



## **LODGE OFFICERS:**

**EXALTED RULER** - Tracy Horrell, PER  
**LEADING KNIGHT** - Edie Hanley  
**LOYAL KNIGHT** - April Holtzman  
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**TREASURER** - Kristie Horst  
**ESQUIRE** - Debbie Brennan  
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**2 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Norman Benzing  
**3 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Paul DeLand, PER  
**4 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Laura Jones  
**5 YEAR TRUSTEE** - Shelagh Gombarcik, PER

## **House Committee Chair**

Paul DeLand, PER

## **House Committee Members:**

Daniel Armentrout, Dave Riplogle, Janet Hill,  
Ruth Levin, Cindy Allen , T Michael Boyle

## **Bar Manager**

Shelagh Gombarcik, PER

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georgiahilficker@gmail.com

## **Tampa Web Address - Tampaelks.com**

## **Club Hours:**

Mon - Thursday 4:00pm - 11:00pm  
Friday 4:00pm - 12:00am  
Saturday 4:00pm - 11:00pm  
Sunday 12pm - 9:00pm

**Lodge Secretary email:**  
[tampa708secretary@outlook.com](mailto:tampa708secretary@outlook.com)

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

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



It's fun to be a pirate, but it is exhausting! I appreciate all the help, time, and energy each of you put into this event to make it a huge success! This event brings income into our lodge, which helps us provide services to our community and put money away for improving our lodge.

We are currently working on a plan to renovate the Antler room and I appreciate all the design help that Tristan has offered which will give us a fresh new look!

We are getting closer to a new Elk year and in doing so, I start thinking of all our accomplishments. A successful Flag Day, Back to school party, Hoop shoot, Soccer shoot, Veterans Friday night dinners, Casino night, Christmas Party for kids, Gasparilla party for ENF. These events make it possible for us to help veterans and children. Way to go Tampa 708!

Spring brings on new beginnings and soon my time as ER will be over, it feels as if it has flown by. I am honored to represent Tampa Elks 708!

Please note...

If you are not receiving emails on events and other important Elk messages please let us know and Marty will be happy to add you. [mquire@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mquire@tampabay.rr.com).

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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Army of Hope - Daniel Armentrout, (Odannyboy@aol.com)

Auditing Committee - Melissa Bertoch, (missbertoch@gmail.com)

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Orientation - Shelagh Gombarcik, PER (Shelaghg@yahoo.com)

Public Relations Committee - Kim VanWalker (kmvanwalker@hotmail.com)

Ritual Committee - Frank Palladini, PSP, PGE (fjpal56@yahoo.com)

Soccer Shoot - Patty Volpe (pattyandmrfox@gmail.com)

Veteran's Services - Chris Ragusa (ragusachristopher@gmail.com)

Wills & Bequests - Richard Florance, PER (tracywayh@gmail.com)

Youth Activities - Jackie Jacobs, (Jackie.jacobs1086@gmail.com)

## PLANT CITY BUS TOUR

On Saturday, February 1st,  
one of our sister West  
Central District Lodges,  
Plant City Lodge #1727 will  
be visiting our Lodge from  
4pm to 5:30pm.

Please consider joining us

to welcome these Plant City Elk members and show  
them the hospitality of the Tampa 708 Pirate Lodge!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE...TRACY HORRELL, ER





# OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Anthea Onufrak  
Sponsor  
Rick Schneider, PER



Carolyn Siva  
Sponsor  
Rick Schneider, PER



Charles Glass  
Sponsor  
Sam Washington



Dave Williams  
Sponsor  
Dave Miller



Lee Sierra  
Sponsor  
Dave Miller



Mike Gavin  
Sponsor  
Paul DeLand, PER



Scarlett Soller  
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Wendy Hall, PER



Randy Castro  
Sponsor  
Paul DeLand, PER



Richard Hollaran  
Sponsor  
Rick Schneider, PER



Tiffany Woods  
Sponsor  
Rea Anne Boyle

## FEBRUARY ELK RECOGNITIONS

### ELK OF THE MONTH...STEPHEN WILLIS

What can we say about this guy, a lot! He has a heart of gold and is always willing to help with our events especially those for children. Back to school, say no to drugs awareness, Christmas party for kids and he was even a master of ceremony for New Year's Eve. But it's his warm heart that makes everyone who comes in our door feel special and welcomed! Next time you see him, please tell him thank you for his infectious attitude as we always need that!



