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A Message From your Exalted Ruler, Tracy Horrell



Well, it looks like once again many of the members of Tampa Lodge 708 have survived another State Convention. Our Pirates Cove hospitality room was a big hit as usual!

Our new State President is Russell "Russ" Smith from the Clermont Elks Lodge. He was instrumental in growing the membership in his lodge from 47 to currently 700 members. Membership is essential to him and is key to Elk's success.

Patriotism has characterized the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America since the early days of the organization. Allegiance to the flag of our country is a requirement of every member. The Grand Lodge of the Order adopted mandatory observance of the occasion by every Lodge in 1911, and that requirement continues to this day.

Please join us for our Flag Day ceremony on June 14th starting at 5:30 pm. You may also wish to join us for our regular dinner service after the ceremony. Courtney Weil, PER, will prepare Baby Back Ribs and all the fixin's for \$16.00, so come and enjoy the evening while showing respect for our flag and our country.

There are many events planned at the lodge this month; The Improvaholic Show, Georgia's Sunday Dinner, Frank Palladini Roast, Trivia, Flag Day Ceremony, Father's Day Picnic and our Gourmet Club. There's something for everyone so why not come and have some fun? Plus the Down N Dirty band will be playing on Friday, June 21st come check them out and enjoy Courtney's Surf & Turf dinner, you won't be disappointed!

Hey Dads, thank you for the things you do for the family every day! Have a wonderful and blessed Father's Day and consider coming to the lodge for the LOE Father's Day picnic dinner...dads are free, all others \$8.00

All the Best, Tracy Horrell, PER

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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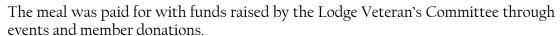
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TAMPA 708 SERVES BURGERS AND MORE TO OUR UNHOUSED VETS

In May, the Tampa Lodge Veterans Committee invited 15 Veterans from temporary housing at Salvation Army to join us at the Lodge on a Thursday night, as they had indicated burgers and fries would be a special treat. That invite went out before we read the newsletter and saw the new Thursday meals. Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, came to the rescue – she volunteered to go into the kitchen and cook burgers for the Veterans, while Courtney Weil, PER and her crew carried out their regularly planned meals.

All 15 - 14 Vets and their driver, Daniel Smith, were treated to mozzarella sticks as an appetizer, a bacon cheeseburger with fries entrée and macadamia nut cookies for dessert. They also enjoyed "all you can drink" cokes, sprite, lemonade, or diet coke. Two of our Lodge Veteran's Committee members Evelyn Hemingway and Rita Smith, PER worked as servers for the Veterans.











ELKS NATIONAL CONVENTION 2024 Austin, TX JUNE 30TH TO JULY 3RD

Save time and money by pre-registering for this year's Grand Lodge Convention! Remember, pre-registration closes 06/26/2024. You will <u>not</u> be able to pre-register after that date. By pre-registering and pre-paying online, you'll **save \$10.00** off of the on-site registration fee of \$60.00. Prior to registering, please review this year's guidelines on Elks.org - National Convention.

Reservations for events this year are recommended but not required. Although we won't be checking tickets at the door, your reservations will help us with our event planning, and will allow you to <u>print a schedule</u> of the events you're planning to attend. An event reservation will not guarantee you a seat at an event, we recommend arriving early. See you in Austin!

You can find discounts, housing, event registration and more on Elks.org - Type National Convention in the search bar and scan down to Elks National Convention.

MAY ELK RECOGNITIONS

ELK OF THE MONTH..SHELAGH GOMBARCIK, PER

Elk of the Month...Shelagh Gombarcik, PER... has taken on many roles, including ER. This year she is our 5-year Trustee and Bar manager. Not to mention her constant support to all things Lodge related. Plus she is working on a plan to help keep our liquor costs down and make sure you enjoy delicious drinks at the bar. This is where her experience shines! Please give her a big shout-out!



