



LODGE OFFICERS:

EXALTED RULER - Tracy Horrell, PER
LEADING KNIGHT - Edie Hanley
LOYAL KNIGHT - April Holtzman
LECTURING KNIGHT - Wendy Hall, PER
SECRETARY - Rick Schneider, PER
TREASURER - Kristie Horst
ESQUIRE - Debbie Brennan
INNER GUARD - Dee Cisneros, PER
TILER - Kim Van Walker
CHAPLAIN – Crystal Johnson
1 YEAR TRUSTEE - Tristan Reiber
2 YEAR TRUSTEE - Norman Benzing
3 YEAR TRUSTEE - Paul DeLand, PER
4 YEAR TRUSTEE - Laura Jones
5 YEAR TRUSTEE - Shelagh Gombarcik, PER

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

Kitchen Managers

Courtney Weil, PER & Georgia Hilficker
(813-484-0123)

Hall Event & Rental Chairman:

Wendy Hall, PER (nini336152@yahoo.com)
813-500-9433

Elksize Editor:

Georgia Hilficker
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

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

A Message From your Exalted Ruler, Tracy Horrell



The stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve often brings many of us a sense of anticipation and renewal. For some, it's a time to reflect on past accomplishments and set new intentions for the year ahead!

While resolutions can sometimes feel daunting, focusing on a positive mindset can be a powerful way to approach the new year.

I encourage you to find a community project, school project, a veterans event that you can help make it a success. It will not only be a welcomed gesture but it will bring a sense of joy in your heart and make a difference in someone else's life. That truly is a feeling like no other.

We said goodbye to our loved Elks, who no longer live with us. While we will miss them, the memories of happy times bring great comfort to us!

We have welcomed so many new Elks in the last couple of months, so if you haven't been to the lodge recently come in and say hello to them. Many of our new Elks are stepping up and making new events fun and exciting. Come see what's happening, I'm sure you'll have a great time and you'll make some new friends!

It's that time again to kick off our biggest fundraiser of the year...Gasparilla!! We will need lots of help as we are expecting over 200 guest to invade Tampa Lodge and we want to make a huge impression. See other fliers inside this issue of the Elksize for more information.

Changes are coming soon to our Antler room, stay tuned for more information. It's going to be fabulous!

I hope to see you soon at the lodge. Let's all work together to make 2025 a great year! Happy New Year!

Cheers,
Tracy Horrell, ER

Your 2024-25 Committee Chairs

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

Accident Prevention - Tommy Moore (tommoore4109@gmail.com)

Americanism - Norman Benzing, (norm-kim@rtcol.com)

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

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

Drug Awareness - Edie Hanley, (ehanley73@outlook.com)

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

ENF Scholarships - Paul DeLand, PER (dukeofdeland@hotmail.com)

ENF Grants - Paul DeLand, PER (dukeofdeland@hotmail.com)

Government Relations - Rick Schnieder, PER (broric708@aol.com)

Harry Anna - Kim VanWalker, (kmvanwalker@hotmail.com)

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

LOE Liaison - Paul DeLand, PER - (dukeofdeland@hotmail.com))

Lodge Activities - TBD

Membership Committee - Tracy Horrell, PER (tracywayh@gmail.com)

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)



\$1.00

FEBRUARY

Know someone that's been on the fence...
think they may join but just not sure.

Now's the time!

February is \$1.00 signup fee month,
entertainment, low prices and fellowship



Barbara Travis
Sponsor
Richard Shneider, PER



Brett Baines
Sponsor
DC Goutoufa



Gloria Loverling
Sponsor
Richard Shneider, PER



Katheen Duffer
Sponsor
Tracy Horrell, ER



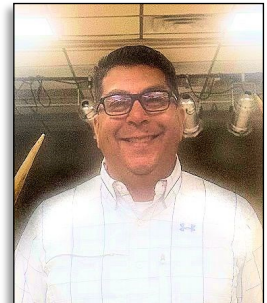
Kelly Alexander
Sponsor
Jessica Hood



Mike Minor
Sponsor
Richard Shneider, PER



Scott Guenthet
Sponsor
Dean Valenti



William Suarez
Sponsor
Dee Cisneros, PER

ELK RECOGNITIONS

ELK OF THE MONTH...JANET HILL

Elk of the Month: Janet Hill... she has been a member for many years but most know her as Tommy's wife. She has been instrumental in helping on the house committee, working on the budget, and working to make adjustments that will help our lodge be successful. She is a numbers girl which is just what we needed! I am so grateful that she is a member!



