



LODGE OFFICERS:

EXALTED RULER - T-Michael Boyle
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2 YEAR TRUSTEE - Paul DeLand, PER

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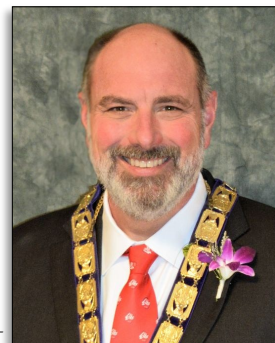
Saturday 4:00pm - 11:00pm

Sunday 4:00am - 9:00pm

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A Message From your Exalted Ruler, T-Michael Boyle



The Flag Day Ceremony at Tampa Elks Lodge 708 was a tremendous success! More than 80 members and guests gathered to honor our nation's flag in a powerful, moving, and educational tribute. A special thank-you goes out to the Scouts, who did an outstanding job assisting with the ceremony. Their professionalism and enthusiasm brought the history and evolution of the American flag to life, reminding us all of its deep significance and the values it represents.

As we reflect on this important tradition, we're also looking ahead to exciting opportunities for growth and improvement. This month, I will proudly represent Tampa Lodge 708 at the Elks Grand Lodge Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. While there, I'll attend a variety of informative sessions focused on strengthening membership, enhancing marketing strategies, and streamlining lodge operations. One of the highlights I'm looking forward to is learning more about a new mobile app that promises to improve communication and engagement within our Elk community.

Additionally, I'll be casting votes on key resolutions that will help shape the future of our Order. I'm eager to bring back fresh insights, ideas, and tools that will benefit our lodge and support our mission of service and fellowship.

Our lodge continues to grow—now with over 450 members—and we couldn't do it without your participation and support. Don't be a stranger! Join us for Friday night dinners, stay up to date through our online calendar, and be a part of our many upcoming events. In that vein we have an upcoming Vice President Visit (July 12th-10am to 12) that we will host with Dunedin/Clearwater at Clearwater and I would appreciate help to plan that event.

And don't forget—our July 4th celebration is just around the corner! Come enjoy food, karaoke, and a spectacular fireworks show, thanks to our very own Jessica Hood. It's sure to be a fun and memorable evening at Tampa Elks Lodge 708!

Hope to see you there, T-Michael

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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CALLING ALL 2025-26 COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Please plan to attend the General Lodge Meeting on Wednesday, July 9 at 7:30pm to provide a brief report about your committee.

This short (no more than 2-3 minutes) report should include:

- Committee composition (who else is supporting this effort) and meeting frequency
- Your understanding of the key objectives and deliverables of the committee
- Challenges and/or resource shortfalls in achieving those objectives
- The purpose of this is for our officers and membership to appreciate what your committee is, what it does, and how we can support your efforts.

A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Members



Keith Elser
Sponsor
Jim Manley



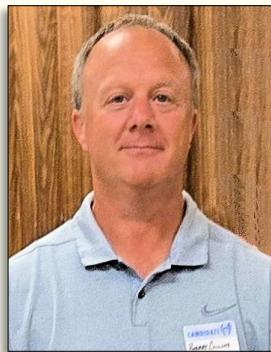
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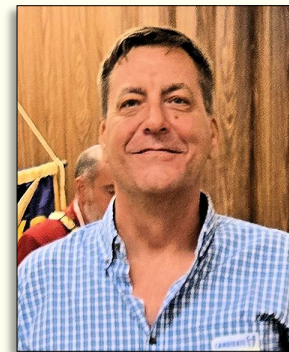
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July Recognitions

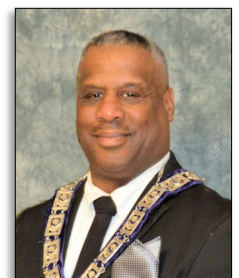
ELK OF THE MONTH...JAMIE POOLE

This new member has jumped in with both feet!, and boy was he needed! We can't thank him enough for his enthusiasm and willingness to step in where there's a much needed hole to fill. We could use a bunch more like this man and hope he sets an example for all of us to follow. Please take the opportunity to thank him when you see him around the Lodge.