OFFICER OF THE MONTH...WENDY HALL, PER

Officer of the Month....Wendy Hall, PER...she is always willing to help and puts the lodge first. Wendy is currently Lecturing Knight and also handles the hall rentals. Our hall will be busy! I appreciate her ability to help arrange these events and I know that from start to finish the clients will be taken care of. Please help me congratulate her on a job well done.



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH...NELSON GRAHN

Volunteer of the Month... Nelson Grahn, he is always willing to lend a helping hand to tear something down, fix things around the lodge, and finds the time to keep our breezeway looking beautiful! On Monday you will find him helping with bar bingo. He is a real go-getter and there is no dull moment around him! Please extend a huge thank you to him!



Executive Board

Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, PLP - Vice President

Jacquie LoCicero, PLP- President

April Holtzman - Secretary

Suzanne Moore, PLP - Chaplain

Laura Jones - Treasurer

Ruth Levin - Parliamentarian

Supporting Reports



Chaplain's Corner by our chaplain, Crystal Johnson:

"Fear is a result of overestimating your circumstances and underestimating yourself."
- Johnny Crowder - Your problem may be big, but it ain't bigger than you.

"Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad." Proverbs 12:25



Ladies of the Elks:

The Ladies had a fabulous May. We started our month with our always fun Kentucky Derby Horse Race and finished it up with our ever-successful LOE Walk A Thon benefiting Childrens Therapy Services.

This month will be just as exciting for the Ladies. Come to your lodge on Father's Day and celebrate at LOE's annual Father's Day Picnic. Fathers eat free and all others are \$8. See our flyer on the LOE board and please sign up to let us know you are coming.

Looking ahead, our Ladies are firing up the stove to bring you our annual Low Country Boil on July 19th. This is always a fun night at the lodge. More seafood than you can shake a stick at. Tickets go on sale July 1^{st} . See any LOE officer or your bartender to purchase your ticket.

If you have a gently worn jean jacket, jean shirt, or jean vest that you are no longer using, consider donating it to the Ladies. We are working on a project for the Lodge's Gasparilla Event. You may contact me regarding your donation or leave your donation in a bag and hang it on the Ladies closet handle.

The Ladies are happy to report that we are continuing to fund the upkeep of our breezeway. Recently, Nelson, Jason and Jessica did a bit of pressure washing and laid rocks in the plant bed along with some new plants. We also donated the cost of the hotel room for Kris Pierce, the singer at our state convention. These are but a few things that the Ladies have done over the last months. Some may wonder what exactly we do and where the funds we raise go; those funds go back to our lodge. Over the past few years we have donated to the kitchen, helped with the repair of our plumbing issue and more. When you support the Ladies, you are supporting your lodge!

Jacquie LoCicero, PLP

President, Ladies of the Elks

JUNE Birthdays

Barbara Huffman 6/14 Jan Bertoch 6/19 Ruth Levin 6/30



Greetings from the Florida Ladies of Elks.

We are happy to announce that the Smith Conference Center for the Ladies Weekend, held April $12-14^{th}$ 2024, was a huge success. We had 62 ladies from across the state. Many new friendships were made, and a great time was had by all in attendance.

The 2nd Annual FLOE RV Rally "Camping for the Kids" benefiting the Florida Elks Youth Camp will be May 31-June 2, 2024.

The weekend promises to be full of fun, food and friendship. This is a family friendly event. Don't' miss your chance to register. Visit floridaelks.org for more information and to register. The RV Rally is open to everyone (not just Elks families). It is a weekend you won't want to miss. We hope to see you at the Ocala North RV Resort.

