am looking forward to hopefully cooler weather soon!

Labor Day is usually celebrated with parades, backyard BBQs, beach time for many families, and a day off from work. But this day is a federal holiday that honors the contributions of American workers and the history of labor in this country.

The first celebrations were held locally in the 1880s and organized by unions and workers. The organizers wanted to bring different types of workers together to meet and recognize their common interests. Oregon was the first state to pass a law recognizing Labor Day in 1887, and it became a federal holiday in 1894. For many of us, it is a long weekend that is well deserved and feels good to relax! No matter how you celebrate it, enjoy it to the fullest!

Look in the Elksize for special events happening at the lodge.

We are now in the middle of hurricane season and I hope all of us have a plan in place in case we need to act fast. Keeping a list of items that you may need to take with you is always a good idea. Do we have your phone number, email, and mailing address correct in our data system? If you have changed any of this information recently please let us know. Please look in Elksize for more helpful information on being safe.

Football is back and we have you covered with all your favorite teams' action on the big screen! Look for different hours on Sunday and lots of good food, drinks, and camaraderie!

Are you bored at home, then come on down and see what's new at the lodge, help volunteer in the community or at the lodge. It is always appreciated!

Hope to see you soon at the lodge!

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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**THERE WILL BE A MEMORIAL
SERVICE HELD FOR
ROBERT NORTON
SEPTEMBER 21ST
AT 4PM**

**IN THE BACK HALL OF THE LODGE
A LIGHT DINNER WILL BE SERVED
FOLLOWING THE SERVICE.**

Our Newest Members



David Saniter
Sponsor
Meliane Anthony



Gary Chamberlain
Sponsor
Rick Schneider, PER



Jamie Zinober
Sponsor
D.C. Goutoufas



Joel Pineiro
Sponsor
Bob Kane



Megan Levin
Sponsor
Ruth Levin



Rebecca Bordonaro
Sponsor
Dee Cisneros, PER

SEPTEMBER ELK RECOGNITIONS

ELK OF THE MONTH...PATTY VOLPE

You may not see Patty often sitting at the bar, but she is always lending a helping hand to make our Pirates Cove at the State Convention a big hit or she is helping with a quarter auction to be successful! But it is her love for kids that shines through and her way of making sure every child leaves our events with smiles on their faces, whether with school supplies, Christmas gifts, or food. I know no kid will be left behind. Please let her know how much she is appreciated!



OFFICER OF THE MONTH...NORMAN BENZING

Norman Benzing is a gentle giant, but his sense of humor will leave you in stitches! You will find him often here on meeting nights or a night when he is in a BOD meeting but did you know he also lends a helping hand to change out the sign, (a very hot job in summer) and fix minor issues around the lodge, and even clean up the parking lot with dead animals? Norm has been a member for a few years now and jumped right in. I appreciate him so much! Next time you see him in the lodge let him know how much we appreciate him!



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH...SAMMY WEIL

You may not know him well or see him much but he does a lot! You may know him better as Courtney Weil's, PER husband. He not only helps shop for the lodge, but he helps cook, clean and does odd jobs around the lodge without even being asked. He was a lifesaver last month when I asked him to help clean out the shed which is always a huge job. Thank you for all you do Sammy! Please help me congratulate him!



Supporting Reports



Chaplain's Corner by our chaplain, Crystal Johnson:

"Realizing that your fear is exaggerated makes it easier for you to decide to face it." - Mo Gawdat

Things are rarely as scary as we tell ourselves they'll be.

"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." 2 Timothy 1:7



Ladies of the Elks:

The Ladies are starting a new fundraiser for Children's Therapy Services. Donate any amount to Children's Therapy Services and your name will be added to our Growing Tree located on the LOE's board. All funds collected will go the CTS. See any LOE member or your bartender. Donate today and watch our tree grow!