OFFICER OF THE MONTH...RICHARD SCHNEIDER PER

Officer of the Month.... Richard Schneider, PER... he works many hours in our lodge as the secretary. This is a job that has many many little jobs, but they are time consuming and too often go unnoticed. On top of his regular duties he worked hard to make sure our District Deputy's book inspection went well and I thank him for that and for all he does behind the scenes! Thank you, Rick



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH...RAEANNE BOYLES

Volunteer of the Month...RaeAnn Boyle, what a go-getter and what a great addition to our Lodge! Planning events, helping with activities, and bringing in new friends to share in the good Elks do, she has already made her mark with us. We appreciate her enthusiasm and her help! Please let her know how much we need her!



Supporting Reports



Chaplain's Corner by our chaplain, Crystal Johnson:

Try to remember when making your New Year's resolutions: Many of us don't move forward until the pain of where we are becomes unbearable, but we don't have to wait that long. Be proactive. Make a change today.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17



Ladies of the Elks:

It's a new year and personally I'm gobsmacked! How did this happen so quickly!! The Ladies are looking forward to a new year and new adventures.

The Ladies did a bit of Christmas decorating, it took many hands to get it done. Tommy Moore and Shelagh Gombarcik were on the ladders hanging wreaths and Christmas bulbs. April Holtzman and Rosann Garcia fluffing up the garland and much more. We had a special guest star, Stephan Willis, who swooped in and made our Christmas tree shine better than ever! Thank you to everyone who took some time out of their busy holidays to bring Christmas cheer to our lodge.

We all know what time of the year it is. It's GASPARILLA season!! The Ladies are ready to take on the many pirates who will invade our lodge for our Gasparilla event. Look for the Ladies at the Gasparilla Market, we will have lots of goodies for the pirate in you. The Ladies will also have a Popup Shop on January 18th at the ENF Fundraiser. If you need a few bobbles to make your Gasparilla day perfect, we are the place to shop.

Jacquie LoCicero, PLP
President, Ladies of the Elks

Executive Board

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

JANUARY BIRTHDAY

Paul Deland 1/1

Raymond Huffman 1/11



YOUR LOE NEEDS YOU

This year at our Gasparilla Popup Shop we would like to put together scratch off tickets to benefit the Lodge...to do this we will need:

- Drink chips
- Florida lottery scratch offs (\$1)
- Pull tabs (from lodge)
- Gift Certificates (\$5 or greater)

DEADLINE TO TURN IN Jan 19th – Please Turn in items to Jacquie LoCicero. You can text/call me with questions or if you have an item. 813-245-6458

Grant Reports and Information

A **Smoking** good Thanksgiving for our Veterans

Our Lodge Veterans Committee raised funds in November to support hosted dinners and off-site activities for sheltered veterans, and events for our lodge members who served in the US military. The committee is self-funded, and operates on Elks National Foundation grants, charitable donations, and committee fundraisers. This year's fundraiser was the sale of smoked turkey breasts and pork shoulders, which were prepared in the lodge parking lot and picked up on Wednesday, November 27th....just in time to enjoy at our Thanksgiving gatherings. We "sold out" the 34 turkey breasts and 24 pork shoulders and raised over \$600 for use during the upcoming year. A huge THANK YOU to those members who supported this fundraiser! Pictured are Lodge Veterans Committee Chair Chris Ragusa, and Lodge Veterans Committee members Rich Schneider, PER, and Shelagh Gombarcik, PER



Auxiliary Post 139 Poppy Fundraiser.