The FLOE Angel Reverse Draw tickets benefiting the Florida Elks Childrens Therapy Services are now on sale. There will be 300 tickets sold at a donation of \$20 each. We are pleased to say we have sold nearly 150 tickets as of the time of this article. We will launch ticket sales for our Annual Conference Raffle with three great prizes. Ist prize is a 2-night hotel stay at Shores Resort and Spa in Daytona Shores with a \$600 Visa gift car, 2nd prize is a Northern Tool quiet generator with \$150 Visa gift card and 3rd prize is a Yeti 18 soft sided cooler/ adult beverage and a \$100 Visa gift card. Tickets are 6 for \$5. All proceeds benefit FECTS and FEYC. If you would like tickets, they will be available at the FSEA State Convention or please email us at floeinformation@gmail.com

Our next meeting will be at the FSEA State Convention on Saturday morning 5/25/2024. Election of Officers for the 2024/2025 term will be held at this meeting. Stop by our hospitality room and say "Hi". We will have adult slushies and other goodies for you to enjoy. We are looking forward to seeing everyone.

We also have some exciting news to share. On Monday July 1, 2024, at 12:30 pm during the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin Texas there will be a workshop for all ladies of the Elks across the country to share ideas for fundraising and other activities from their lodges. This is the first time anything like this has been offered and we are extremely proud that Florida will be the host of the workshop. Ladies, if you will be in Austin, please stop by the working.

Please check https://floridaelks.org/floe for more information relating to FLOE or email floeinformation@gmail.com with any questions or ideas. Together we can make a difference in the lives of children throughout Florida.

Just a reminder, <u>EVERY</u> lady Elk, wife of an Elk and widow of an Elk are members of FLOE. There are no applications to complete nor dues to pay. How active a lady chooses to be is at her discretion, but she remains a member.

We would like to say "Thank You" for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you.

Grant Reports and Information



Club Chivalry Praps Up Another Pear



On April 15th seven Tampa Elks were at Robinson for the final Club meeting of the 2023-2024 school year. There is no Club Day in May because of testing. This year, the testing starts even earlier – mid April, so we were unable to do the requested final field trip in April.



We served Pizza from Blackjacks again, with each student and volunteer receiving two slices. When I offered for the students to come back for seconds, only 2 boys were still hungry. We gave out certificates to our sponsor and our Club Officers, and a special award for great Attendance. Patty Volpe next questioned the students about their opinion of the Club. They all indicated that if given the option they would join again next year. Some of their favorite things were being well fed – they especially liked cheesesteaks luncheon on the field trip to Florida Elks Youth Camp, They enjoyed the teambuilding exercises, and they liked that they had made new friends. We had time for a couple of rounds of the Red Solo Cup games we did at the first meeting which brought the year full circle, and then we finished with two drawings for gift cards.



I was happy to hear that making new friends was mentioned as a club activity-that is one of the goals of the Club. These are teens, and they want to hang out with their friends. If their friends are at school – they will want to go to school. That connection to the school is what keeps the student on the path to success.



We will have a new school sponsor next year- Ms. Mormon will recruit a new hire. We will also have a new project manager. This was my last year as manager due to ongoing health issues. It was very rewarding, and I will miss it. While there are a couple of the regular volunteers looking at it, they have full daytime work schedules to consider. If you think this might be a good fit, I would be glad to discuss the many pros and few cons with you, There are a lot of experienced helpers.



Rita Smith, PER Grant Manager

Past Events and Festivities

LOE Kentucky Derby Might

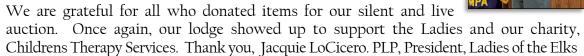
Saturday, May 4th the Ladies hosted their annual Kentucky Derby Horse Race. Our MC, Paul DeLand, PER, set the mood for the evening, letting all know that there were horses



to race and funny money to be won! It took many hands to get the horses to the gate. From Edie Hanley selling 50/50 to Laura Jones and Crystal Johnson taking your money and your bets. Tommy Moore and Joe LoCicero in the kitchen (much to their dismay) and Shelagh Gombarcik taking your food orders.



Coordinating our silent auction was Sue Moore. Let us not forget our spinning wheel of gift cards with our Vanna White of the LOE, Ruth Levin. A big shout out to our bartender Kristi. Your specialty drinks were amazing! We had many stepping in to throw the dice, but one dice thrower seemed to really enjoy himself, Frank Palladini. You rocked that dice throwing like a boss.