The Ladies continue to support the lodge in many ways. Many of our Ladies volunteer in many areas of the lodge, the kitchen, front of the house service, committees and more. We also continue to fund our lodges breezeway upkeep and donate our hard raised money to different areas that need a bit of boosting. Our latest project is assisting the lodge with the reimagining of the Antler Room. Interested in joining the fun, see any LOE member for information.

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

September Birthday

9/11 Laura Jones

LOE Painting with a Twist



The Ladies and friends spent a fun Sunday afternoon painting with a twist. Thank you to all who came out to flex they're creativity and catch up with friends. All for a good cause.

For those who may have wanted to join us, be on the lookout, as the Ladies are working on a Paint with a "Twist" fundraiser for Children's Therapy Services with a patriotic twist.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE NEXT EVENT!

THE SMASH HIT MUSICAL returns to the Straz Center!



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

If you are interested in attending, and would like to know more, 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



A GENEROUS MEMBER BUYS DINNER FOR OUR VETS

In an extremely generous gesture, Tampa Elk Shirley Menedez purchased 15 tickets to the Low Country Boil that the Ladies of the Elks put on July 19th. The tickets were given to the Lodge Veterans Committee so they could invite 15 of the transitioning Veterans in temporary housing at the Salvation Army. The Salvation Army has partnered with the Veterans Administration and recently built a separate facility for veterans experiencing homelessness, and they have 50 beds dedicated to Veterans.

They have also purchased a 15 person van so now they can include more of their clients in our excursions. The inclusion of female Veterans is also recent, and three females came to the Low Country Boil. It was a very delicious meal, consisting of crawfish, shrimp, clams, sausage, potatoes, corn and a roll to sop up the juices. Dessert was a lemon crunch cake.

It was also a very successful merge of the Elks, the Ladies of the Elks, and Salvation Army. The Ladies of the Elks did the cooking, members of the Lodge Veterans Committee worked as servers, and the committee picked up the drinks tab.

Remarkably, the Salvation Army's 15 Veterans had included one of their staff members from another city who was so impressed he made a generous donation to the Veterans Committee.

You are invited to join the Veterans Committee's next meeting on Thursday, Sept 5th at 6:30.



Past Events and Projects

ANOTHER FANTASIC QUARTER AUCTION NOT YOUR USUAL QUARTER AUCTION SALE

We had a Quarter Auction on Saturday, August 10th at the Lodge. We had lots of donations. Everyone seemed to go home with a car full of stuff (that they probably didn't need). Laura Jones and Georgia Hilficker's mystery bags were a hit. Thank you Laura and Georgia! Courtney's lunch service was delicious. Thank you Courtney & Shelagh! The day's volunteers really did an excellent job of making it all look soo easy. Thank you to Laura Jones, Mike Volpe, Lori Armentrout, Laura Bell and Savannah Bell for all you did!

Thank you Dee for opening the bar for the event. The clean up crew got the job done quickly! Thanks everyone! Proceeds from this fundraiser benefited Tampa Lodge.

Fraternally yours, Patty Volpe

Past Events and Projects



Our very own amazing Youth Activities committee hosted this year's Tampa Elks Back to School party on Saturday, August 3rd from 12pm to 3pm, at the lodge. We had thirty-one families that attended the event with sixty-eight school aged children.

It is always fun when you get so many like-minded people together! The kids and their families were ready to play games and have lunch and our volunteers were standing by, ready to make it happen. Our volunteers started arriving at 10am to set up the hall and start bagging up the school supplies. At 12pm we were ready to open the doors. Our guest were registered and each child received a Drug Awareness bag. Once seated, they had table games and activities and plenty of snacks available.

Member Stephen Willis was our MC and kept the show rolling and really got the audience participating in the action. We ALL enjoyed Papa John's pizza, salad, applesauce, and cookies for lunch. During lunch, Elks Scholar Morgan McDaniel briefly spoke on her experience with the Elks, which lead to her receiving a scholarship. After lunch we played Bingo. Member Mike Volpe was the bingo caller and all the kids won at least one prize, some won more. At the end of the party, all the attending children left with a bag of school age supplies.

