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4 YEAR TRUSTEE - Shelagh Gombarcik, PER

5 YEAR TRUSTEE - Wendy Hall, PER

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Friday 4:00pm - 12:00am

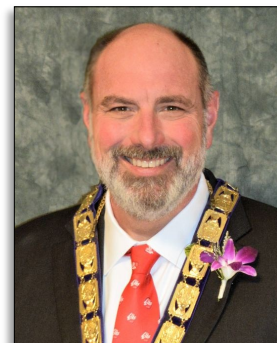
Saturday 4:00pm - 11:00pm

Sunday 12:00am - 9:00pm

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A Message From your Exalted Ruler, T-Michael Boyle



August has been an exciting and busy month for Tampa Lodge 708! We wrapped up our last VP visit, which also doubled as the homecoming for our District VP at Largo Lodge 2159. Lodge officers also attended the second DD clinic, where we focused on one of the most important goals of Elksdom – gaining quality members who not only enjoy our social events but also volunteer and give back to our community. A special thank-you goes out to Rita Smith, PER, who delivered a fantastic presentation on the Elks National Foundation (ENF) and reminded us all why ENF is such a cornerstone of our charitable mission.

On the social side, our Lodge has been buzzing with energy! The increasingly popular Bottomless Mimosa Brunch was a huge hit once again, and Margarita Night brought plenty of smiles and laughter. Be sure to check the web calendar so you don't miss the upcoming Friday night dinners and other exciting events happening this month.

Looking ahead, we are honored to welcome our State President, Mike Chandler, during his official visit to the Wonderful West Central District September 12-13. This is a great opportunity to show our Lodge pride, so we hope to see many of you there.

Lastly, our Membership Committee is looking for members to help with orientation and communication for our new Elks. This is a vital role in growing and strengthening our Lodge family - please contact me if you'd like to get involved!

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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South East Guide Dog Update



Changing lives one dog at a time! Tampa Elks Lodge 708 provides support for this great organization! It's nice to know our donations go a long way to helping those in need. Tampa 708 can thank PER, Tracy Horrell for her selfless commitment to this wonderful cause.

She has great news! Our 6th pup, Dempsey, has completed Canine University and has been matched with his forever person, Michael. Dempsey will be providing freedom and independence as a guide dog and living a great life in Key West. We are so proud of him.

Our 7th dog, Ellis has been busy for the last few months! She has been working hard on her cues and going shopping, attending meetings, and flying with Tracy to help with a fundraiser in Iowa! She even got to meet her Dad (5th dog Max). As his forever person was at the event. Ellis did great flying to and from our destination, and Tracy says she fit great at her feet. She didn't know what to expect, as this was the first time she had taken a dog on a plane. She tells us that Ellis loved showing off her skills in the airport!

On August 7th, Ellis turned a year old. She enjoyed her one-year birthday, eating a birthday cake and special dog treats with her Dad! They both had play time in the backyard and enjoyed the great Iowa weather.

Tracy and her group raised over \$9,000 for Dogs, Inc. It was a huge success!

She will have Ellis until the New Year and looks forward to taking her to some conferences in the next few months. We hope to meet her soon!

Thank you so much Tracy for taking on this challenging task in the name of 708!

Georgia Hilficker, Elksize Editor



A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Members



BA BEATTY
SPONSORED BY
JAMIE ZINOBER



DOUGLAS ROWE
SPONSORED BY
MACE MASEMANN



KRISTIN GARCIA
SPONSORED BY
IGGY GARCIA



SUSAN BOYLE
SPONSORED BY
TOM BOYLE SR.

Enjoying your Lodge

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

September Recognitions

ELK OF THE MONTH...RITA SMITH, PER

I don't know Rita well, but I know she has been a real asset to this Lodge for many years. Even though she has been experiencing health issues this year, she has gone above and beyond through her hard work with ENF and her constant dedication to helping fellow members in need. Her constant compassion and commitment embody the true spirit of Elkdom! Thank you Rita for all you do.



