



LODGE OFFICERS:

EXALTED RULER - T-Michael Boyle
LEADING KNIGHT - Christopher Ragusa

LOYAL KNIGHT - Ruth Levin

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3 YEAR TRUSTEE - Laura Jones

4 YEAR TRUSTEE - Shelagh Gombarcik, PER

5 YEAR TRUSTEE - Wendy Hall, PER

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Paul DeLand, PER

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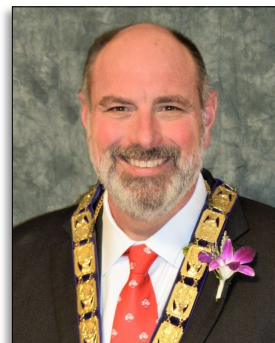
Saturday 4:00pm - 11:00pm

Sunday 4:00am - 9:00pm

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tampa708secretary@outlook.com

A Message From your Exalted Ruler, T-Michael Boyle



Tampa Elks Lodge 708 had a fantastic showing at the 2025

Grand Lodge Convention in Kansas City! It was an incredible experience connecting with fellow Elks from across the country and sharing in the spirit of our great Order. We proudly welcomed our new Grand Exalted Ruler, Bryan R. Klatt, who brings a wealth of experience and a strong vision for the future of Elkdom.

One of the important duties at Grand Lodge was voting on seven proposed resolutions. Of those, three did not pass—including the resolution that would have allowed individual Lodges to seek their own insurance policies. While there were strong discussions on both sides, the decision ensures continued consistency and risk management across the Order.

We were also excited to witness Carl Siebert's swearing-in as the new Secretary to the Grand Lodge. Carl brings leadership and dedication to this important national role, and we know he'll serve with distinction.

A special thanks to Rick Schneider PER, Chris Ragusa, Suzy Harlow, Rita Smith PER and my wife Rae Ann, who represented Tampa 708 at Grand Lodge and to all who continue to support our mission and fellowship at home.

As we roll into August, Tampa Lodge 708 has a full calendar of activities, meetings, and events. Be sure to check the Lodge calendar regularly for updates, especially on our always-popular Friday night dinners. These events are a great way to relax, connect with fellow members, and bring in guests who may be interested in joining our Lodge. Let's make August another great month together!

Your 2025-26 Committee Chairs

708 Board of Directors - Chairman of the Board Laura Jones, T-Michael Boyle, ER, Chris Ragusa, Wendy Hall, PER, Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, Paul DeLand, PER, Norm Benzing, Ruth Levin, Cindy Allen

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Hoop Shoot - Laura Bell	(mrsladybell15@gmail.com)
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Orientation - Laura Jones.....	(laj6687@gmail.com)
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Veterans' Services Committee - Chris Ragusa.....	(ragusachristopher@gmail.com)
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**Elks
National
Foundation, Inc.**

5 REASONS to join the ENF FIDELITY CLUB

The Fidelity Club recognizes donors who make an automatic, monthly gift to the Elks National Foundation through their credit card or bank account. Join the club today! Learn more at secure.elks.org/FidelityClub.

1

CONVENIENCE

It takes less than five minutes to sign up, and then you can forget about it!

2

FLEXIBILITY

You can increase, modify, or cancel your gift at any time.

3

SECURITY

It is safe and secure, and you don't need to worry about a check getting lost in the mail!

4

RECOGNITION

Members get exclusive stickers, pins, and invites to an event at the Elks Convention!

5

SATISFACTION

You get to help build stronger communities!

A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Members



Debra Conn
Sponsored by:
Robin Conn



L.C. (Mick) Geary
Sponsored by:
Sam Washington

August Recognitions

ELK OF THE MONTH...DEBBIE BRENNAN

Debbie has been an integral part of the House Committee and has been for several years. She has stepped up on more than one occasion to help in the bar and kitchen. Her willingness to volunteer for special events or lend a hand wherever needed is greatly appreciated. She is full of great ideas and hosted a fantastic Christmas in July Happy Hour which was a huge success! Let her know she is appreciated when you see her.