OFFICER OF THE MONTH...DEE CISNEROS, PER

Here's an oldie but a goodie...This man has been a member of our Lodge for many years, and has served in most of the officer chairs including Exalted Ruler. He is a jack of all trades and utilizes all of them to help run our Lodge. From bartender, Mr. Fixit, setup artist, Bingo caller, cook and all around source of information, Dee fills so many jobs it's hard to name them all. Thank you Dee for all you do!





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

*May we make our homes places of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety.
May we be generous and considerate,
not thinking only about ourselves,
but helping others enjoy the blessings of the summertime. Amen*

Prayer Request: Jan Bertoch, Lynn Brown and Jack Johnson

Lodge Support Group



Ladies of the Elks:

It's hot, it's humid and we are all just miserable! That's summer in Florida. Sooo, what can we do to blow off some steam? Head to the Ladies' Annual Low Country Boil. Come to your lodge on July 18th and see what all the talk is about. Every year our event gets bigger and better. This year the Ladies are highlighting a new and familiar talent, Alex Martinez. Sue and Tommy Moore's grandson has grown up right in front of our eyes and will grace us with his talent. Dinner is from 6pm-7:30. Tickets are only \$22 per person and are on sale now at the bar. This event is always a lot of fun, tickets sell out quickly so get yours early.

The Ladies had the opportunity to participate in Flag Day. We put together one of our best ice cream sundae bars yet. The day was wonderful and the flag holders did a phenomenal job. Thank you to all who came out to support a wonderful and unique day.

Jacquie LoCicero, PLP

President, Ladies of the Elks Tampa 708

Executive Board

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

July Birthdays

Jackie Apple 7/15 - Edie Hanley 7/30 - Candi Surhrienrich 7/8

Enjoying your Lodge

Invite a Friend to join...the more the merrier!

Maybe consider volunteering. The Lodge can sure use help in many areas...just ask Rick in the office or a Bartender to get you to the committee chair for your area of interest.

Rituals and Ceremonies

FLAG DAY CEREMONY AT 708



Elks and Flag Day: The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has a long tradition of patriotism and respect for the American flag. In 1907, the Grand Lodge of the Elks passed a resolution to designate June 14th as Flag Day. This was a

significant step in promoting national recognition of the holiday.

In 1911, the Elks made it a mandatory requirement for all local lodges to observe Flag Day with appropriate ceremonies. This solidified our commitment to the observance of the day. The Elks' dedication to Flag Day observance played a role in gaining national recognition for the holiday, leading to President Woodrow Wilson acknowledging our patriotic efforts. Finally, in 1949, President Harry Truman, who was an Elk himself, signed an act of Congress designating June 14th as Flag Day nationwide.



On Saturday, June 14, 2025, the officers of Tampa Elks 708 conducted the Flag Day ritual with the help of Cub Scout Pack 1381 (chartered to American Legion Post 138) and Scouts BSA Troop 219 (chartered to Interbay Moose Lodge 912). In what was the most well attended Flag Day ceremony in recent history, approximately 85 members, guests, and sheltered veterans from Liberty Manor for Veterans and Salvation Army's Red Shield Center participated in the event.

Your Lodge Veterans Committee used the Flag Day celebration to raise funds to support our mission of providing onsite and offsite activities for local sheltered veterans and Tampa Elks 708 members who have honorably served or are currently serving in the US Military. Committee members prepared and served a BBQ meal consisting of smoked baby back spare ribs, cowboy beans, corn on the cob, coleslaw and Texas toast. The Ladies of the Elks donated a sundae bar for dessert, which was a big hit.