OFFICER OF THE MONTH...CINDY ALLEN

Cindy Allen, truly demonstrates what it means to be an Elk. Her tireless dedication and willingness to volunteer at every major and minor event make her an invaluable part of our Lodge family! In this day and age finding people who stand ready to help wherever needed is a gift. Our Lodge is in real need of Cindys...Please be sure to let her know how much she is appreciated and needed.





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

"Be the change that you wish to see in the world."

Bible verse for autumn:

Ecclesiastes 3:1 "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven"

Please keep in your prayers our members: Tommy Moore, Lynn Brown, and Crystal Johnson

Lodge Support Group



Ladies of the Elks:

As we finish the first half of our year, I thought we should **reflect** upon all we have **accomplished**.

What have we done, well **buckle up** and enjoy

this ride down memory lane.

Our year started out with a bang! **April** brought another successful Walk A Thon's to benefit Children's Therapy Services. **May** started out with the **LOE's Annual Kentucky Derby Horse Race**. The Ladies started doing a monthly Potato Bar to benefit your Lodges' general funds. You can join the Ladies on the second Thursday of the month. The potatoes are yummy, and the toppings are plentiful. Many of our Ladies supported our state convention. Your **LOE** always tries to support our lodge's efforts to bring the **PIRATE SPIRIT** to the state level. Here comes **June** and the **LOE** is still going strong. June came and the Ladies were in the house (or lodge) to help celebrate Flag Day. Our ice cream sundae bar was a hit. Don't even talk to us about **July**! Can you say **LOW COUNTRY BOIL**. Good food, good music and great friends getting together for a wonderful time. **August** has been quiet; we needed to catch our breath. But don't fret, the Ladies have events and happenings planned.

What did all this fun add up to? The **LOE** helps add to the general funds with their monthly potato bar. We continue to fund the upkeep for the breezeway. To help our ER, T-Michael, work towards preparing a much needed 5-year plan for our lodge, the Ladies are funding the inspection of our lodge. The Ladies also donate monthly to Friends of 708. And finally, Childrens Therapy Services will get a nice donation in September. These are but a few things our Ladies have done so far this year.

Without the support of all our lodge members, YOUR **LOE** would not be able to accomplish all that we have so far. We intend to keep going and support our lodge in the best ways we can.

See you around the lodge, 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

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

Laura Jones 9/11

Grant Reports and Information



ENF SCHOLARSHIPS NOW OPEN

Applications for Elks National Foundation Scholarships are Now Open. Scholarships are one of the programs that you can direct your ENF donation to support.

Support systems can be hard to gain, especially ones that understand the challenges of transitioning to college. With scholarships from the Elks National Foundation, students receive more than financial aid; they receive an invitation to join a strong, supportive community: the #ElksFamily.

Ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,500 per year, Most Valuable Student scholarships are open to high school seniors who will be pursuing a four-year degree, on a full-time basis, in a United States college or university. Five hundred four-year scholarships will be awarded to the highest-rated applicants in the 2026 competition.

No relation to the Elks is needed to apply for the MVS scholarship, but once someone is an Elks scholar, they are part of the #ElksFamily for life.

[ENF will award at least 30 MVS scholarships to youth in Florida](#)

For Legacy Awards winners, the Elks have always been part of the family. Awarded to children or grandchildren of Elks, this \$1,000-per-year scholarship requires recipients to serve with an Elks Lodge three times over the four years they receive the scholarship.

[ENF will award at least 10 Legacy scholarships to youth in Florida](#)

As they enter the next stages of their life, the class of 2026 Elks scholars will feel a wide range of emotions; with their new #ElksFamily, they will never feel alone.

[Applications for the 2026 Most Valuable Student scholarship and Legacy Awards are now open! If you know any high school seniors, encourage them to apply.](#)

YOU can sponsor a scholarship with the pledge to donate \$4000.00 over 4 years, payable either monthly through the Fidelity Club or all at once. As the sponsor, you can name the scholarship, list criteria such as major, school, or state, and you will be matched with a scholar and receive updates on their progress.