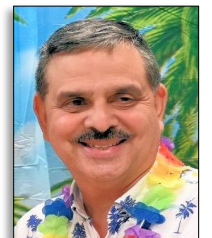
### OFFICER OF THE MONTH...KRISTI HORST

She is a hidden gem! You will find her tucked away in her office working diligently on her accounting duties as treasurer and taking our finances as a priority. She handled our DD book inspection and answered all their questions. She was a huge help at our casino night and made it a huge success! Please help me tell her how important she is! I truly appreciate her commitment to our lodge.



### VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH...JOSE REMON

He is always willing to help our veterans! Whether it's outings, dinners or just making our veterans feel welcome he is here to make it happen! He is always helping support our Friday night dinners and events and promoting the true values of Elks. Please help me tell him how much we appreciate all that he does for our lodge!



## Supporting Reports



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

When you change yourself, you change the world." - Gojira

Maybe you can't control everything, but you do have a say in who you become.

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Romans 12:1-2



### Ladies of the Elks:

Thank you to all who came out and supported the Ladies at their Gasparilla Pop-Up and at our Gasparilla Event. The Ladies had a great time, while raising money for a great cause, our lodge. It took many volunteers to make this happen, we are grateful to all who helped.

We hope to see everyone at our next meeting, Wednesday February 5th. Dinner starts at 6:15-ish and the meeting starts at 7pm.

Jacque LoCicero, PLP

President, Ladies of the Elks

### February Birthday

Susie Harlow 2/9

#### Executive Board

Jacque LoCicero, PLP - President

Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, PLP - Vice President

April Holtzman - Secretary

Laura Jones - Treasurer

Suzanne Moore, PLP - Chaplain

Ruth Levin - Parliamentarian

## Grant Reports and Information



## SOCCER SHOOT NEWS



On Saturday, January 4th, Tampa Elks Lodge #708, and Wonderful WCD were represented at the 2024 Elks State Soccer Shoot competition at Florida Elks Youth Camp in Umatilla, FL. We had 3 representatives from Tampa Lodge #708 compete. They competed in a Lodge shoot, a WCD shoot and, a Regional shoot off at our State Competition.

Adonis Troupe came in 3rd place for Boys U10

Alexander Cross came in 2nd place for Boys U12

Savannah Bell came in 2nd place for Girls U14

We thought this was the end of our soccer season, it wasn't. The 1st place winner in the U12 Boys division was not able to attend the SE Regional competition so Alexander Cross moved up to the SE Regional Competition on Sunday, January 19th, again at FEYC. Alexander placed 3rd in the SE Regional competition. He competed against the 1st place winners from Georgia, Mississippi, and South Carolina.

Please join me in congratulating all of our participants on Saturday, March 22nd at Awards Night as the families have been invited to attend. Thank you all for your support this year. We look forward to the 2025 Soccer Shoot Season.

Fraternally Yours, Patty Volpe, Soccer Shoot Chair





# Grant Reports and Information



## BEACON GRANT NEWS

The Beacon Grant is a grant open to every lodge. Lodges are required to use the Beacon Grant for projects that are Lodge-led, ongoing, and active. They require Elk participation. Over the past several years, we have used the Beacon Grant for Club Chivalry at Robinson High School but this year, we are using it for our newest Lodge-led project, the Motivated Mustangs Club at Madison Middle School.

Patty Volpe, Grant Manager

## LODGE VETERANS COMMITTEE REPORT

Elks National Foundation Spotlight Grant – Project Adopt-A-Haven: The Tampa Elks 708 Lodge Veterans Committee applied for and received approval for a Project Adopt-A-Haven grant under the Elks National Foundation Spotlight program.

Project Adopt-A Haven grants are used to work with emergency shelters or transitional housing facilities specifically for veterans. Tampa Elks 708 will receive \$2000 to support quality of life initiatives at Liberty Manor For Veterans, a housing and social service resource provider for homeless veterans in the Tampa Bay area since 2006. Tampa Elks 708 has been working with Liberty Manor for over a decade by hosting on-site dinners and planning and executing off-site activities for their veterans.