Christopher Ragusa, Leading Knight and Lodge Veteran's Committee Chairman

Grant Reports and Information

Lodge Veterans Committee Report



Elks Day at the Rays For Our Veterans: This year's Elks Day at the Rays will be held Saturday, July 19th at 7:05 PM at Steinbrenner Field in Tampa, FL. Our Tampa Bay Rays will be playing the Baltimore Orioles that evening. The LVC has purchased 10 tickets for this game and will be giving out pairs of them to 5 deserving Tampa Elks 708 military veteran members. Our lodge veterans should be on the lookout for an email inviting you to respond if you are interested. The names of all interested veterans will be put into a hat...literally...and 5 will be drawn and given a pair of tickets to this game. Of

note, a portion of the ticket price benefits the Harry-Anna Trust Fund and the two main charity projects of the Florida Elks – the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services and the Florida Elks Youth Camp.



Lodge Veterans Committee Fundraising: The Lodge Veterans Committee has two fundraising items for sale. They include a customized Tampa Elks 708 Eagle ball cap for \$30, and a Tampa Elks 708 Challenge Coin, which is available to any veteran (member or guest) for \$10 and all non-veterans for \$20. They are on display in the cabinet under the lounge cash register. Your Elks bartender will verify your veteran status (Florida or government issued ID, DD214) for the special pricing and take your payment. Thank you as always for your support of these fundraising efforts.

Tampa Elks 708 hosted 6 veterans from Liberty Manor for Veterans for dinner on Friday, June 20, 2025. Everyone enjoyed either the Chicken Parmesan or Meatballs (some of us got to sample both!). Liberty Manor's director Connie Lindsay presented us with a Certificate of Appreciation for "everything that we've done and do to make their veterans feel special and appreciated". Liberty Manor was the recipient of two ENF Community Investment Program grants over the past year, and have been hosted for dinner and at our Flag Day ceremony. Pictured here are the veterans, their director, and LVC members Kathy Dueffer and Kathryn Hall.



Christopher Ragusa, Veterans Committee Chairman

Community Participation



TAMPA 708 ROCKED THE 2025 FLORIDA ELKS STATE CONVENTION

The Florida Elks State Convention this year was a massive success, with Tampa Lodge 708 and Tarpon Springs Lodge 1719 coming together to host an unforgettable hospitality suite. This year's theme, *T&T* (Tampa and Tarpon Springs), perfectly encapsulated the spirit of collaboration and fun that defined the event. Thursday night marked the opening of the festivities, with both lodges co-hosting a lively evening. As the weekend progressed, the creative energy continued to flow, with each night offering a unique experience for attendees.

Friday night, under Tampa Lodge's leadership, the atmosphere transformed into a swashbuckling pirate adventure. In full pirate regalia, members from both lodges roamed from room to room, plundering and tossing beads in true pirate fashion for the much-anticipated Annual Pirate Invasion. It was an exhilarating night that truly captured the spirit of Tampa's legendary hospitality.

Saturday night, it was Tarpon Springs' turn to take the reins with a vibrant Greek-themed celebration. The event was a feast for the senses, offering delicious Greek food and drink, perfectly matched to the theme. The creativity and originality exhibited by both lodges throughout the weekend were on full display, from the dazzling costumes to the fantastic party atmosphere. Fellow Elks from across the state had the chance to mingle, share stories, and celebrate the bonds that unite them.

The success of the hospitality suite wouldn't have been possible without the hard work and generous contributions of many dedicated members. Wendy Hall, PER, and Paul Deland, PER, coordinated alcohol donations that helped make the room a standout success. Ruth Levin organized the largest Cuban sandwich assembly line many had ever seen. Patty and Mike Volpe, arriving a day early with a U-Haul truck full of supplies, alongside Laura Jones and Kim Benzing, helped set up a fantastic party room. Rick Schneider, PER, contributed his family's secret Apple Pie Moonshine recipe, which raised over \$1,000 for the lodges. Debbie Brennen and Rae Ann Boyle handled raffle ticket sales, while Dee Cisneros, PER, kept the energy up with a lively Karaoke contest. Special guest bartenders Jen and Teddy Vasquez from St. Pete Lodge 1224 were invaluable throughout the weekend, ensuring that everyone had a great time. This partnership between Tampa and Tarpon Springs Lodges truly demonstrated what can be achieved through teamwork, creativity, and Elk spirit. The event was a shining example of why the Florida Elks State Convention is such an important occasion—bringing together Elks from around the state to celebrate community, charity, and friendship.