OFFICER OF THE MONTH...LAURA JONES

Laura Jones has been a Godsend to our Lodge. She has served as chairperson to almost every committee we have and worked as both Secretary and Treasurer. From House Committee Chair to Bar Manager, Laura has never let us down. She now serves as a Trustee and Chairman of the Board of Directors as well as stepping in as Secretary or Treasurer when needed. There's nothing she can't do...and do well. We are blessed to have her in our corner. Thank you Laura for all you do!





Chaplain's Corner by our chaplain, Tracy Horrell, PER:

Please keep in your prayers our members: Lynn Brown as she continues her cancer treatments. Jack Johnson as he heals from medical issues and transitioning to his new residence and Patty Jankiewicz as she is now in the hospital.

Prayer:

"Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of this new month. Bless us with your peace, joy, and strength as we navigate the days ahead. Guide us in your wisdom and fill us with your love." Amen.

Spiritual for August:

The month of August represents regeneration and holds significant spiritual meaning as a time of harvest and abundance. Its a transitional month bringing summer and autumn. This in-between period represents a time of change, transformation, and letting go. It is linked to the sun and fire energy.

Lodge Support Group



Ladies of the Elks:

The Ladies held their annual low country boil last month. Getting together with old and new friends while supporting the Ladies and Children's Therapy Services is always a great time. This year the Ladies added music to their event. Alex Martinez (Tommy and Sue's great grandson) entertained our guests throughout the evening. He had the crowd singing and maybe a few dancing in their chairs. I think the lodge needs to have him back.

Our successful event would not have been possible without the help of our LOE and Elk members. Thank you to Shelagh and Cindy, they made sure every guest received service with a smile. Tommy and Joe kept the kitchen going smoothly. Sue Moore, selling 50/50 for Children's Therapy Services. Ruth and Rosanne putting together the desserts and cornbread. Laura manning the register and a new student volunteer, Charlie bussing our tables. Charlie is the granddaughter of member Ted Bass, she was a great addition to our team. Good food, good music and good vibes were in our lodge that night.

Be on the lookout for the latest and (I believe last) installment of Downton Abbey. The movie will be released in September, and the Ladies will show it on our BIG screen as soon as it becomes available. I don't know about you, but I definitely need my Downton Abbey fix.

The Ladies have stepped up the help in the kitchen. On the second Thursday of the month, the Ladies are hosting a baked potato bar. For the budget friendly price of \$8.50, you can partake in our potato bar. All the toppings you can think of, and we are always adding more. While the Ladies are giving their time, all proceeds are going to our lodge's general fund. Our next Potato Bar is Thursday, August 14th. We start serving at 6pm. Hope to see you there.

Interested in what the Ladies do, come to a meeting. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month. Dinner is served at 6:15pm and our meeting starts at 7PM. Everyone is welcomed (including men). Our next meeting is Wednesday, August 6th. Stop by and see what the Ladies are all about.

Jacquie LoCicero, PLP, President, Ladies of the Elks

Executive Board

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

AUGUST Birthdays

Tracy Horrell 8/10

Grant Reports and Information

TAMPA 708 RECEIVES ENF RECOGNITIONS

At our general meeting held on June 25, PER, Rita Smith, our Elks National Foundation Fundraising Chair, presented a Loyalty pin to PER, Richard Florence, for 15 consecutive years of donations to this organization. Also at that meeting a Mercy recognition level pin was presented to PER, Rick Schneider, for donations exceeding \$250 in one ENF fiscal Year. Elks National Foundation receives no government funds and counts on member support to continue their many charitable programs and scholarships.



ELKS DAY AT THE RAYS FOR OUR VETERANS

Tampa Elks 708 veterans enjoyed a day at the ballpark...and a hometown victory....at this year's Elks Day at the Rays on Saturday, July 19th. The Rays got a 4-3 win over the Baltimore Orioles, and our veterans received a commemorative Tampa Bay Rays ballcap and got to enjoy some beautiful weather and Elks camaraderie at Steinbrenner Field. The Lodge Veterans Committee purchased 10 tickets to give to deserving Tampa Elks 708 military veterans or active duty members. A portion of the ticket price included a donation to the Harry Anna Trust Fund, which supports our Florida State Elks Association's two major state charity projects.