It was 3 hours of fun for the families. For our volunteers, it was more than 3 hours. From the planning, gathering/purchasing/donating school supplies, setting up, working the event, tearing down the event, and then doing the paperwork and writing up the event for the Elks, the hours add up. However, year over year, the number of volunteers we have for this event grows and grows. We had an astonishing number of volunteers! 16 Elks and 9 Non-Elks. It was a very worthwhile event for all. Thank you to all our volunteers! Cannot wait to do it again at Christmas!

Special thanks to Norm Benzing for the party shout out on the marquee, the Monday night bar bingo committee and crowd that brought in supplies, and those that donated cash and/or gift cards. It takes a Lodge, and we have the Best People on Earth, at ours.

Fraternally Yours,

Patty Volpe, Committee Member



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



**GEORGIA INVITES YOU TO
SUNDAY DINNER
AT THE LODGE**
Serving at 6:30pm-8:00pm
Sunday, September 1st
**Butternut Squash Soup
Lamb Shank
in Wine Sauce or
Slow Roasted Pot Roast
w/Mashed Potatoes,
Carrots, and Yeast Rolls
Dessert: Black Forest Cobbler**
\$19.00

Please secure your meal by making your reservation and menu choice by Friday,
August 30th Email - 708meals@gmail.com or georgiahilficker@gmail
or sign up on the Lodge bulletin board.

Proceeds to underwrite the 2025 New Year's Eve Celebration.

Coming Labor Day, September 2

Tampa Elks

Monthly 50/50 Drawing

Tickets - 6 for \$5 donation

The Bar Bingo committee is changing things up a bit, introducing a new game...Monthly 50/50 drawing. Tickets will be sold Monday's ONLY during Bar Bingo.

Drawing will be the **LAST MONDAY** of EVERY month after the \$10 round.



Join Jason & Crystal
The 2nd Tuesday of the
Month at 7pm
for a rousing game of

TRIVIA

Sept 10TH

Prizes to winners

No cell phone

Look-ups allowed!

Upcoming Events and Projects



FIRE CRACKER & THE BURNT FUSES

SATURDAY, SEPT 7TH
8PM TO 11PM

COME ENJOY THE MUSIC OF THIS FANTASTIC GROUP PLUS

GEORGIA AND HER SON-IN-LAW ALBERT

WILL BE THERE TO OFFER YOU A DELICIOUS

NEW YORK STRIP DINNER

WITH CAESAR SALAD, BAKED POTATO,

CORN ON THE COB AND YEAST ROLL

PLUS TRES LECHE TIRAMISU CAKE FOR DESSERT!

MUSIC & A STEAK DINNER FOR A MERE \$21.00

SERVING FROM 6:30 TO 8PM



HAPPY LABOR DAY



**ITS TIME TO HONOR THOSE WHO MAKE OUR COUNTRY RUN AND WHAT
BETTER WAY TO DO IT THAN CELEBRATING AT TAMPA ELKS #708.**

Early Bird Bar Bingo @ 5:30pm

4-5 games, \$1 Donation per card, Winner Takes ALL
(Regular Bar Bingo to begin @ 6:30pm, regular rules apply)

**Grilled Hot dogs and Hamburgers
With sides ONLY \$7.00**

@ 5:00pm

Drink Specials @ 5:00pm

Something cold, maybe something frozen, drinks will be amazing

Upcoming Events and Projects



LET'S DO DINNER AT THE LODGE WITH COURTNEY

SEPT 6TH
NO FRIDAY DINNER


FIRE CRACKER & THE BURNT FUSES
SATURDAY, SEPT 7TH
8PM TO 11PM
COME ENJOY THE MUSIC OF THIS FANTASTIC MUSICAL GROUP PLUS

GEORGIA AND HER SON-IN-LAW ALBERT WILL BE THERE TO OFFER YOU A DELICIOUS
NEW YORK STRIP DINNER
WITH CAESAR SALAD, BAKED POTATO, CORN ON THE COB AND YEAST ROLL PLUS TRES LECHE TIRAMISU CAKE
MUSIC & A STEAK DINNER
FOR A MERE
\$21.00
SERVING FROM 6:30 TO 8PM
PROCEEDS GO TO UNDERWRITE THE NEW YORK'S CIVIC CENTER