There are other scholarships such as the Emergency scholarship and the Weeigle scholarship for students who have already begun their higher education.

In 2025-26, the Elks National Foundation will award \$5 million in college scholarships, ensuring a bright future for our nation's youth. As important members of the Elks family, Elks scholars receive many social and service opportunities with the Elks and one another. For more information about our scholarship programs and ways Lodges can get involved with Elks scholars, visit elks.org/scholars.



Marisol Cruz Velasco
2022 Most Valuable Student Scholar
Sponsored by Gilroy, Calif., Lodge No. 1567

“As an Elks scholar, I understand the importance of investing in the education of young people, empowering them to reach their full potential and make positive contributions to society.”

Invest in the education of young people today.



Donate online!

elks.org/ENF

Grant Reports and Information



Tampa 708 DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

The Tampa Elks Drug Awareness Program -DAP --has a new chair, and Rosann Garcia is off to an amazing start! First, on Sunday June 29th, she worked with Patty Volpe to inventory the DAP Supplies in the youth activities closet. An ENF Legacy award Scholar, Lucas Dye, a University of Tampa Student, assisted with the heavy lifting.



Next, she provided Drug Awareness Program supplies to the 69 children attending the Tampa Elks Lodge's. Back to School party that was held on July 27th. Each child received a DAP bag filled with school supplies and a red ribbon.

Finally, Rosann agreed to participate in the Back to School Block party being put on by GainesHope, Inc. A 501C based out of the University of Florida. That was the organization that received our leftover school supplies. The Elks were invited to set up a separate station at their Hope on the Block event in West Tampa, a section of town that has a high poverty rate. Rosann Garcia and Patty Volpe showed up at the block party with a shade tent, folding table, a couple of chairs, some color me tablecloths, jars of crayons, and a lot of prepared DAP bags, Though Roseann acknowledged it was a smokin' hot day, they spent 4 hours ensuring Drug Awareness Material & good will reached over 100 children & adults in the West Tampa community. The extra Back to School supplies & DAP's brochures & coloring books equipped nearly 70 elementary & teen kids.



JUST SAY NO!

Past Events & Projects



2025 Back to School Party



On Sunday, July 27th, the Youth Activities Committee, Lodge Members and Volunteers hosted our annual Back to School Party. A Great time was had by all, and we serviced sixty-nine school aged children and their families.

Volunteers arrived at 11am to finish setting up the hall. We had a record number of volunteers for this event. Twenty-nine volunteers in total. PER Dee Cisneros made his tasty spaghetti sauce. Member Doug Grant was in the kitchen cooking spaghetti noodles for 120.

The doors opened at 12:30pm and families checked in with Ruth Levin & Cindy Allen at the registration table and received their Drug Awareness bags filled with a DAP coloring book and crayons as well as some drug prevention literature. Roseann Garcia, the lodge DAP Chair, and her grandson Lucca Garcia handed each child their own DAP bag.

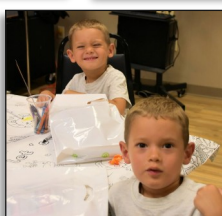
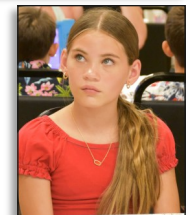
As the tables filled in, our MC, PER Shelagh Gombarcik, made announcements and did some crowd work with the families. At 1:00pm, PER Tracy Horrell lead us in prayer and lunch was served. On the menu was spaghetti, salad, applesauce, and a breadstick. The salad and breadsticks were from Olive Garden and donated to the event by team members of our Youth Activities Chair, Jackie Jacobs, at Wholesure.

While lunch was being served, Laura Bell spoke about the school PTA and the importance of parents getting involved in their child's school. We also talked about the upcoming Soccer & Hoop Shoot, scheduled for October 11th. After lunch we played Bingo, which is a crowd favorite. The winners selected school supplies, candy, and other items. We raffled off six back packs jam packed with school supplies. The LOE provided ice cream sandwiches for everyone.