For many years now the Tampa Elks Lodge 708 has raised funds for the Poppy Appeal and this year was no different. A special thank you goes to Pat Pastore for donating the beautiful gift baskets. The funds we raise go towards supporting veterans, those in active service and their families with rehabilitation, finances, employment, housing and other vital services.

As members you know that our nations Veterans are close to our hearts and this year, we presented a check to the American Legion Auxiliary for \$511.00. Thank you to our generous members who donated to the fund and to wearing their Poppies with Pride.

Shelagh Gombarcik PER
Poppy Fund Chair



Grant Reports and Information



TAMPA ELKS & WALGREENS COMMUNITY CARES TOY DRIVE



On Monday, December 16th, ten Tampa Elk Elves pranced around Tampa and collected approximately 690 toys from our list of 14 local Walgreens stores. We also collected about 480 stocking stuffer items.

Once collected, the Elves, brought their haul into the lodge where it was re-counted, sorted, bagged, and stored to wait for our Annual Children's Christmas Party.

Many thanks to our Elves. Without them, this would have been an all-day affair instead of just a few hours.

Our Elf Drivers include Jonah Ryan, Debra Conn, Michael Benson, Wendy Hall PER, Ruth Levin, Becky Sullins, Stephen Willis, Roshaun Gendrett, Tracy Horrell ER, Paul Deland, PER.

Our Helpers back at the lodge include Shelagh Gombarcik PER, Laura Jones, Laura Bell, Mike Volpe, and Jackie Jacobs.

Thank you to all who helped in any way to make this years Community Cares event a success.
Fraternally, Patty Volpe, Youth Activities Committee

SOCCER SHOOT NEWS



Saturday, December 14th, was the Regional Soccer Shoot competition. We all travelled to Florida Elks Youth Camp in Umatilla. We were treated to a nice breakfast before the event. We had a surprise last minute entry into the competition. Adonis Troupe, who came in 2nd place at the WCD Hoop Shoot was brought in to compete in his age group, because the 1st place winner couldn't attend.

Congratulations to all our Tampa participants! The 1st place winners are moving on to State Competition on Saturday, January 4th, at Florida Elks Youth Camp

2nd Place – U8 Division – Boys – Starlyn Betances
1st Place – U10 Division – Boys – Adonis Troupe
1st Place – U14 Division – Girls – Savannah Bell
1st Place – U14 Division – Boys – Alexander Cross



HOOP SHOOT NEWS



On Sunday, December 15th, we held the WCD Hoop Shoot at Foster Park, here in South Tampa. The WCD Hoop Shoot Chairman, John Connor PER, was the contest judge. Our two Tampa Lodge competitors, Savannah Bell and Connor Bell, are moving on to the Regional Competitions. Congratulations to both for their grit and determination!

Fraternally, Patty Volpe, Lodge Soccer & Hoop Shoot Chair

Past Events and Projects



Motivated Mustang Club

On Wednesday, December 18th, we had our first club meeting at Madison Middle School. The Motivated Mustangs Club was established on this day. This club will replace Club Chivalry at Robinson High School, due to the restructure of this year's Administration and change in school status. This is our 1st year at Madison Middle School, where we will focus on motivating attendance and behavior. During our first meeting we got everyone's shirt size so we can provide new polo shirts to each member. We voted on a club name, which was initially the "Wild Mustangs" but ultimately became the "The Motivated Mustangs". We voted for President, Vice-President, and Secretary, and got to know the club members. Each student and volunteer got breakfast from McDonalds. We will meet once a month, from January to March, and finish the year with a field trip to Dave & Busters.

Our volunteers showed up in force. It was impressive to see so many there to prove that Madison Middle School is now backed by Tampa Elks #708.

Our next club meeting is on Tuesday, January 14th, from 10:15am and done by 11:30am. If you would like to get involved, please reach out to me.

Fraternally yours, Patty Volpe, Grant Manager



Remember this young lady?

Ismeny Ramirez was a Robinson High School, Club Chivalry student that worked at the Lodge as a server and all around helper. She was with us for over three years and many of us came to love her. I thought you might like to have a short update of how she's doing and her plans for the future.