SEPT 13TH


Friday Dinner
Sept 13th
Carl Williamson's
Country Fried Steak
with Caesar Salad, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans and a Roll
\$12.00
Appetizer:
Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail - \$5.50
Dessert:
Chocolate Cake - \$4.00
Serving 6:00 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 your email address to georgiahilficker@gmail.com

SEPT 20TH


Friday Dinner
Sept 20th
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
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 your email address to georgiahilficker@gmail.com

SEPT 27TH
NO FRIDAY DINNER


Totally Awesome 80's Party
SEPTEMBER 28TH
6:30PM TO 11PM
80'S DINNER, 80'S MUSIC
SLOPPY JOES, POTATO SKINS, SALAD AND FONDUE
THEN DANCE DINNER OFF WITH OUR DJ
BEST 80'S COSTUME, 50/50 & MORE
ALL FOR ONLY \$20
GET YOUR TICKETS FROM CRYSTAL OR FROM YOUR BARTENDER
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT OUR LODGE

**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**

Sept 2nd - BINGO SPECIAL SEE PAGE 8

Sept 9th - Fish Sandwich with Fries and sweet treat

Sept 16th - Pressed Cubans w/Fries and sweet treat

Sept 23rd - Meatball or Italian Sausage Sub w/Fries and sweet treat

Sept 30th - Rueben with side 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**

***Sept 5th -**



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

***Sept 12th - Wings with Fries or Club Salad**

***Sept 19th - Shelagh & Tommy Grill Night**

*** Sept 26th - Shelagh & Tommy Grill Night**

Upcoming Events and Festivities



STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT *To The Wonderful West Central District*

Friday, September 13th

ST PETERSBURG LODGE

7PM DINNER | \$20 PER PERSON

Choice of Beef Tips or Salmon

Business Casual Dress | Friday Red Shirts Encouraged

Saturday, September 14th

CAMBRIA HOTEL

Boat Tour with a stop at Holiday Isles Lodge for lunch
\$25 per person

HOLIDAY ISLES LODGE

11:30am Lunch | \$15 per person

Cool and casual dress - bathing suits encouraged

NORTH PAVILION AT ARCHIBALD BEACH PARK MADEIRA BEACH

5:30 PM Arrival

6:00 PM State President's Address and Awards

6:30 PM Dinner

Aloha To Go Food Truck Serving Hawaiian Food

Ono Beef Teriyaki or Mahi Mahi for \$20

Shoyu Chicken for \$18

Luau / Beach Attire

**RSVP by September 1st and purchase tickets
by scanning the QR code to the left!**

Upcoming Events and Projects

**TOTALLY
AWESOME 80's**



Party

SEPTEMBER 28TH

6:30PM TO 11PM

80'S DINNER, 80'S MUSIC

**SLOPPY JOES, POTATO SKINS,
SALAD AND FONDUE**

THEN DANCE DINNER OFF WITH OUR DJ

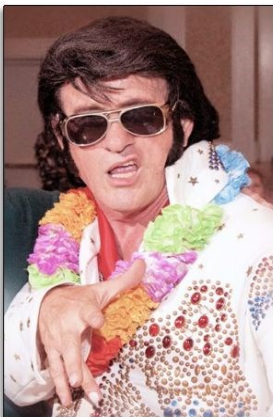
BEST 80'S COSTUME, 50/50 & MORE

ALL FOR ONLY \$20

GET YOUR TICKETS FROM CRYSTAL

OR FROM YOUR BARTENDER

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT OUR LODGE



ELVIS IS IN THE HOUSE

NOV. 9TH, 6PM COCKTAILS, 7PM DINNER

MENU: ALL ELVIS'S FAVORITES

WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION

THIS WILL BE FUN...MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Upcoming Events and Projects