At the end of the event, everyone pitched in to clean off the tables and then they lined up for their back-to-school supplies. Thanks to all the volunteers, those that donated school supplies and/or cash to purchase supplies, those that helped set up the hall, and those that packed the school supplies into bags. We all came together that day and made a huge impact on the lives of these children and their families. That is what Elksdom is all about.

If you would like to participate in our youth activity committee planning and execution meetings, please contact me at pattyandmrfox@gmail.com

Fraternally yours, Patty Volpe, Youth Activities Committee



Upcoming Events & Projects

Rockabilly Party



AT 708

**OCTOBER 18TH
6:30 TO 10:30PM**



**LIVE MUSIC, DINNER,
PIN UP MODELS, AND DANCING
50/50, RAFFLE BASKET**

\$20.00

DRESS IN YOUR BEST 50S ROCKABILLY STYLE



**MENU: MEATLOAF,
MASHED POTATOES
& GRAVY, GREEN
BEANS AND DINNER
ROLL
CHOCOLATE CAKE
FOR DESSERT**

**(PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
THE LODGE)**

Upcoming Events and Projects



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR
FOR THE BLUES DUO
“LOOSE CATS”
AS THEY PUT A
BLUESY SPIN ON
ELVIS PRESLEY AS**

**LOOSE
KINGS**

**THIS WILL BE A ONE OF A KIND
NIGHT TO REMEMBER AT
ELKS LODGE 708
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH
6PM TO 9PM**

**FREE TO MEMBERS
\$10 FOR NON-MEMBERS
KITCHEN WILL BE OFFERING
BASKET NIGHT - 6PM TO 8PM
SEE PG 10**

Upcoming Events and Projects



LET'S DO DINNER AT THE LODGE WITH COURTNEY

SEPT 5TH



**Friday Dinner
Sept 5th
Smothered
Pork Chops**

**Mashed Potatoes, Veggies
And Roll \$15.00
or Chicken Basket & 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 you email address to
georgiahilficker@gmail.com

SEPT 12TH



**Friday Dinner
Sept 12th
Spaghetti &
Meatballs
\$12.00**

Or

**Chicken Alfredo Lasagna
\$14.00**

**Both with Salad and
Garlic Bread**

**Ask about our Appetizer
and Dessert of the Evening**

Serving 6:00 to 8:00

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SEPT 19TH



**Friday Dinner
Sept 19th
Fried Fish
Basket
\$12**

Or

**Sausage, Peppers,
Onions and Potatoes
\$14.00**

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and Dessert of the Evening**

Serving 6:00 to 8:00

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SEPT 26TH



**Friday Dinner
Sept 26th
BASKET
NIGHT**

**Prices to be announced
Wings Basket
Cheese Stick Basket
Fried Zucchini Basket
Hot Dog Basket**

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and 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 6:00PM TO 8:00PM



Served Mondays 6pm to 7:30pm

**Sept 1st - LABOR DAY BINGO SEE
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Sept 8th - Fish Sandwich w/Fries \$9

**Sept 15th - Chicken Sandwich with
Chips \$8**

**Sept 22nd - Cuban \$9 or Mojo Pork
Sandwich \$8.50 both w/Chips \$9.50**

**Sept 29th - Steak Sandwich w/Chips
\$9.50**



QUEEN OF HEARTS

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

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

***Sept 4th - Kristi's Pasta Night**

***Sept 11th - LOE POTATO BAR-\$8.50**

***Sept 18th - Jamie Poole's Grill Night**

***Sept 25th - Dee's Open Grill Night**

Upcoming Events and Projects

HAPPY LABOR DAY



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

Early Bird Bar Bingo @ 5:30pm

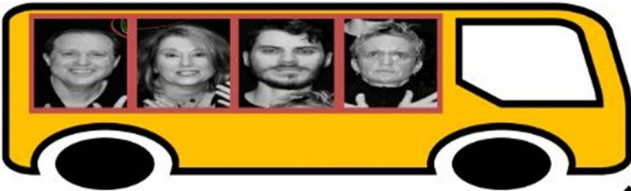
4-5 games, \$1 Donation per card, Winner Takes ALL
(Regular Bar Bingo to begin @ 6:30pm, regular rules apply)