Partnering with Liberty Manor on this grant will positively impact its 16 unhoused veterans by offsetting the transportation cost of getting their veterans to interviews, VA appointments and shopping trips, and provide them with two unique evenings of food and entertainment for their veterans. Lodge Veterans Committee members Jose Remon and Chris Ragusa met with Liberty Manor's founder and CEO Connie Lindsay on January 18<sup>th</sup> to coordinate how this ENF grant can best be used to improve the lives of the veterans who are sheltered at her facility.

Tampa Elks 708 members who are interested in serving on the Lodge Veterans Committee to help us host dinners at the lodge for the four local shelters that we support, conduct off-site activities for homeless veterans, plan activities that benefit the members of our lodge that have honorably served in the US military, and fundraise to support these activities can contact us at:

[TampaElks708VetsCommittee@gmail.com](mailto:TampaElks708VetsCommittee@gmail.com).



# Grant Reports and Information



## Motivated Mustang Club News:

On Tuesday, January 14th, from 10:15am to 11:30am our Lodge volunteers met at Madison Middle School for our monthly club meeting. The club consists of students in 6th through 8th grade. They have been identified by the school social worker for membership to the club based on low school attendance and/or high occurrence of in-school or out of school suspension. The mission of the club is to promote attendance and positive behaviors.

During our meeting the students appointed Club President, Vice President, and Secretary distributed the new "backed by Tampa 708" Motivated Mustang Polo shirts to each student upon their arrival. Carolyn Miller gave each student an attendance ticket and as each student put on their new shirts, she gave them a 2nd ticket. We explained that if you come to our club meetings with your club shirts on, that you will get 2 attendance tickets. Ms. Hunziker, the school social worker, challenged the students to wear their polo shirts every Tuesday and check in with her to earn another attendance ticket. The attendance tickets are gathered and 1 is chosen. The winning student gets a \$25 Walmart gift card.

We played a team building game called "Keep the balloons up". The students were split into 3 teams, and they had to blow up balloons then toss them while staying within a square. If the balloon fell or the student stepped out of the square their team lost. Last team with balloons in the air won. Game 1 had no planning. Game 2 the students came up with a plan. Game 3 the students asked Elks for ideas on how to win. It was a lot of fun watching the students working together on a plan and then executing that plan. It was even sweeter when they took the advice of our Elk volunteers.

We then did a round of weekly wins, where we ask about winning moments the students may have had since our last meeting. There were lots of wins this time and we look forward to more next month. As part of our commitment to serving the students of the Motivated Mustang Club, we were able to supply 3 of the students with new jackets and backpacks. These items were identified with keeping the student's home from school during the cold weather.

A huge thanks to our Lodge volunteers. Betty Orcutt, Carolyn Miller, Mike Volpe, Laura Bell, and Melissa Bertoch. It was a cold morning but we all left with warm hearts. If you would like to get involved with the Motivated Mustang Club, our next meeting is Tuesday, February 18th, from 10:15am to 11:30am at Madison Middle School.

Reach out to me for more information:  
[pattyandmrfox@gmail.com](mailto:pattyandmrfox@gmail.com)

Thank you, Patty Volpe, Club Manager





# Grant Reports and Information



If you don't know about the Florida Elks Youth Camp in Umatilla, you should take a minute to get acquainted. Just type Florida Elks Camp into your browser to take a visual tour. This is one of the top rated youth camps in the United States. From canoeing, swimming, and rope courses to crafts and campfires this is the place to be if you're 9 to 13 years of age.

Each year all Florida Lodges are allowed a certain number of sponsored applicants to attend this spectacular adventure free of charge. Lodge 708 has been allotted 10 spots for young people that cannot afford to attend a summer camp. Should you know of a child that could benefit from attending this outstanding camp please contact Rick Schneider, PER our Lodge Secretary at 813-831-4280. He can help you obtain an application to attend.

Make your application soon before these 10 spots are filled.

## Past Events and Projects



### Lodge 708 Fundraiser



On Saturday January 18th our ENF chairman, Shelagh Gombarcik put together a "Pirate Party" to raise money for the great heart of Elkdom, the Elks National Foundation.