Your Tampa Elks 708 Lodge Veterans Committee meets on the fourth Monday of each month, and our next meeting is on Monday, August 25th at 6:30pm in the banquet hall. We have an active committee, so if you are interested in helping us plan hosted dinners and off-site activities for both shelter local veterans and Tampa Elks 708 members who have served or are serving honorably in the US military, please join us! We can be reached at tampaelks708vetscommittee@gmail.com with any questions.

Chris Ragusa, 708 Veteran Committee Chairman

Past Events & Projects



Another Successful LOE Low Country Boil!

Hope you had the opportunity to enjoy this year's Low Country Boil held on July 18th. As usual the Ladies did an outstanding job of food, service and fun. From the delicious food to the great service and outstanding entertainment everyone truly got their money's worth.

This year the Ladies were proud to include the great grandson of long standing members Suzanne and Tommy Moore in their yearly event. Alex was very well received and graced us all with his multitude of talents. He played guitar, harmonica and piano for us and sang many popular tunes. It was wonderful to present such a talented young man.

A thank you goes out to; Laura Jones, Shelagh Gomarcik, PER, Joe LoCicero, Ruth Levin, Cindy Allen, and Roseann Garcia for all their hard work in making this event the success it was.

The proceeds from this event went to The Children's Therapy Service and The Ladies of the Elks.



Past Events and Projects



708 CELEBRATES THE 4TH OF JULY

With July 4th approaching Trustee Wendy Hall, PER, met with Courtney Weil, PER, our kitchen operator and made plans for a 4th of July holiday event. Flyers, email, and Facebook announcements alerting the membership making this a great success.

In addition Wendy sought possible music for the event through both Jason Brown and Dee Cisneros, PER. Several calls later Dee secured Ken's Karaoke. Several members and guests entertained the crowd as music filled the room.

The food was a success, thanks to our kitchen crew; Courtney Weil, Sammy Weil, Tommy Moore, Kristie Nieto, Cindy Allen, Megan Levin, Richard Florence and Ruth Levin.

Wendy Hall and Debbie Brennan collected for share the wealth. Jessica Hood put on her fabulous fireworks show.

A huge thank you to our loyal members who made this a great success.



Christmas in July Happy Hour

This Happy Hour Event was put together by Debbie Brennan and was held on Saturday July 19th from 6pm to 8pm! Participants enjoyed reduced drink prices and a table full of reindeer munchies!

There were lots of laughs, a White Elf gift swap and a rousing game of Christmas trivia. The social quarters were decorated in a Christmas theme and Christmas Music played to increase the mood.

There was a nice crowd of members and guests and a great time had by all! Thanks to Wendy Hall, PER, and April Holtzman for lending Debbie a hand with this very successful evening.



Upcoming Events & Projects

**GOING...GOING...
GONE!**



**Super Quarter
Auction
August 10TH**

**Doors Open 1pm
Auction at 2pm**

**OUR MYSTERY BAGS ARE LIKE
A BOX OF CHOCOLATES...
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU
MIGHT GET!**

How does a Quarter Auction work

Entry fee of \$5 gets you a paddle and an event drawing ticket.

Additional paddles available for purchase. The number on your paddle matches a number in our drawing basket. Vendors will be present with goods for sale and donated auction items. Additional donated auction items will be showcased. When the auction begins, an item will be shown and a quarter value set. If you want the item, you put in your quarters, per paddle, and raise your paddle high! If we draw your number and you played it, then you win!

*It's that easy! Grab your Quarters
and Bring a Friend for a fun Afternoon
Food will be Available*

Upcoming Events and Projects

JOIN US!
FOR ANOTHER
ALL YOU CAN EAT
BREAKFAST BUFFET

PLUS
BOTTOMLESS MIMOSAS &
BLOODY MARYS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH
11AM TO 2PM

\$20 ALL YOU CAN EAT & DRINK

GREAT FOOD!

GREAT TIME!