LOE Walkathan





On Saturday, May 18th the Ladies gathered at Ballast Point Park for their annual LOE Walk-A- Thon to benefit Childrens Therapy Services. Walking for the Ladies were Shelagh Gombarcik, April Holtzman, Rosann Garcia and myself. Greatly missed was our fearless leader, Sue Moore. We felt her cheering us on as we made our way through the neighborhood. It was a wonderful Saturday morning to walk, chat and raise funds for the children. Childrens Therapy Services is a wonderful part of our Elk community. They serve children throughout Florida, providing physical, speech and occupational therapy at no cost to the family in the comfort of the child's home.



As Elks, we fund 100% of this program. No insurance or government funds are accepted. This is why our Walk-A-Thon is so important to the Ladies. Every dollar raised from our Walk-A-Thon goes to Childrens Therapy Services, so that they may continue to serve over 600 children A WEEK throughout our state. Thank you to all who donated to the Walk-A-Thon. Your support is greatly appreciated. For members who may want to contribute to our Walk-A-Thon and didn't have the opportunity, it's not too late to jump on the bandwagon. You can speak to any LOE board member or myself and donate to a wonderful cause. No donation is too small.

Jacquie LoCicero, PLP, President, Ladies of the Elks









JUNE 1ST - 7PM
ADULT THEME, BUT CLEAN!
\$10 ADMISSION

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ELK LODGE

FREE HORS D'OEUVRES 6:30PM



Past Events and Projects



Here's to a very successful Quarter Auction

On May 11, 2024, I had my first "Quarter Auction", to benefit the Florida State Elks Convention fund. I have to say this was a biggie for me. I had never done anything like this before, I had certainly attended them before but never put one together. The following is what I learned for this experience. Tampa Elks 708 is one big family, and like all families we

have our ups and downs, but we all come together for the good of the family or order. I did not put this together, the family did. My name was just listed first.

First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone that donated and came out to support this event. I would also like to give my heartfelt thanks to the following people Patty and Mike Volpe, Laura Jones, Georgia Hilficker, Kristina Hilficker, Dee Cisneros, PER, Debbie Brennan, Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, April Hotzman, Jason Brown, Wendy Hall, PER, Doug Grant, Jacob Savard, Jeremy Elkins and Courtney Weil, PER. Without this team of people this event would have never happened.

I hope to see everyone next week at the State Convention in Orlando. Kim VanWalker, Lodge Tiler











Upcoming Events and Projects

2023-2024 GOURMET CLUB

THIS MONTH'S HOSTESS IS TRACY HORRELL, ER

Summer Fun! Cool Backyard Family Recipes

Fruity Drinks, Cool Salads, Grilled Meat... You Name it! Skies the limit!

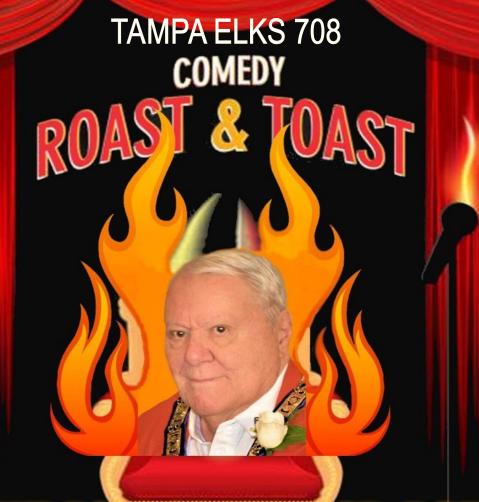




BRING A DISH OR A DONATION AND AN APPETITE

Trivia...Trivia...Trivia...Trivia





FRANK PALLADINI, PSP, PGESQ

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH

Cocktail Hour 4pm (Cash Bar)

Buffet Dinner 6pm - \$20

Program Starts 7pm

Steamship Round, Au Gratin Potatoes Elk Beans, Rolls, Salad & Dessert

Reservations Requested

Upcoming Events and Festivities



SUNDAY DINNER AT THE LODGE

Serving at 5pm
Sunday, June 2nd
Wedge Salad,
Swedish Meatballs
with Pasta and a side
of Garlic Broccolini,
Yeast Rolls and
Chocolate Mousse

Alternative - Rotisserie Chicken with all the same sides \$18.00

Please secure your meal by making your reservation and menu choice by Friday, May 31st Email - 708meals@gmail.com or sign up on the Lodge bulletin board.