Issy graduated with honors from Robinson and has gone on to be an honor student a Brigham Young University in Utah. She received several scholarships and continues to work hard to keep from having too much educational debt.

She chose Brigham's nursing program and has finished the prerequisites for that curriculum. At this time she is preparing to go on a church mission for the next 18 months and will return to Utah to finish her education. She finds out where her mission will take her in late January and is truly looking forward to it. I know I speak for all of us who knew her when I wish her all the best. Georgia Hilficker, Elksie Editor

Past Events and Projects



A Very Merry Christmas Party

On Saturday, December 21st, Tampa Elks Lodge Youth Activities Committee hosted the annual Children's Christmas Party. The planning for this party took several months and thanks to fundraising efforts, donations, the Walgreens Toy Drive, and our volunteers, this was a phenomenal event.

The families arrived at 12pm and the fun started right away! The families were provided a Drug Awareness package upon arrival and took their seats to start coloring and playing games at their table.

Our theme this year was Christmas Carnival. Our own member, Stephen Willis, was the MC for the event. He opened with the pledge and a prayer. He kept the party going with announcements, fun facts, and audience participation. The kids played carnival style games and enjoyed building their own snowman as a craft. Everyone feasted on hot dogs, chips, cotton candy, popcorn, chips, and candy.

Santa arrived along with his Elves and took family photos that were printed and given to the families. Each child that visited Santa got a goodie bag filled with fun things. Even our volunteers got to visit with Santa!

The parents got to 'shop' for presents in the Antler room while the volunteers entertained the kids in the back hall. The parents selected 3-7 toys for each of their registered children. Each family got a raffle ticket when they arrived. We were able to raffle several items, like an iPad, Camera, several bikes, and lots of gift cards.

The party goes left with smiles, full bellies, and bags of game prizes. The parents left with the peace of mind that their children will have a very, merry, Christmas. We did have some left over presents so we donated 2 bags to our Fire Department next door and then dropped off bags of presents to some families that could not attend. Our last bag of stocking stuffers/gifts went to a Boys & Girls Club employee, Megan, that distributed them the next day.

A HUGE Thank you to all that helped make this event possible. We had lots of toy donations from our Lodge members and MGM Friends Charity Partners, and a huge donation of items from a donor that requested to be anonymous. We had items donated by lodge vendors too! Our Volunteers came out to support the fun and had a good time while doing it. We had 26 Elks volunteer and 18 non-Elk volunteers. We could not have done this without them. It takes a whole lot of hands to make this event successful.

Check out our Tampa Elks Lodge #708 Facebook page to see pictures, taken by Kim VanWalker.

Fraternally yours, Jackie Jacobs, Laura Bell, & Patty Volpe - Youth Activities Committee



Past Events and Projects

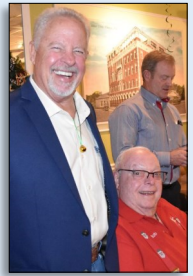
2024 ER CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year's party was all I'd hoped it would be. A great turnout with lots of happy people enjoying each other's company, good food from Maggianos, *maybe too much*, and great entertainment. Thanks to Kris Pierce for singing beautiful Christmas Carols which set the tone for our celebration.

We had lots of laughs and surprises in the White Elephant gift exchange. There were unique gifts like a solar, windchime and there were funny items like a dog poop calendar. Which by the way I ended up with. So much fun and so wonderful to be among friends and fellow Elks this holiday season.

I hope you had a Christmas full of joy and the New Year brings you success and happiness.