With music by DJ Caution, and Tampa style Cuban Food by Shelagh and Georgia Hilficker we enjoyed an evening of fellowship before our very busy Gasparilla Fundraiser to be held the following weekend.

If you aren't familiar with the Elks National Foundation, please feel free to ask Shelagh for a quick tutorial and learn how important this organization is to our charities. She can also tell you how you can help to support this most important foundation. You can text her at 813-837-4246.

#### Cuban Sandwiches



#### Deviled Crab



#### Mojo Pork Sandwiches



#### Guava Pastries





# Past Events and Projects



## TAMPA 708 2025 NEW YEAR'S EVE MARDI GRAS

If you didn't attend this year's New Year's Eve event you missed quite a party! We had a wonderful time with great music, really good food and lots of both. Plus, we enjoyed some wonderful entertainment from our own members.

Christine Harris sang "Love Potion #9" and knocked it out of the park. If you've only seen it on Facebook, it was so much better than that. We were all blown away! Stephen Willis, in a fantastic costume, gave us a great comedy routine that had the whole house laughing hilariously and Sam Washington sang "Magic by Frank Sinatra" and everyone applauded loudly. It is so great to see the talent we have in our own house!

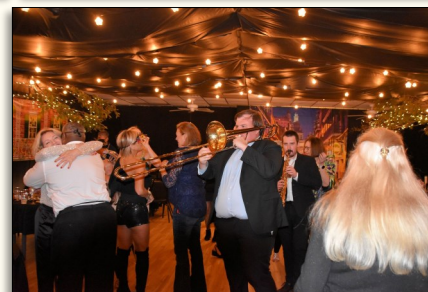
I'd like to thank the folks that were intricate in making this evening a success:

- Shelagh Gombarcik, PER who was with me from the beginning to the end and manned the Banana's Foster station!
- Laura Jones, for being my MC even though she isn't too happy in the limelight.
- Rodney Kryton and Stephen Willis for not only helping to put the event together but also contributing Pralines, helping put the ceiling up and adding to our entertainment.
- My daughter, Kristine Chowning for sticking with me when others had to step down due to sickness.
- Melissa Bertoch for stepping up to help with the set up when others had to drop out, as well as being our crystal ball reader.
- My other family members; Mike Chowning, Angela Chowning, Max Chowning, Stephanie Snipes, and Glenn & Christine Harris for their help in set up and break down and my husband George Hilficker for running to get whatever was needed.
- Becky Sullins for being a great Tarot Card reader!
- April Holtzman, Suzanne Moore, Debbie Brennan and Tommy Moore who helped with the preparation and the serving of the food.
- Ruth Levin for making the Marti Gras King Cakes.
- Addison Horrell for being our filet carver.
- Dee Cicneros, PER for pulling down the tables and chairs and all the folks who came in on the 2nd to help take down the decorations!

Georgia Hilficker, Event Coordinator



# Past Events and Projects





# Upcoming Events and Projects



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

**FEB 7TH**

**Friday Dinner  
February 7th**
**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**
**Ask about our dessert of the evening.**
**Serving 6:30 to 8:00**

 Sign up by emailing [708meals@gmail.com](mailto:708meals@gmail.com),  
or on the Lodge Bulletin Board

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Wednesday, please send your email address to  
[georgiahilficker@gmail.com](mailto:georgiahilficker@gmail.com)
**FEB 14TH**

**Friday Dinner  
February 14th  
Happy Valentine's  
Day!**
**Individual Beef Wellingtons  
with Twice Baked Potato,  
Garlic Roasted Cauliflower,  
and Caesar Salad  
\$25.00**
**Appetizer:  
Lump Crab Cake - \$6.95**
**Dessert:**
**Sour Cream Pound Cake topped  
with Strawberries & Amaretto**
**Serving 6:00 to 8:00**

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**FEB 21ST**

**Friday Dinner  
February 21st  
Carl Williamson's  
Country Fried  
Steak**
**with House Salad, Mashed  
Potatoes & Gravy,  
Green Beans and a Roll  
\$12.00**
**Appetizer:  
Fried Okra - \$3.50**
**\*Ask about our  
dessert of the evening.**
**Serving 6:00 to 8:00**