Proceeds to underwrite the 2025 New Year's Eve Celebration.

Donations gratefully accepted.

Good Eats

KITCHEN NOT OPEN
BUT YOU'RE HUNGRY?
WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!

NOW AVAILABLE FROM YOUR BARTENDER:

BASKET OF FRENCH FRIES\$3

2 MINI EGG ROLLS\$5

CHICKEN BITES &

FRENCH FRY BASKET.....\$5
FRIED MOZZARELLA CHEESE STICKS......\$5

PERSONAL PAN PIZZA CHOICE OF CHEESE OR PEPPERONI......\$5

12" PIZZA - CHOICE OF

CHEESE, PEPPERONI OR SUPREME......\$9
7 WINGS WITH BLEU CHEESE\$9.50

BUNGO

Join us on

MONDAY NIGHTS

FOR FUN, MONEY & GREAT FOOD!

COME ENJOY THE DULCIT TONES
OF YOUR MC DEE CISNEROS!

6:30 PM



All American Viner

LET'S DO DINNER AT THE LODGE WITH COURTNEY

JUNE 7TH

KITCHEN CLOSED **BAR FOOD AVAILABLE** JOIN US TOMORROW NIGHT!



JUNE 14TH



with, Coleslaw, Mac & Cheese, Corn on the Cob & Cornbread \$16.00

Appetizer: Eggplant Medallions - \$3.50 Dessert: Bread Pudding - \$4.00

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 you email address to georgiahilficker@gmail.com

JUNE 21ST



Sliced Tenderloin, Fried Shrimp,

House Salad, Baked Potato, Fresh Green Beans and Roll \$20.00

Appetizer: Onion Rings - \$3.50 Dessert: Tiramisu - \$4.00

Serving 6:00 to 8:00

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JUNE 28TH



Friday Dinner June 28th Chicken **Cordon Bleu**

Strawberry Spinach Salad, Roasted Potatoes, & Glazed Carrots \$16.00

> Appetizer: Cheese Sticks - \$3.50 Dessert: Carrot Cake - \$4.00

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



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

June 3rd - French Dip Sandwich w/Fries or Chef Salad, both come with a sweet treat.

(Please Note) Prime Rib French Dip \$9.50

June 10th - Fried Chicken/Bacon & Swiss Sandwich or Chicken Salad Croissant w/soup. both with Sweet Treat

June 17th - Cuban Sandwich w/chips or 1905 Copy-cat Salad both with Sweet Treat

June 24th – Eggplant Parm Sub w/Fries or Crispy Chicken Salad, both with 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

COURTNEY'S *June 6th - SPAGHETTI DINNER NIGHT...\$7.50

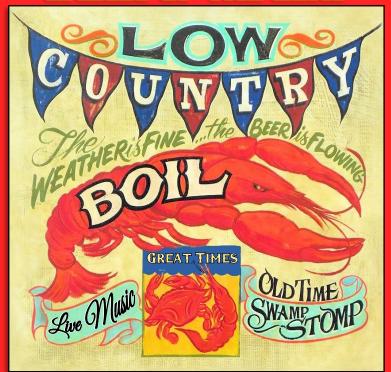
*June 13th - Grill Night

*June 20th - Hot Roast Beef Open Face Sandwich w/Mashed Potatoes, or Hot Roast Pork Sandwich w/Stuffing \$8.50

* June 27th - Grill Night

Upcoming Events and Projects

SAVE THE DATE FOR ANOTHER FABULOUS LADIES OF THE ELKS



JULY 19, 2024

TRIVIA

Join Jason & Crystal
The 2nd Tuesday of the Month
at 7pm
for a rousing game of

TRIVIA

JUNE 11th
Prizes to winners No cell
phone Look-ups allowed!