See you at the Lodge...Tracy Horrell, PER



Upcoming Events and Projects



LET'S DO DINNER AT THE LODGE WITH COURTNEY

JAN 3RD


Friday Dinner
Jan 3rd
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**

Serving 6:30 to 8:00

Sign up by emailing 708meals@gmail.com,
or on the Lodge Bulletin Board

JAN 10TH


Friday Dinner
January 10th
**Sliced
Steak**

**With Broccoli Cheese Soup,
Roasted Red Potatoes, Roasted
Veggies, w/Dinner Roll**
\$19.00

**Appetizer:
Onion Rings - \$3.50**

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

JAN 17TH


Friday Dinner
Jan 17th
**Pesto
Salmon**

**with pasta and Veggies,
Italian Salad & Roll**
\$20.00

**Appetizer:
Mozzarella Sticks - \$3.50**

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

JAN 24TH
NO DINNER FRIDAY


**It's time to
Party like a Pirate
with Tampa Elks 708!**
Saturday, January 25th

YOU WILL ENJOY:
• ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST
• A BAGGED LUNCH AND A GREAT VIEW OF THE BOAT
INVASION FROM THE BAYS ISLAND WATERFRONT
• TRATE REAS
• GAMES, ACTIVITIES & PRIZES
• MULTIPLE TV'S TO VIEW THE PARADE AS IT
MARCHES DOWN HISTORIC BAYSHORE BLVD.
• LIVE MUSIC
• ALL YOU CAN EAT DINNER & MORE

JAN 31ST


Friday Night Dinner
Jan 31st
**Stuffed
Pork Chop**

**with Ceasar Salad, Mashed
Potatoes, Veggie &
Dinner Roll**
\$16.00

**Appetizer:
Fried Zucchini...\$3.50**
Serving 6:00 to 8:00

Sign up by emailing
708meals@gmail.com,
or on the Lodge Bulletin Board by the
Thursday before the event.

**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**



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

**Jan 6th - Cuban Sandwich & a sweet
treat**

Jan 13th - Wings & Fries & a sweet treat

**Jan 20th - Italian Sausage or
Meatball Sub & Sweet Treat**

**Jan 27th - Shrimp Po Boy & 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**

***Jan 2nd -**

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

***Jan 9th - Shelagh & Tommy
Grill Night**

***Jan 16th - Nachos or Quesadella**

***Jan 23rd - Shelagh & Tommy
Grill Night**

***Jan 30th - Chicken or Egg Salad
on a Croissant**

Upcoming Events and Projects



708 GASPARILLA NEEDS YOU!

OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!!

From donations to helpers this year's Gasparilla Fundraiser is in dire need of your help. All the charities we support benefit from the funds generated from this event, so please consider helping in whatever way you're comfortable.

We need liquor:

Vodka, gin, bourbon, Captain Morgan, tequila, beer, wine and snack items.
Drop your donation off by January 20th



We need Helpers:

Pick your hours...a couple or all day Help with games, food, service or keeping the area picked up. There are many jobs that need hands.

Please text Paul DeLand at 813-376-5401 if you wish to volunteer, or sign up on the Lodge bulletin board.

Come join US for a fun hour or two



JANUARY 24TH at 1pm



in the back hall of the Lodge to make our
Gasparilla Cubans.

Upcoming Events and Festivities

ENF PRE-GASPARILLA



**GET YOUR PIRATE ON AND
LET'S PARTY BEFORE WE WORK!
SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH**

6:00 TO 11PM

**CUBANS, MOJO PORK SANDWICHES,
DEVILED CRAB, BLACK BEAN SOUP, PLANTAINS
AND GREAT DESSERTS**

\$20.00

DJ- CAUTION WILL ENTERTAIN US

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ENF

50/50 - LOE PIRATE POP-UP SHOP

Lodge Business and Projects

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**

MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS FOR JESSICA'S UNUSUAL DRINK SPECIALS - OPEN KITCHEN
MARGARITA TUESDAY WITH KRISTI FOR A SPECIALTY MARGARITA - FOOD AVAILABLE
CRAFT COCKTAIL WEDNESDAYS W/KRISTI-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