Upcoming Events & Projects



4TH
OF JULY

**CELEBRATE WITH
TAMPA ELKS 708**

**Pulled Pork or Chicken, Baked Beans,
Potato Salad, and Texas Toast
Plus: Warm Apple Cobbler**

\$15.00

Dinner Served 6:30 to 8PM

Ken's Karaoke

8:00 to 11pm

**and lets wish a very
Happy Birthday to our
Red, White & Blue Girls**

Courtney Weil & Tristan Reiber

**THEN
THERES
JESSICA'S
FIREWORKS**

Upcoming Events and Projects



TAMPA ELKS RIDERS UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Tampa Elks #708 Riders are gaining steam and planning numerous activities for Tampa and several neighboring Elks Riders groups between now and November. Their organization is holding their Patching In ceremony on Sept. 7th so that the new group is officially recognized.

Tampa Elks Riders is open to membership by those who wish to be involved...You do not have to ride a motorcycle to be a member. Our principle goal is helping raise funds for Tampa Elks #708. Come meet us and see if you enjoy our activities and goals.

June 29th, 2025—Tampa Elks Riders meeting at 7:30pm, following Queen drawing.

June 21st, 2025—Bradenton Elks Riders Meat Bingo at 11:00am

Sept. 6th, 2025—Aripeka Elks Riders Patching Ceremony Noon

Sept. 7th, 2025—Tampa Elks Riders Patching Ceremony Noon

Oct. 4th, 2025—Tampa Elks Riders Clay Shoot 8am

Nov. 1st, 2025—OCC/Elks Bob Seger Cover Band 4pm

Nov. 1st, 2025—Palmetto Elks Riders Breakfast 8am

2025-2026 GOURMET CLUB

JOIN US FOR THE 15TH SEASON OF OUR TAMPA 708 GOURMET CLUB!
THE CLUB MEETS THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH. THIS MONTH'S HOST IS

SUZANNE MOORE - THE THEME IS DIPS & SPREADS

SUNDAY JULY 27TH AT 5:30PM

BRING YOUR NEW
IDEAS FOR THAT
PERFECT PARTY
OFFERING

HOT OR COLD
SPICY OR SWEET
CRACKERS OR
CHIPS! BRING IT ON!



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

Let's go All-In!



Saturday, July 26th - 6-10pm

6pm Picnic Food \$7 Donation
(Hamburger, Hot Dogs, Chips, Sides)

6-10pm Texas Hold'em

7-8pm Bar Bingo

5 Games (Winner Take All)

8-10pm Gaming Machine Tourny

3-15 Minute Spins Only/Total Pts to Win

9-10pm Left-Right-Center

3 Games

Upcoming Events and Projects



LET'S DO DINNER AT THE LODGE WITH COURTNEY

JULY 4TH

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CELEBRATE WITH TAMPA ELKS 708
 Pulled Pork or Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, and Texas Toast
 Plus: Warm Apple Cobbler
\$15.00
 Dinner Served 6:30 to 8PM
Ken's Karaoke 8:00 to 11pm
 and lots wish a very Happy Birthday to our Red, White & Blue Girls
Courtney Well & Tristan Reiber
THEN THERES JESSICA'S FIREWORKS

JULY 11TH

Friday Dinner July 11th
Spanish Night Your Choice
Ropa Vieja, Rice & Beans \$16.00
 or **Chicken & Yellow Rice with Beans \$12.00**
 Both Meals Served with 1905 Copycat Salad & Cuban Bread
 Appetizer: Croquettes \$3.50
 Dessert Guava & Cheese \$3.00
 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