\$8.00 FOR BREAKFAST ONLY

LIVE MUSIC BY
CHARLES MELIN



Upcoming Events and Projects



LET'S DO DINNER AT THE LODGE WITH COURTNEY

AUGUST 1ST

No
Dinner
Tonight
Come keep
Dee
Company

AUGUST 8TH


**Friday Dinner
August 8th
Chicken
Cordon Bleu**

Salad, Mashed Potatoes,
Plus Veggies & Bread
\$17.00

**or Coconut Shrimp & Fries
\$12.00**

Ask about our Appetizer
and Dessert of the Evening
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

AUGUST 15TH


**Friday Dinner
August 15th
Steak
Stroganoff**

with Pasta, Salad and
Garlic Bread
\$17.00

**or
Chicken Tenders & Fries
\$12.00**

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Dessert of the Evening
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AUGUST 22ND


**Friday Dinner
August 22nd
Tracy Horrell's
Oven Fried
Chicken**

With Hash Brown Casserole
and Green Beans
and a Roll
\$15.00

**or
Fried Catfish with the
Same sides
\$17.00**

Ask about our Appetizer and
Dessert of the Evening
Serving 6:00 to 8:00

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AUGUST 29TH


**Friday Dinner
August 29th
Bacon Wrapped
Shrimp
Kabob**

with Salad, Rice,
and a Roll
\$17.00

**or
Chicken Tenders & Fries
\$12.00**

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Dessert of the Evening
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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

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

BAR BINGO

Served Mondays 6pm to 7:30pm

**Aug 4th - Gyros w/Chips or Greek
Salad \$9.50**

Aug 11th - Meatball Sub w/Chips \$9.50

Aug 18th - BLT w/Chips \$8.50

**Aug 25th - Cuban or Mojo Pork
Sandwich w/Chips \$9.50**



QUEEN OF HEARTS

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

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

***Aug 7th - Jamie Poole's Grill Night**

***Aug 14th - LOE POTATO BAR-\$8.50**

***Aug 21st - Kristi's Pasta Night**

***Aug 28th - Dee's Open Grill Night**

Upcoming Events and Projects

**COME
PARTY AT THE
708
MARGARITA
NIGHT**

**AUGUST 23RD
7PM TO 10PM**

**\$4.00 MARGARITAS
PLAIN OR
STRAWBERRY**

**All you can eat Beef &
Chicken soft
or hard tacos \$10.00**



**LIVE MUSIC BY
RED RED WINOS
AND A RAFFLE**



Upcoming Events and Projects

2025-2026 GOURMET CLUB

JOIN US FOR THE **FINAL MEETING** OF THE 2025
TAMPA 708 GOURMET CLUB

THIS MONTH'S HOST IS **RUTH LEVIN** AND THE THEME IS
ANYTHING YOU CAN COOK IN A MUFFIN TIN
BUT NO CUPCAKES

SUNDAY AUGUST 24TH AT 5:30PM

FUN IN A
MUFFIN TIN

EASY TO CARRY
QUICK TO SERVE

Get
Creative



BRING A DISH OR A
DONATION AND AN
APPETITE

IF YOU LOVE TO COOK AND ENJOY SHARING YOUR EFFORTS, THIS
IS THE PLACE FOR YOU! LOADS OF GOOD FOOD, FUN,
FELLOWSHIP AND CAMARADERIE...AND OF COURSE TRIVIA! IF
YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST ONE OF OUR MEETINGS PLEASE
CONTACT SHELAGH AT 813-837-4246

Upcoming Events and Projects

Tuesday, August 12

Dinner starts at 6pm
Movie Starts at 7pm

Kristi's
Dinner
and a
Movie Night

BIG

FREE Popcorn ■ Movie Box Candy \$2
Themed Dinner ■ Themed Cocktails

Kristi's
PASTA NIGHT

Salad, Pasta,
& Garlic Bread

\$9.50

APPETIZER AND DESSERT ALSO AVAILABLE
FOR ADDITIONAL COST

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21ST
6 - 8 PM



Bucs Season AT 708



BIG SCREEN - COLD BEER - TAILGATING!