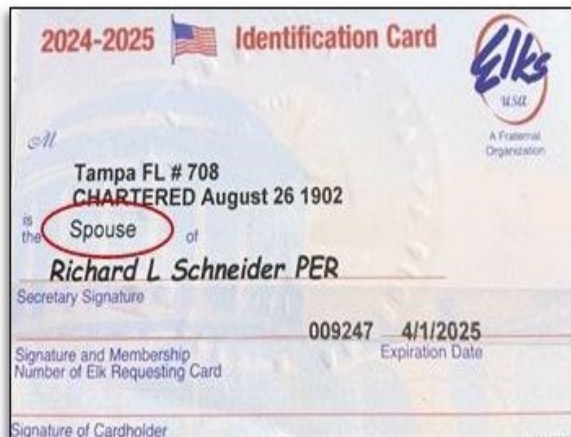
TIME IS UP

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR 2024-25 DUES YOU WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE ROLLS AT THE END OF JANUARY. SO PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES AND CONTINUE TO ENJOY THE GREAT PERKS OUR LODGE HAS TO OFFER, AND HELPING OUR VETERANS, OUR NEEDY CHILDREN AND OUR COMMUNITY.

PAY ONLINE AT THE 708 WEBSITE, OR COME IN AND PAY THE BARTENDER.



Lodge Business and Projects



PLEASE NOTE! Important information! State Laws have Changed For All Spouse Members

As of May 1st, spouse card holders will not be able to purchase alcoholic beverages. All lodges have been notified that we must abide by this requirement to ensure that we are in compliance with Florida law. How can you visit your lodge and have a cocktail? You can become an Elk or have your spouse purchase a few drink chips for you. While we know this may be an inconvenience, unfortunately, it is something that we must implement to meet state mandates. Thank you for your understanding.

EXALTED RULER



- Laura Bell, Mike Volpe, and Patty Volpe for all their help with hoop shoots and soccer shoots.
- The many members who helped sort toys, set up and clean, and helped with the Kid's Christmas Party.
- Wendy Hall, Paul DeLand, Ruth Levin, Debra Conn, Jonah Ryan, Rebecca Sullins, Steven Willis, and Jackie Jacobs for helping pick up the toys from Walgreens.
- Georgia Hilficker, Rodney Kayton, Stephen Wills, Laura Jones, Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, and all the generous members that stepped up to deliver such a wonderful New Year's Eve.
- Richard "Beef" Haddad for giving his recipe for those delicious pork chop Courtney cooked.

JANUARY LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 8th - LOE General Meeting 7pm Dinner 6:15pm
- 13th - Veteran's Meeting - 6:30pm
- 15th - House Committee Meeting - 6:30pm
- 22nd - New Member Orientation & Installation - 6:30pm
- 22nd - Elks General Meeting - 7:30pm
- 28th - BOD Meeting - 7:00pm
- 18th - House Committee Meeting - 6:30pm