JULY 18TH

YOUR LOE BRINGS YOU ANOTHER FABULOUS
LOW COUNTRY BOIL
 FRIDAY JULY 18TH - 6PM TO 7:30PM
 Shrimp, Crawfish, Clams, Smoked Sausage, Andouille Sausage, Corn, Potatoes & Mini Cornbread Muffins
\$22.00 a Ticket
 Tickets on Sale now!
 Music by Singer/Guitarist **Alex Martinez**
 (Tommy and Suzanne Moore's grandson)

JULY 25TH

Friday Dinner July 25th
Your Choice
Stuffed Pork Chops w/Rice Pilaf & Green Beans \$16.00
 or **Stuffed Shrimp w/Rice Pilaf & Green Beans \$17.00**
 Both Meals Served with Clam Chowder & Bread
 Appetizer: Lump Crabcakes \$6.00
 Dessert: Pineapple Upside Down Cake \$3.00
 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

**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

July 7th - Cuban's with chips \$9.00

July 14th - Meatloaf Sandwich w/chips \$9.50

July 21st - Reuben Sandwich w/chips \$9.50

July 28th - Philly Cheesesteaks w/Fries \$9.50



QUEEN OF HEARTS

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

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

***July 3rd - Jamie Poole's Grill Night**

***July 10th - LOE POTATO BAR-\$8.50**

***July 17th - Kristi's Pasta Night**

***July 24th - Dee's Open Grill Night**

***July 31st - Jamie Poole's Grill Night**

Upcoming Events and Projects

**YOUR LOE BRINGS YOU
ANOTHER FABULOUS**



FRIDAY JULY 18TH - 6PM TO 7:30PM

**Shrimp, Crawfish, Clams, Smoked Sausage,
Andouille Sausage, Corn, Potatoes &
Mini Cornbread Muffins**

\$22.00 a Ticket

Tickets on sale now!

Music by Singer/Guitarist

Alex Martinez

(Tommy and Suzanne Moore's grandson)

Upcoming Events and Projects

JOIN US!
FOR ANOTHER
ALL YOU CAN EAT
BREAKFAST
PLUS

BOTTOMLESS MIMOSAS
AND BLOODY MARYS

SUNDAY, JULY 13TH

\$20 ALL YOU CAN EAT & DRINK

GREAT FOOD!

GREAT TIME!

\$8.00 FOR BREAKFAST ONLY



Upcoming Events and Projects

**LET'S
LEND A HAND!**



For those that don't know, each year Tampa 708 supports our Community children by having a Back to School Party that provides the classroom supplies required by their schools.

This year it will be held

**SUNDAY JULY 27TH
12:30 TO 3PM**

We need: Paper, pencils, crayons, markers, colored pencils, composition books, 1 subject spiral notebooks, pens, highlighters, pencil pouches, erasers, and glue sticks

Donations accepted at the Lodge after July 5th.

Volunteers can text Patty at 941.580.7201
or email pattyandmrfox@gmail.com

Lodge Business and Projects



Elks
National
Foundation

Let me tell you about the Elks National Foundation - ENF

This charity helps Elks help the communities where they live. . They offer over 500 Most Valuable Scholarships a year, ranging from \$4,000 to \$30, 000. Applications for these scholarships come first to the lodge for scoring, then to the district, state and finally professionals in Chicago. 33 students from Florida received scholarships. They also awarded 12 Legacy scholarships to children or grandchildren of Elks, and emergency scholarships to children of recently deceased Elks.

ENF offers Lodges the opportunity to apply for grants to do charitable projects in their community. Tampa's 2024- 2025 projects included a trip on the river and lunch at Ricks for 25 Veterans from 3 shelters, the Motivated Mustang program at Madison Middle school, an accessible bathroom at Liberty Manor for Veterans and transportation help and 2 dinner and movie nights for Liberty Manor's Resident Veterans. That was \$11,500 in cash from ENF to Tampa Lodge to help us meet some local needs.