Grilled Hot dogs and Hamburgers @ 5:00pm
With sides ONLY \$9.00

Drink Specials @ 5:00pm

Something cold, maybe something frozen, drinks will be amazing

We're Back, Again!



Back to School IMPROV SPECIAL

THE



SEPTEMBER 19TH AT 7PM

BRING YOUR BEST SCHOOL STORIES!

\$10 ADMISSION

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ELKS LODGE 708

Tampa Elks Lodge

3616 W. Gandy Blvd

Free hors d'oeuvres available at 6pm with SHOWTIME at 7pm

Kristi's
PASTA NIGHT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

6 - 8 PM

Salad, Pasta, & Garlic Bread

\$9.50

Upcoming Events and Projects

LET'S GET TOGETHER
**Sunday,
August 28th**
FOR AN
ALL YOU CAN EAT
BREAKFAST BUFFET
\$10.00
ADD
BOTTOMLESS MIMOSAS
& BLOODY MARYS
\$20.00
11AM TO 2PM
PLUS
LIVE MUSIC
CHARLES
MELIN



Upcoming Events and Projects



JOIN US AT TAMPA 708
AS ELKS RIDERS FROM ALL OVER
FLORIDA COME IN FOR THE

ELK RIDERS

PATCHING CEREMONY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

12PM TO 3PM

50/50, RAFFLE TO WIN A
MICRO DRACO GUN WITH 4/30 ROUND CLIPS
AND RANGE BAG, PLUS A SILENT AUCTION



FOOD AVAILABLE \$10,

HOT DOG OR BURGER, POTATO SALAD,
COWBOY BEANS & CHIPS

STAY FOR THE BUCS GAME ON OUR JUMBO SCREEN



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



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ENF EXPO DINNER PROGRAM

Sat, October 11th, 6:30pm

Live Music - Watch for Menu

Tickets: \$22 in advance

\$25 at the door or

Free to Fidelity Club Members

But you must join by Sept 30th

October is ENF Month!

(\$10 of your ticket price is your donation to ENF)

EXALTED RULER



- A big thank you to Roseann Garcia, the Drug Awareness Chair, who passed out over 100 bags with anti-drug literature at the back to school party.
- Lee Sierra organized an event which generate 14 new applicants to our Lodge. Thank you Lee!
- LOE has done a phenomenal job with the Thursday Night Potato Bar which has been a huge help in the kitchen.
- Thank you to Bill Deen for choosing our Lodge for his wonderful 85th birthday party.

SEPTEMBER LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 3rd - LOE General Meeting 7pm Dinner 6:15
- 10th - Elks General Meeting - 7:30
- 15th - House Committee Meeting - 6:30
- 17th - New Member Orientation - 6:30
- 18th - BOD Meeting - 6:30
- 22nd - Lodge Veterans Meeting - 6:30
- 24th - Elks General Meeting - 7:30






















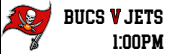








DID YOU KNOW?

FLAG DAY CELEBRATION...It was not until August 3, 1949 that the President of the United States signed Public Law 203, designating June 14 as Flag Day. Order was not only the first fraternal organization to celebrate Flag Day, but had made this ceremony mandatory long years before the date on which the observance became a nation-wide practice by legal decree.