Father's Day Picnic

Join the LOE Sunday, June 16th - 4PM ALL YOUR

PICNIC FAVORITES



📌 POTATO SALAD

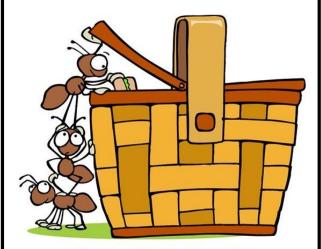
BAKED BEANS

DESSERT

AND MORE!

CORN HOLE GAMES

FLAG DAY &
FATHER'S DAY TRIVIA



Free For Dads
All others eat for \$8.00

Sign up sheet located On the LOE board.

Donations for this event benefits the LOE

Upcoming Events and Projects

Tampa Elks 708 ALL AMERICAN





Friday, June 14th **
Flag Day Ceremony Begins at
5:30pm

Public Welcome - Bring a Friend
Wear your Red, White & Blue
Join us after the ceremony for
BBQ Baby Back Ribs & all the fixins
only \$16.00

3616 W. Gandy Blvd. Tampa, 33611

Upcoming Events and Projects



Tampa Bay's

Rockin Party Band

Friday. Owne 21st

Band starts at 7:31

Suble Tuble Dinner convices

Surf & Turf Dinner service starts at bpm

You don't want to miss this perfect combo Great Band. Great Find!

Lodge Business and Projects

WHAT'S NEW IN THE 708 SOCIAL QUARTERS

Summer's here the heat is on and our **RAYS** are UP! Enjoy the games on the big screen with friends and an ice cold brew!

COME ENJOY OUR SPECIAL DRINK NIGHTS:

MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS FOR JESSICA'S UNUSUAL DRINK SPECIALS - OPEN KITCHEN MARGARITA TUESDAY FOR A SPECIALTY MARGARITA - APPETIZERS AVAILABLE CRAFT COCKTAIL WEDNESDAYS WITH DELICIOUS CONCOCTIONS - APPETIZERS AVAILABLE

STARTING NEXT MONTH...

8PM EVERY THIRD SATURDAY EACH MONTH FOR KARAOKE NIGHT

WITH OUR KJS KIM & NORM BENZING OR JASON BROWN & CRYSTAL JOHNSON WHO WILL ALSO OFFER GREAT TRIVIA WITH PRIZES.

SHELAGH GOMBARCIK, PER, BAR MANAGER

EXALTED RULER



- Kim VanWalker for putting the quarter auction together and working so hard to make our State Convention a memorable one. Debbie Brennen & Dee Cisneros, PER, for putting the food baskets together for that very successful quarter auction. Also, a big thank you to Patty and Mike Volpe, Patty for helping Kim and Mike for doing such a great job MCing the event.
- Huge Shout Out goes out to the fine members who worked tirelessly cleaning appliances, cooking utensils, pots, pans, and any other thing that was asked of them; Bill Deen, Jackie Appel and Debra Conn. Bill even climbed in the ovens to clean them...that was quite a sight! Also a special thanks to Addison Horrell, PER, Sammy Weil, and Steve Kraft who worked so hard moving the fryers, convection oven, griddle, tables, and more to scrub those floors, clean the walls and all those appliances.
- Courtney Weil, PER, Georgia Hilficker, and Shelagh Gombarcik, PER were instrumental in organizing the closets, pantry, and walk-in and cleaning all our refrigerators inside and out as well as overseeing the entire affair.

This hard work was needed and it is greatly appreciated!! I thank you so much!!