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**FEB 28TH**

**Friday Dinner  
February 28th**
**BBQ Ribs**
**with, Baked Beans,  
Nibblet Corn, Potato Salad,  
and Cornbread  
\$16.00**
**Appetizer:  
Mac & Cheese Bites - \$3.50**
**Ask about our dessert of the evening**
**Serving 6:00 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**

**Feb 3rd - Reuben Sandwich, Chips & a  
sweet treat**

**Feb 10th - Meatloaf Sandwich, Onion  
Rings & a sweet treat**

**Feb 17th - Swiss Bacon & Chicken  
Sandwich, Fries & Sweet Treat**

**Feb 29th - Gyro or Greek Salad, Chips  
& 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**

**\*Feb 6th -**

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

**\*Feb 13th - Shelagh & Tommy  
Grill Night**

**\*Feb 20th - Steak Quesadillas or  
Chicken Nachos**

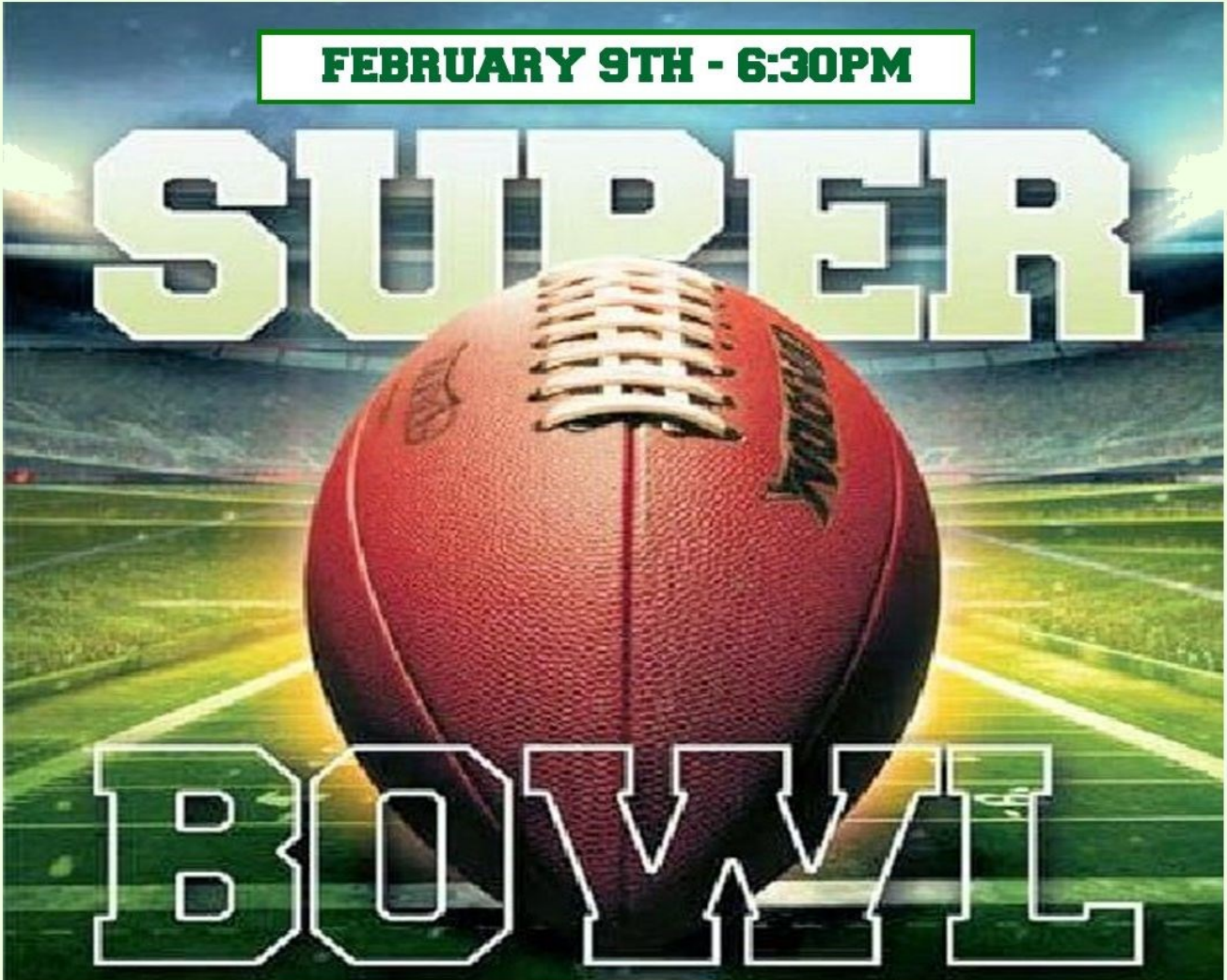
**\*Feb 27th - Shelagh & Tommy  
Grill Night**