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7	ATLANTA	1:00PM
MONDAY, SEPT. 15	HOUSTON	7:00PM
SUNDAY, SEPT. 21	NEW YORK	1:00PM
SUNDAY, SEPT. 28	PHILADELPHIA	1:00PM
SUNDAY, OCT. 5	SEATTLE	4:05PM
SUNDAY, OCT. 12	SAN FRANCISCO	1:00PM
MONDAY, OCT. 20	DETROIT	7:00PM
SUNDAY, OCT. 26	NEW ORLEANS	4:05PM
SUNDAY, NOV. 9	NEW ENGLAND	1:00PM
SUNDAY, NOV. 16	BUFFALO	1:00PM
SUNDAY, NOV. 23	LOS ANGELES	8:20PM
SUNDAY, NOV. 30	ARIZONA	1:00PM
SUNDAY, DEC. 7	NEW ORLEANS	1:00PM
THURSDAY, DEC 11	ATLANTA	8:15PM
SUNDAY, DEC. 21	CAROLINA	1:00PM
SUNDAY, DEC 28	MIAMI	1:00PM

Lodge Business and Projects



DISASTER EVADED

Word came from members driving into the parking lot;
 “Water is bubbling up from the ground
 in front of the flag pole base.”

Those words triggered a perfect example of Elks in action at #708.

Of course this initiated a series of repair estimates and identification of the leak by sonar equipment. Paul DeLand, PER gathered information from Rick Schneider, PER, Secretary who was at the Grand Lodge Convention in Kansas City. Estimates from plumbers ran up to \$3,700 not including black top removal and replacement.

Dee Cisneros, PER and George Hilficker dove in, and went to work renting a chain saw and spending 4 hours sawing a giant stump from above the leaky pipe. Then Nelson Grahn and Sammy Weil stepped up, bought repair parts, and soon the leak was repaired.

Thanks to our committed members....we now have running water and the cost was minimal!

UPCOMING VICE PRESIDENT VISIT SCHEDULE

August 9th - Largo/Sarasota at Largo - 10am

EXALTED RULER



- Dee Cisneros PER, George Hilficker, Nelson Grahn, and Sam Weil for working tirelessly on the broken water main to get out lodge open for the 4th Of July. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our lodge!
- Cindy Allen, April Holtzman, Debbie Brennen, Tristen Reiber, Leah Valenti, Teil Allen, Dee Cisneros, PER and Rae Ann Boyle for throwing another successful mimosa brunch. The event is becoming more and more popular and we could not pull it off without your help!!! Thank you.
- Kim and Norm Benzing for continuing to run the Queen of Hearts every Thursday night. This event takes work and this power couple makes it look easy!! Thank you so much!!

AUGUST LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 6th - LOE General Meeting 7pm Dinner 6:15
- 13th - Elks General Meeting - 7:30
- 19th - House Committee Meeting - 6:30
- 20TH - New Member Orientation - 6:30
- 21st - BOD Meeting - 6:30
- 25th - Lodge Veterans Meeting - 6:30
- 27th - Elks General Meeting - 7:30

DID YOU KNOW?










The 11th Hour Toast

was first proposed by George F. McDonald, one of our founding fathers, and the official records show that the first 11th hour toast was suggested and delivered at a social session on May 31, 1868