MAY LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 3rd LOE Board Meeting 6:30pm
- 5th LOE General Meeting 7pm Dinner 6:15
- 10th Veteran's Meeting 6:30
- 11th BOD Meeting 6:30
- 12th Elks General Meeting 7:30
- 18th House Committee Meeting 6:30
- 26th New Member Orientation 6:30
- 26th Elks General Meeting & Installation 7:30

CELEBRITY EIKS

Ben Affleck Popular American Actor

Danbury, CT Lodge No. 120



Tampa Elks Lodge #708

UNE 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed

Thu

Rays Lodge Game Schedule:

6/1 Orioles 4:05pm - 6/4 Marlins 6:45pm - 6/5 Marlins 6:40pm - 6/10 Orioles 6:50pm

6/11 Cubs 7:20pm - 6/12 Cubs 7:20pm - 6/14 Braves 7:20pm - 6/15 Braves 4:10pm - 6/18 Twins 7:40pm

6/21 Pirates 6:40pm - 6/22 Pirates 4:05pm - 6/24 Marines 6:50pm - 6/25 Marines 6:50pm - 6/26 Royals 8:10pm

IOIN US FOR ALL THE GAMES ON THE BIG SCREEN!

Vice Pres Visitation: New Port Richey & Tarpon Springs @ Tarpon Springs

SUMMER **IMPROV SPECIAL** SHOW 7PM - \$10 See pg 6

Georgia's Sunday Dinner Mentholi or Rotisserie Chicken

🗤 LOE BOD **MEETING** FRENCH DIP W/FRIES.

6:30 PM BAR OR CHEF SALAD 6: 30PM \$3 DONATION

7PM TO 9PM
IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL

MARGARITA

TUESDAY

MEETING 7PM LOE DINNER 6:15PM

LOE GENERAL



DONATIONS by 6:45PM



NO DINNER **GOOD EATS** AVAILABLE JOIN US TOMORROW AND HELP ROAST FRANKI



COMEDY ROAST & TOAST DINNER FOR FRANK PALLADINI, PGESQ

6:30PM VETERAN'S **COMMITTEE MEETING** FRIED CHICKEN/BACON/ SWISS SANDWICH W/FRIES OR CHICKEN SALAD CROISSANT W/SOUP

11 МА 7:30РМ **BOD MEETING** At 7pm with Jason & Crystal 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL 12 CRAFTED COCKTAILS

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& FRIES



Flag Day Ceremony 5:30PM BABY BACK RIBS W/MAC & CHEESE. COLESLAW. BAKED BEANS - \$16 HALL RENTAL: 5PM TO 9PM

Vice Pres Visitation: Dunedin/Clearwater & Tampa @ Dunedin/ Clearwater 10am

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LOE 16 PRESENTS Father's Day Picnic 4PM See pa 11

 $17^{\scriptscriptstyle ext{CUBAN SANDWICH W/}}$ CHIPS OR 1905 COPYCAT SALAD

HOUSE 18 COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM

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MEETING

7:30 PM

GENERAL

 $20^{\scriptscriptstyle ext{HOT}}$ roast beef open MASHED POTATOES OR HOT ROAST PORK

FULL MENU PG 10

21 tampa bay pariy ban SEE PAGE 13 SURF & TURF

HILLSBOROUGH. CO

SHERIFFS RETIREMENT

BAR \$3 DONATION

MARGARITA TUESDAY 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL

CRAFTED COCKTAILS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM

SANDWICH W/STUFFING AND A FANTASTIC \$8:50 BANDI MENU PG 10

HALL RENTAL: 9AM **CPR TRAINING**

GOURMET

EGGPLANT PARM SUB W/FRIES OR CRISPY CHICKEN SALAD

BAR

MARGARITA TUESDAY

25

26 B.P.O. 41ks

6:30PM
NEW MEMBER
ORIENTATION
INITIATION TO
FOLLOW THE MEETING

& FRIES

28 CHICKEN CORDON SPINACH/STRAWBERRY SALAD, ROASTED POTATO FRESH GREEN BEANS

30

GRAND LODGE CONVENTION **AUSTIN. TX**

7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL

7:30 PM **GENERAL MEETING**



\$22.00 Appetizer: CHEESE STICKS 3.50 Dessert: Carrot Cake \$4

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Your recurring pledge of \$11 a month will help maintain our lodge.