## Upcoming Events and Projects

# JOIN TAMPA 708 FOR A

**FEBRUARY 9TH - 6:30PM**



# EXTRAVAGANZA!

**BIG SCREEN TV, COLD BEER AND  
COCKTAILS, SPORTS TRIVIA WITH  
PRIZES AND FOOD AT HALFTIME, CHILI  
COOK-OFF WITH PRIZES FOR  
1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACE WINNERS  
CHILI OFFERINGS SHOULD BE IN  
BY 4PM FOR JUDGING.**



**MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BRING AN APPETIZER.**



# Upcoming Events and Festivities



TAMPA LODGE 708

# ST PATRICKS

*Celebration*

Friday, March 14th - 6pm

Corned Beef & Cabbage

Live Music and

Irish Dancers

**\$20.00**

Plus...50/50  
& Tracy's  
Bread Pudding



## Upcoming Events and Projects

**COME IN AND ENJOY  
ALL YOU CAN EAT  
BREAKFAST**

**PLUS**

**BOTTOMLESS MIMOSAS  
AND BLOODY MARYS**

**SUNDAY, FEB. 23RD  
10AM TO 2PM**

**\$20 ALL YOU CAN EAT & DRINK**

**GREAT FOOD!**

**GREAT TIME!**

**\$8.00 FOR BREAKFAST ONLY**





## Lodge Business and Projects



### THINK YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN OFFICER OF OUR LODGE?

Volunteerism is a great way to serve your community, and working within the guidelines of the Elk organization touches many of our community's needs. From veterans to needy children the BPOE (Best People on Earth) have a long reach.

There are more ways to become involved than becoming an officer, and we need help in all portions of our Lodge. If you have experience in running or working in a kitchen, a bar, event hall rentals, decorating or organizing events...we need you! Please consider becoming involved and helping to keep our Lodge relevant and healthy.

You can contact our Lodge Secretary, Rick Schneider, PER at 813-831-4280 or Text Tracy Horrell, our ER at 813-453.2268 to discuss volunteering.

## EXALTED RULER



- Wendy Hall, Paul DeLand, Tommy Miller, Janet Hill, Addison Horrell for Lodge Pirate Raids
- Courtney Weil for organizing Cereal Drive for the Spring of Tampa Bay
- Chris Ragusa for writing and getting approval for a grant for veterans
- Jessica Hood for keeping our plants warm from the cold weather
- Patti Volpe for obtaining the grant and establishing the Motivated Mustang Club at Madison Middle School.

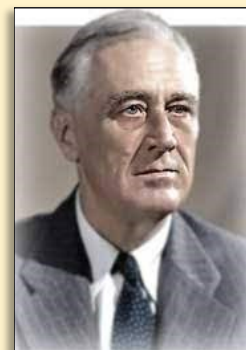
Our thanks to our members for coming in and making our lodge a fun place to be!