Tampa Elks Lodge #708

AUGUST 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 NO FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER	2
3	4  6:30PM \$3 DONATION	5 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	6 LOE GENERAL MEETING 7PM LOE DINNER 6:15PM 	7 JAMIE POOLE GRILL NIGHT   DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	8  Friday Dinner August 15th Steak Stroganoff with Pasta, Salad and Garlic Bread \$17.00 OR Chicken Tenders & Fries \$12.00 Ask about our Appetizer and Dessert of the Evening Serving 6:00 to 8:00 Sign up by emailing 708mencals@gmail.com, or on the Lodge Bulletin Board by Thurs night. If you'd like to receive a reminder email each weekend, please send your email address to georgiahilfchier@gmail.com	9 VP Visitation Largo/Sarasota At Largo 10am  BUCS V TITANS 7:30PM
GOING...GOING... GONE!  Super Quarter Auction August 10th Doors Open 1pm Auction at 2pm OUR MYSTERY BAGS ARE LIKE A BOX OF CHOCOLATES... YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT YOU MIGHT GET! How does a Quarter Auction work? Every hour 15 items are pulled and auctioned. Items Additional goodies available for purchase. The number on your paddle indicates a number in our monthly basket. Bidders will bid against each other by bid and decided auction items. Additional donated auction items will be showcased. When the auction begins, we have call the items and a quarter value. From there the items are put in your quarters, per paddle, and raise your paddle high to see where your number and you placed it, then you win! It's that easy! Grab your Quarters and bring a friend for a fun afternoon Food will be Available	11  6:30PM \$3 DONATION	12 Dinner & a Movie with Kristi  7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	13  7:30PM GENERAL MEETING	14 LOE POTATO BAR  \$8.50  DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	15  Friday Dinner August 8th Chicken Cordon Bleu Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Plus Veggies & Bread \$17.00 OR Coconut Shrimp & Fries \$12.00 Ask about our Appetizer and Dessert of the Evening Serving 6:00 to 8:00 Sign up by emailing 708mencals@gmail.com, or on the Lodge Bulletin Board by Thurs night. If you'd like to receive a reminder email each weekend, please send your email address to georgiahilfchier@gmail.com	16 8:30am DD Clinic at Largo  BUCS V STEELERS 7:00PM
JOIN US! FOR ANOTHER ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET PLUS BOTTLED BEVERAGES & BLOODY MARYS SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH 11AM TO 2PM SO ALL YOU CAN EAT & DRINK GREAT FOOD! GREAT TIME! \$8.00 FOR BREAKFAST ONLY! LIVE MUSIC BY CHARLES MELON	18  6:30PM \$3 DONATION	19 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	20 6:30PM NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION INITIATION TO FOLLOW	21 KRISTIS PASTA NIGHT  7:00PM BOD MEETING  DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	22nd  Friday Dinner August 22nd Tracy Horrell's Oven Fried Chicken With Hash Brown Casserole and Green Beans and a Roll \$15.00 OR Fried Catfish with the Same sides \$17.00 Ask about our Appetizer and Dessert of the Evening Serving 6:00 to 8:00 Sign up by emailing 708mencals@gmail.com, or on the Lodge Bulletin Board by Thurs night.	23rd  COKE PARTY AT THE 708 MARGARITA NIGHT AUGUST 23RD 7PM TO 10PM \$4.00 MARGARITAS PLAIN OR STRAWBERRY All you can eat Beef & Chicken soft or hard tacos \$10.00 LIVE MUSIC BY RED RED WINGS AND A RAFFLE  BUCS V STEELERS 1:00PM
2025-2026 GOURMET CLUB JOIN US FOR THE 5TH SESSION OF OUR TASTE THE GOURMET CLUB! THE CLUB MEETS THE 1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH. THIS MONTH'S HOST IS RUTH LEVIN AND THE THEME IS ANYTHING YOU CAN COOK IN A MUFFIN TIN BUT NO CUPCAKES SUNDAY AUGUST 24TH AT 5:30PM  Get Creative! ONE IS GOOD AS A FOODS ARE SO IF YOU LOVE TO COOK AND ENJOY SHARING YOUR EFFORTS, THIS IS THE PLACE FOR YOUR LOADS OF GOOD FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND CONVERSATION... AND IF COOKING TRAVEL IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HOST ONE OF OUR MEETINGS PLEASE CONTACT JILLIAN AT 813-937-7916	25 6:30PM LODGE VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING  6:30PM \$3 DONATION	26 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	27  7:30PM GENERAL MEETING	28 Dee's Open Grill Night   DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	29th  Friday Dinner August 29th Bacon Wrapped Shrimp Kabob with Salad, Rice, and a Roll \$17.00 OR Chicken Tenders & Fries \$12.00 Ask about our Appetizer and Dessert of the Evening Serving 6:00 to 8:00 Sign up by emailing 708mencals@gmail.com, or on the Lodge Bulletin Board by Thurs night. If you'd like to receive a reminder email each weekend, please send your email address to georgiahilfchier@gmail.com	30
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Ask to join our group on Facebook to receive updates and late breaking news. Tampa Elks Lodge #708



Please remember to send any change of address to:
Tampa708secretary@outlook.com

Support the Elksize and Be an SOB - Smiling 'Ole' Booster

\$10.00 a year defers some of the publication cost, allowing us to direct more of our income to the charities & organizations we support.

William Deen - Richard Florance, PER, - Bob Norton - Sandra Brantley
Vera Wright - In Memory of Harold Wright - Pat Fennell
Mary Louise Perusse



Friends of 708

Marty Quire - In Memory of Bonnie Quire - Bonnie Atwood - Thomas Boyle
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