WELL KNOWN Elks























**Arnold
Palmer
Golf
Champion
Sycamore
City, PA
Lodge 111**



Tampa Elks Lodge #708

JANUARY 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  CRAFTED COCKTAILS FOOD AVAILABLE	2  COURTNEY'S SPAGHETTI DINNER NIGHT...\$7.50  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM Drawing at 7PM	 Friday Dinner Jan 3rd 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 Serving 6:30 to 8:00 <small>Sign up by emailing 708meals@gmail.com, or on the Lodge Bulletin Board</small>	4
5	6 CUBAN SANDWICH & SWEET TREAT  BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	7 CRAFTED COCKTAILS FOOD AVAILABLE	8  CRAFTED COCKTAILS FOOD AVAILABLE  7:30PM GENERAL MEETING	9 THURSDAY NIGHTS 6:00 TO 7:30PM  BURGERS & FRIES  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM Drawing at 7PM	 Friday Dinner January 10th Sliced Steak With Broccoli Cheese Soup, Roasted Red Potatoes, Roasted Veggies, w/ Dinner Roll \$19.00 Appetizer: Onion Rings - \$3.50 Serving 6:00 to 8:00 <small>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 georgiahifficker@gmail.com</small>	11
12	13  6:30PM VETERAN'S WINGS & FRIES & SWEET TREAT  BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	14 CRAFTED COCKTAILS FOOD AVAILABLE	15  HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM  CRAFTED COCKTAILS FOOD AVAILABLE	16 NACHOS OR QUESADILLA  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM Drawing at 7PM	 Friday Dinner Jan 17th Pesto Salmon with pasta and Veggies, Italian Salad & Roll \$20.00 Appetizer: Mozzarella Sticks - \$3.50 Serving 6:00 to 8:00 <small>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 georgiahifficker@gmail.com</small>	 ENF Pre-GASPARILLA PIRATE PARTY GET YOUR PIRATE ON AND LET'S PARTY BEFORE WE WORK! SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH 6:00 TO 11PM CUBANS, MOJO PORK SANDWICHES, DEVILED CRAB, BLACK BEAN SOUP, PLANTAINS AND GREAT DESSERTS \$20.00 DJ - CAUTION WILL ENTERTAIN US 50/50 - LOE PIRATE POP-UP SHOP PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT EMU
19	20 ITALIAN SAUSAGE OR MEATBALL SUB & a SWEET TREAT  BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	21  7:00PM BOD MEETING CRAFTED COCKTAILS FOOD AVAILABLE	22  Orientation 6:30 Installation immediately following meeting  CRAFTED COCKTAILS FOOD AVAILABLE  7:30PM GENERAL MEETING	23 THURSDAY NIGHTS 6:00 TO 7:30PM  BURGERS & FRIES ELK RIDERS MEETING 7:15PM  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM Drawing at 7PM	 Help Wanted Calling all Cuban Sandwich Makers WE WANT YOU! Come join us for a fun hour or two JANUARY 24TH at 1pm in the back hall of the Lodge to make our Gasparilla Cubans. Call or text Georgia with any questions or to let her know you'll be there. 813-262-6200	 GASPARILLA 2025 It's time to Party like a Pirate with Tampa Elks 708! Saturday, January 25th • ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST • A BAGED LUNCH AND A GREAT VIEW OF THE BOAT DONATION FRONTIER INDIAN WATERSHED • PIRATE BEANS • GAMES, ACTIVITIES & PRIZES • MULTIPLE TIPS TO VIEW THE PARADE AS IT MARCHES DOWN HISTORY: BAYSHORE BLVD. • LIVE MUSIC • ALL YOU CAN EAT DINNER & MORE
26	27 SHRIMP POBOY & SWEET TREAT  BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	28 MAMMA MIA SEE JACQUEE FOR DETAILS	29  CRAFTED COCKTAILS FOOD AVAILABLE	30 CHICKEN OR EGG SALAD ON CROISSANT  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM Drawing at 7PM	 Friday Night Dinner Jan 31st Stuffed Pork Chop with Caesar Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Veggie & Dinner Roll \$16.00 Appetizer: Fried Zucchini...\$3.50 Serving 6:00 to 8:00 <small>Sign up by emailing 708meals@gmail.com, or on the Lodge Bulletin Board by the Thursday before the event.</small>	

Elks Tampa 708 size

3616 Gandy Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33611

NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
TAMPA, FL
PERMIT #32



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



Friends of 708

*Marty Quire - In Memory of Bonnie Quire - Bonnie Atwood - Thomas Boyle
Mr & Mrs Moore - Sharon Ford - Mr & Mrs Suhrheinrich - Cynthia Edwards
Steve Harmon - Marty Quire - Julie Wooley - Paul DeLand, PER - Paula Rousselle - Kim Williams
Chris Ragusa - Mr & Mrs Hilficker - Debbie Osterbrock - Shannon Wheatley - Jason Brown
Susie Harlow - Laura Jones - Ladies of the Elks - Theresa Seibert PDDGR - Mackinley Zewalk
David Miller - P Jacquelyn LoCicero - Liane Ford*

OUR CURRENT ANNUAL SUPPORTERS

*R. Florance, PER - K. Higgins - M. Flowers - G. Chiani - R. Millaway
R. Norton - B. Deen - J. Martin - S. Mackey - S. Owens - F. Smith - M. Waldbart - E. Clark
C. McMullen - J. Hall - C. Venable - R. Bradshaw - F. Palladini
R. Schneider, PER, In Memory of J. Schneider, Earl Clark*

This local program focuses solely on improving our lodge through generous member donations.
All members are encouraged to sign up for the "Eleventh Hour Pledge".
Your recurring pledge of \$11 a month will help maintain our lodge.