### FEBRUARY LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 3rd - LOE BOD Meeting 630pm
  - 5th - LOE General Meeting 7pm Dinner 6:15pm
  - 10th - Veteran's Meeting - 6:30pm
  - 12th - Elks General Meeting - 7:30pm
  - 19th - House Committee Meeting - 6:30pm
  - 25th - BOD Meeting - 7:00pm
  - 26th - Elks General Meeting - 7:30pm
  - 26nd- New Member Orientation - 6:30pm
- New Member Installation following meeting

### WELL KNOWN ELKS

























**Franklin  
D. Roosevelt  
US President  
Poughkeepsie,  
NY  
Lodge 275**



# Tampa Elks Lodge #708

## FEBRUARY 2025

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1						1 12PM-4PM ARMY OF HOPE BARBECUE LARGO#2159
2	3  <b>LOE BOD MEETING</b> 6:30 PM  REUBEN & CHIPS & Sweet Treat   <b>BAR BINGO!</b> 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	4 CRAFTED COCKTAILS & HOT FOOD AVAILABLE  7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	5 <b>LOE GENERAL MEETING 7PM</b>  <b>LOE DINNER</b> 6:15PM  CRAFTED COCKTAILS & HOT FOOD AVAILABLE	6  <b>COURTNEY'S SPAGHETTI</b> DINNER NIGHT...\$7.50   <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b> DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	 <b>Friday Dinner</b> February 7th <b>Shelagh and Tommy</b> are in the kitchen <b>Fish and Chips or Tommy's Grits, Coleslaw and Hush Puppies \$11.00</b> Appetizer: Onion Rings \$3.50 Ask about our dessert of the evening. Serving 6:30 to 8:00 Sign up by emailing 708meals@gmail.com, or on the Lodge Bulletin Board. If you'd like to receive a reminder email each Wednesday, please send your email address to georgiahilficker@gmail.com	8
9  <b>SEE PG 11 FOR DETAILS</b>	10  <b>6:30PM VETERAN'S COMMITTEE</b>  MEATLOAF SANDWICH ONION RINGS & Sweet Treat   <b>BAR BINGO!</b> 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	11 CRAFTED COCKTAILS & HOT FOOD AVAILABLE  7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	12 CRAFTED COCKTAILS & HOT FOOD AVAILABLE   <b>7:30PM GENERAL MEETING</b>	13  <b>THURSDAY NIGHTS</b> 6:00 TO 7:30PM <b>BURGERS &amp; FRIES</b>   <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b> DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	 <b>Friday Dinner</b> February 14th <b>Happy Valentine's Day!</b>  Individual Beef Wellingtons with Twice Baked Potato, Garlic Roasted Cauliflower, and Caesar Salad \$25.00 Appetizer: Lump Crab Cake - \$6.95 Dessert: Sour Cream Pound Cake topped with Strawberries & Amaretto 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	15
16	17 <b>SWISS, BACON &amp; CHICKEN SANDWICH W/ FRIES &amp; Sweet Treat</b>   <b>BAR BINGO!</b> 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	18 CRAFTED COCKTAILS & HOT FOOD AVAILABLE  7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	19  <b>HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING</b> 6:30PM  CRAFTED COCKTAILS & HOT FOOD AVAILABLE	20 <b>STEAK QUESADILLAS OR CHICKEN NACHOS</b>   <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b> DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	6 to 10pm Madison Middle School Hall Rental  <b>Friday Dinner</b> February 21st <b>Carl Williamson's Country Fried Steak</b> with House Salad, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans and a Roll \$12.00 Appetizer: Fried Olives - \$3.50 *Ask about our 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	22 9 to 11am CPR Training
23 2-6PM CUB SCOUT PACK 1381 BLUE & GOLD  <b>All you can eat Breakfast and Bottomless Mimosas and Bloody Marys.</b>  <b>See pg 13 for details</b>	24 <b>GYRO OR GREEK SALAD, CHIPS &amp; SWEET TREAT</b>   <b>BAR BINGO!</b> 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	25  <b>7:00PM BOD MEETING</b>  CRAFTED COCKTAILS & HOT FOOD AVAILABLE  7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	26  <b>Orientation 6:30</b> Installation Immediately following meeting   <b>7:30PM GENERAL MEETING</b>  CRAFTED COCKTAILS & HOT FOOD AVAILABLE	27  <b>THURSDAY NIGHTS</b> 6:00 TO 7:30PM <b>BURGERS &amp; FRIES</b>   <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b> DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	 <b>Friday Dinner</b> February 28th <b>BBQ Ribs</b> with, Baked Beans, Nibbled Corn, Potato Salad, and Cornbread \$16.00 Appetizer: Mac & Cheese Bites - \$3.50 Ask about our 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	

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