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

SEPT 8TH - WASHINGTON COMMANDERS - 4:25PM

SEPT 15TH - DETROIT LIONS - 1PM

SEPT 22ND - DENVER BRONCOS - 1PM

SEPT 29TH - PHILADELPHIA EAGLES - 1PM

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

Lodge Business and Projects

YOUR LODGE KITCHEN DOESN'T JUST COOK YOUR DINNERS & GRILL YOUR BURGERS...
WITH YOUR HELP, WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

From cooking for our fundraising events, to providing food and refreshments to organizations that support our veterans, children and first responders, your kitchen is a vital part of this Lodge. By attending dinners and supporting events you help to make our Lodge an even more integral part of our community and we thank you.

**HERE'S A FEW ORGANIZATIONS OUTSIDE OUR LODGE
WE HAVE HELPED BY PROVIDING FOOD AND ASSISTANCE.**

The SPOOKSTOCK Foundation which is a non-profit organization that seeks to help shadow warriors and their families flourish. A large part of this is their monetary support of the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, The CIA Officers Memorial Foundation, and No Greater Sacrifice. All three of these organizations support shadow warrior children in pursuing higher education. Their mission is to eliminate as many hurdles as possible to ensure success in a beneficiary population dealt many obstacles. We were honored to provide a meal for one of their fundraising endeavors.

The BLACK DAGGER MILITARY HUNT CLUB is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides shooting, hunting, fishing, and other outdoor opportunities for veterans and active duty military (wounded and well). Many of their volunteers are retired or active duty military with a great deal of tactical and hunting experience. They co-labor with other veteran groups and nonprofits to support those who give their all for our Nation! Recently we were privileged to provide food for their Black Dagger Fisher House Dinner bringing special families together for a meal.

Additionally we recently provided lunches to neighborhood schools for their special events and for their sports department.

Lodge Business and Projects

WHAT'S NEW AT YOUR LODGE BAR

It's **SEPTEMBER** AND THE **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

EXALTED RULER



- Ed Lassard- for helping on the bingo committee
- Janet Hill- for stepping up to help with financials
- Wendy Hall- for helping organize and clean up the Antler room
- Kim Benzing- Helping the bingo committee
- Candy Suhrheinrich -for handling delinquent list/renewals
- Jessica Hood- keeping breezeway plants looking beautiful
- Dee Cisneros- for providing us with successful Bingo Nights.
- Shelagh Gombarcik-for sponsoring our Gourmet Club this year.
- Chris Ragusa-for doing such a great job heading our Lodge Veteran's Committee.
- Jose Remon and Chris Miles-for all their support in all things 708!
- Bob Kane - for helping with odd jobs around the lodge.

SEPTEMBER LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 2nd - LOE Board Meeting - 6:30pm
- 4th - LOE General Meeting 7pm Dinner 6:15pm
- 5th - Veteran's Meeting - 6:30pm
- 11th - Elks General Meeting - 7:30pm
- 18th - House Committee Meeting - 6:30pm
- 24th - BOD Meeting - 7:00pm
- - New Member Orientation - 6:30pm
- 25th - Elks General Meeting - 7:30pm