A total of \$750,500 in grant money came to Florida Lodges.

ENF also is the main supporter of the Veterans Affairs Veteran Service. The VAVS staffs volunteers in each VA hospital in the country. At James A Haley VAMC, two of the 3 VAVS volunteers are from Tampa Lodge: Edie Hanley and Crystal Johnson. They get monthly funds for VA needs. When you donate to ENF – you can designate how you want it spent!

ENF does all this with minimal staffing, and their administrative costs are under 9 %.

Please consider a donation today, either directly through ENF.Elks.org or I can accept a check or cash and send it in under your name.

Rita Smith, Elks National Foundation Fundraising Chairman

EXALTED RULER



- Frank Smith did a great job organizing the Scouts to help make Flag Day a huge success.
- Cliff Allen saved the kitchen and bar by servicing and upgrading our ice machine.
- Tommy Pate is a recent new member and has supported three successful BBQ events for our veterans.
- Jason Fernandez, owner of Bernini's, for providing the food for our House Committee Pizza Party

JULY LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 2nd - LOE General Meeting 7pm Dinner 6:15
- 9th - Elks General Meeting - 7:30
- 15th - House Committee Meeting - 6:30
- 16TH - New Member Orientation - 6:30
- 17th - BOD Meeting - 6:30
- 23rd - Elks General Meeting - 7:30
- 26th - Lodge Veterans Meeting - 6:30

DID YOU KNOW?

Here in Florida, the over 50,000 men and women of the Elks in nearly 100 Lodges from the panhandle to the Keys are enjoying the camaraderie, compassion, community outreach, and support that are all part of being an Elk.

Tampa Elks Lodge #708

JULY 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 LOE GENERAL MEETING 7PM LOE DINNER 6:15PM	3 Jamie POOLE GRILL NIGHT  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	4 TH OF JULY CELEBRATE WITH TAMPA ELKS 708 Pulled Pork or Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, and Texas Toast Plus Warm Apple Cobbler \$15.00 Dinner Served 6:30 to 8PM Ken's Karaoke 8:00 to 11pm and lots with a very Happy Birthday to our Red, White & Blue Girls Courtney Wall & Tristen Kallier THEN JESSICA'S FIREWORKS	5
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JOIN US! FOR ANOTHER ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST PLUS BOTTOMLESS MIMOSAS AND BLOODY MARYS SUNDAY, JULY 13TH \$20 ALL YOU CAN EAT & DRINK GREAT FOOD! GREAT TIME! \$8.00 FOR BREAKFAST ONLY	14 BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	15	16 HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM  6:30PM NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION INITIATION TO FOLLOW.	17 BOD MEETING 7:00PM  KRISTI'S PASTA NIGHT QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	18 YOUR LOE BRINGS YOU ANOTHER FABULOUS  FRIDAY JULY 18TH - 6PM TO 7:30PM Shrimp, Crawfish, Clams, Smoked Sausage, Anchoise Sausage, Corn, Potatoes & Mini Cornbread Muffins \$22.00 a Ticket Tickets on sale now! Made by Shrimpoutlets Alex Martinez (Tummy and success since a grandma!)	19
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GOURMET CLUB-5PM SEE PG 9  For those that don't know, each year Tampa 708 supports our Community children by having a Back to School Party that provides the classroom supplies required by their schools. This year it will be fun! SUNDAY JULY 27TH 12:30 TO 3PM We need: Paper, pencils, crayons, markers, colored pencils, composition books, 1 subject spiral notebooks, pens, highlighters, pencil pouches, erasers and glue sticks. Donations accepted at the Lodge after July 15th. Volunteers can text Patty at 941.589.7201 or email pattpanderford@gmail.com	28 6:30PM LODGE VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	29	30	31 Jamie POOLE GRILL NIGHT  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM		

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