Tampa Elks Lodge #708

SEPTEMBER 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  6:30PM \$3 DONATION	2 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	3 LOE GENERAL MEETING 7PM LOE DINNER 6:15PM 	4  KRISTI'S PASTA  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM Drawing at 7PM	 Friday Dinner Sept 5th Smothered Pork Chops Mashed Potatoes, Veggies And Roll \$15.00 or Chicken Basket & Fries \$12.00 Ask about our Appetizer and Dessert of the Evening Serving 6:00 to 8:00 <small>Sign up by emailing 708micals@gmail.com, or on the Lodge Bulletin Board by Thurs night. If you'd like to receive a reminder email each Wednesday, please send you email address to georgiahflicker@gmail.com</small>	6  KARAOKE WITH TIM ROWLAND THE VOICE OF LEGENDS! 6PM TO 9PM
 JOIN US AT TAMPA 708 AS ELK RIDERS FROM ALL OVER FLORIDA COME IN FOR THE ELK RIDERS PATCHING CEREMONY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH 12PM TO 3PM 50/50, RAFFLE TO WIN A MICRO DRACO GUN WITH 430 ROUND CLIPS AND RANGE BAG, PLUS A SILENT AUCTION FOOD AVAILABLE \$10, HOT DOG OR BURGER, POTATO SALAD, COWBOY BEANS & CHIPS STAY FOR THE BUCS GAME ON OUR JUMBO SCREEN  BUCS V FALCONS 1:00PM	8  6:30PM \$3 DONATION	9 CUB SCOUT PACK 1381 ORIENTATION  Dinner & a Movie with Kristi 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	10  7:30PM GENERAL MEETING	11 LOE POTATO BAR  \$8.50  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM Drawing at 7PM	 Friday Dinner Sept 12th Spaghetti & Meatballs \$12.00 or Chicken Alfredo Lasagna \$14.00 Both with Salad and Garlic Bread Ask about our Appetizer and Dessert of the Evening Serving 6:00 to 8:00 <small>Sign up by emailing 708micals@gmail.com, or on the Lodge Bulletin Board by Thurs night. If you'd like to receive a reminder email each Wednesday, please send you email address to georgiahflicker@gmail.com</small>	13 STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT-DINNER AT ST PETE STATE PRESIDENT'S VISIT-DINNER AT LARGO
14	15 BUCS V TEXANS 7:00PM   6:30PM \$3 DONATION	16  HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	17  6:30PM NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION INITIATION TO FOLLOW.	18  7:00PM BOD MEETING JAMIE POOLE GRILL NIGHT  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM Drawing at 7PM	 Friday Dinner Sept 19th Fried Fish Basket \$12 or Sausage, Peppers, Onions and Potatoes \$14.00 Ask about our Appetizer and Dessert of the Evening Serving 6:00 to 8:00 <small>Sign up by emailing 708micals@gmail.com, or on the Lodge Bulletin Board by Thurs night. If you'd like to receive a reminder email each Wednesday, please send you email address to georgiahflicker@gmail.com</small>	20 IMPROVAHALICS ARE BACK AGAIN SEE PAGE 11 FOR DETAILS
21  BUCS V JETS 1:00PM	22 6:30PM LODGE VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING  6:30PM \$3 DONATION	23 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	24  7:30PM GENERAL MEETING	25 Dee's  Open Grill Night  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM Drawing at 7PM	 THE LOOSE KINGS MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE BLUES DUO "LOOSE LATS" AS THEY PUT A BLUSY SPIN ON ELVIS PRESLEY AS LOOSE KINGS THIS WILL BE A ONE OF A KIND NIGHT TO REMEMBER AT ELKS LODGE 708 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH 6PM TO 9PM FREE TO MEMBERS \$10 FOR NON-MEMBERS KITCHEN WILL BE OFFERING BASKET NIGHT - 6PM TO 8PM SEE PG 11	27
 LET'S GET TOGETHER Sunday, August 28th FOR AN ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET \$10.00 AND BOTTOMLESS HIMOSAS & BLOODY MARYS \$20.00 11AM TO 2PM PLUS LIVE MUSIC CHARLES MELIN  BUCS V EAGLES 1:00PM	29  6:30PM \$3 DONATION	30 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL				

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