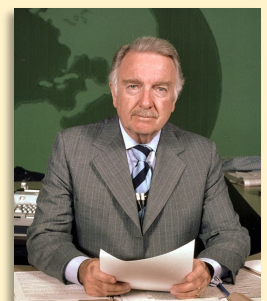
CELEBRITY ELKS

Walter Cronkite

Broadcast Journalist

St. Joseph, MO


























Lodge No. 40



Tampa Elks Lodge #708

SEPTEMBER 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>GEORGIA INVITES YOU TO SUNDAY DINNER AT THE LODGE Serving at 6:30pm-8:00pm Sunday, September 1st Butternut Squash Soup Lamb Shank in Wine Sauce or Slow Roasted Pot Roast w/ Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, and Yeast Rolls Dessert: Black Forest Cobbler \$19.00</p> <p><small>Please reserve your meal by making your reservation and menu choice by Friday, August 30th Email: info@tampaelks708.com or georgiainvites@tampaelks708.com or sign up on the lodge bulletin board. Proceeds to underwrite the 2025 New Year's Eve Celebration. Reservations gratefully accepted.</small></p>	<p>2  LOE BOD MEETING 6:30 PM</p> <p>BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>	<p>3  HALL USE CUB SCOUTS</p> <p>7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL</p>	<p>4 LOE GENERAL MEETING 7PM  LOE DINNER 6:15PM</p>	<p>5  COURTNEY'S SPAGHETTI DINNER NIGHT...\$7.50</p> <p>6:30PM VETERAN'S COMMITTEE MEETING</p> <p> QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM</p>	<p>6</p>	 <p>FIRE CRACKER & THE BURNT FUSES SATURDAY, SEPT 7TH 8PM TO 10PM CORTIC ENJOY THE MUSIC OF THIS FANTASTIC MUSICAL GROUP PLUS</p> <p><small>GEORGIA AND HER SON-IN-LAW ELBERT WILL BE THERE TO OFFER YOU A DELICIOUS NEW YORK STRIP DINNER WITH CAESAR SALAD, BAKED POTATO, CORN ON THE COB AND MOST ROLL PLUS TRES LOCHE Tiramisu Cake MUSIC & A STEAK DINNER FOR A MEAL \$21.00 SERVING FROM 6:30 TO 10PM <small>PROCEEDS TO UNDERWRITE THE 2025 NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEB</small></small></p>
<p>8  BUCS vs COMMANDERS 4:25PM</p>	<p>9 FISH SANDWICH W/FRIES AND SIDE</p> <p>BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>	<p>10  TRIVIA NIGHT At 7pm with Jason & Crystal</p> <p>7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL</p>	<p>11  7:30PM GENERAL MEETING</p>	<p>12 CHICKEN WINGS WITH FRIES OR CLUB SALAD</p> <p> QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM</p>	<p>PRESIDENT'S VISIT</p> <p> Friday Dinner Sept 13th Carl Williamson's Country Fried Steak with Caesar Salad, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans and a Roll \$12.00 Appetizer: Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail - \$5.50 Dessert: Chocolate Cake - \$4.00 Serving 6:00 to 8:00 Sign up by emailing 708mccals@tampaelks.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 georgiainvites@tampaelks.com</p>	
<p>15  BUCS vs LIONS 1PM</p>	<p>16 6:30PM CPR TRAINING</p> <p>PRESSED CUBANS WITH SIDE</p> <p>BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL</p>	<p>18  HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM</p>	<p>19  THURSDAY NIGHTS 6:00 TO 7:30PM BURGERS & FRIES</p> <p> QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM</p>	<p> Friday Dinner Sept 20th 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 6:00 to 8:00 Sign up by emailing 708mccals@tampaelks.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 georgiainvites@tampaelks.com</p>	<p>21  MEMORIAL SERVICE ROBERT NORTON 4PM LIGHT DINNER TO FOLLOW</p>
<p>22  BUCS vs BRONCOS 1PM</p>	<p>23 MEATBALL OR ITALIAN SAUSAGE SUB AND SIDE</p> <p>BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>	<p>24  BOD MEETING 7:00PM</p> <p>7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL</p>	<p>25  7:30PM GENERAL MEETING</p>	<p>26  THURSDAY NIGHTS 6:00 TO 7:30PM BURGERS & FRIES</p> <p> QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM</p>	<p>27</p>	<p> Totally Awesome 80s Party SEPTEMBER 28TH 6:30PM to 11PM DINNER AND DANCING BEST 80'S COSTUME 50/50 AND MORE ALL FOR ONLY \$20 GET YOUR TICKETS FROM CRYSTAL OR FROM YOUR BARTENDER PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT OUR LODGE</p>
<p>29  BUCS vs EAGLES 1PM</p>	<p>30 BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION</p>					

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