



LODGE OFFICERS:

EXALTED RULER - T-Michael Boyle
LEADING KNIGHT - Christopher Ragusa
LOYAL KNIGHT - Cindy Allen
LECTURING KNIGHT - Ruth Levin
SECRETARY - Rick Schneider, PER
TREASURER - Kim Benzing
ESQUIRE - George Hilficker
INNER GUARD - Dee Cisneros, PER
TILER - Robert Maloney
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2 YEAR TRUSTEE - Paul DeLand, PER
3 YEAR TRUSTEE - Laura Jones
4 YEAR TRUSTEE - Shelagh Gombarcik, PER
5 YEAR TRUSTEE - Wendy Hall, PER

House Committee Chair

Paul DeLand, PER

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Dave Reno, Dave Miller, Wendy Hall, PER

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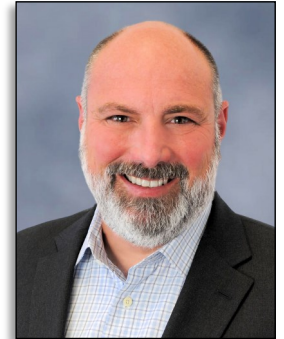
Club Hours:

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

Lodge Secretary email:

tampa708secretary@outlook.com

A Message From your Exalted Ruler, T-Michael Boyle



Dear Members and Friends of Tampa Elks Lodge 708,

I am truly honored and excited to serve as your new Exalted Ruler. This Lodge holds a special place in my heart, and I am committed to strengthening our membership and expanding our community presence. Together, we will continue our legacy of service, camaraderie, and making a lasting impact.

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Ladies of the Elks, Tracy Horrell PER, Wendy Hall PER, Paul DeLand PER, Frank Palladini PSP, PGE, Rick Schneider PER, Chris Ragusa, Courtney Weil PER, our dedicated kitchen staff, our incredible bartending staff, Georgia Hilficker and, most importantly, my wife, Rae Ann. Your hard work and dedication made for a fantastic Installation and a smooth transition into my role as ER. I couldn't have done it without you!

With your support, I look forward to an incredible year ahead. Let's make Tampa Elks Lodge 708 stronger than ever!

Fraternally,
T-Michael Boyle, ER
(C)813-784-4029

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

Accident Prevention, Tommy Moore.....	(tommoore4109@gmail.com)
Americanism	vacant
Army of Hope - Daniel Armentrout.....	(odannyboy@aol.com)
Auditing Committee, Melissa Bertoch	(missbertoch@gmail.com)
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ENF Scholarships	Paul DeLand PER (dukeofdeland@hotmail.com)
Elks National Veterans Service Committee	Edie Hanley (ehanley73@outlook.com)
Government Relations - Rick Schneider PER	(broric708@aol.com)
Harry Anna Trust Fund Committee	vacant
Hoop Shoot - Laura Bell	(mrsladybell15@gmail.com)
LOE Liaison - Paul DeLand PER	(dukeofdeland@hotmail.com)
Lodge Activities - Rae Ann Boyle.....	(rasboyle@gmail.com)
Membership Committee - Rick Schneider PER.....	(broric708@aol.com)
Orientation - Shelagh Gombarcik PER	(shelaghg@yahoo.com)
Public Relations Committee - Kim Van Walker.....	(kimvanwalker@hotmail.com)
Ritual Committee - Frank Pallidini PSP PGE.....	(fjpal56@yahoo.com)
Soccer Shoot - Patty Volpe	(pattyandmrfox@gmail.com)
Veterans' Services Committee - Chris Ragusa.....	(ragusachristopher@gmail.com)
Wills & Bequests - Richard Florance, PER	(rhflorance10@gmail.com)
Youth Activities - Jackie Jacobs	(jackie.jacobs1986@gmail.com)

2025 FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION DONATIONS NEEDED!

VODKA

Titos
Smirnoff

RUM

Captain Morgan
Bacardi
Coconut Rum

WHISKEY

Jack Daniels
Jim Beam
Jameson
Canadian Mist
Fireball



BEERS (Cans Only!)

Bud Light
Miller Light
Michelob Ultra
Coors Light
Yuengling

WINE

Moscato
Chardonnay
Pino

MIXES

Coke
Diet Coke
Sprite
Tonic
Club Soda
Water
Cranberry Juice
Orange Juice
Ginger Ale

**THESE DONATIONS HELP YOUR LODGE
HAVE A GREAT AND PROFITABLE EVENT.**

APRIL ELK RECOGNITIONS

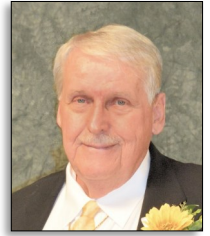
ELK OF THE MONTH...SHELAGH GOMBARCIK, PER

I sincerely appreciate Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, PLP, for her incredible dedication and hard work in supporting our Lodge. From helping in the kitchen to leading new member orientation—and just about everything else under the sun—her commitment never goes unnoticed. Thank you, Shelagh, for always stepping up and making a difference in so many ways!



OFFICERS OF THE MONTH...RICK SCHNEIDER, PER

In addition to his demanding role as Secretary, Rick has done an amazing job processing the largest number of applications our lodge has had in recent years (45 this month). Rick works tirelessly to keep our lodge running smoothly and has been indispensable to me during my transition to ER. Thank you, Rick.



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH...GEORGIA HILFICKER

I want to express my sincere gratitude for her hard work and dedication in publishing the *Elksize* Magazine each month. Her efforts keep our members informed, engaged, and connected, ensuring that everyone stays up to date with Lodge events and news. Thank you, Georgia, for your commitment and the invaluable contributions you make to Tampa Elks Lodge 708!



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

"Do not be afraid, for I am with you; do not be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you; I will uphold you with my righteous hand" (Isaiah 41:10)

Some of the biggest achievements of your lifetime will come from helping others achieve.
(Author-Unknown)



Ladies of the Elks:

A Spring has sprung, and the Ladies are ready to roll up their sleeves and see what our new year brings.

And they're off.....to the races. On Saturday, May 3rd, the LOE will be having their annual Kentucky Derby Horserace. Our MC for the evening is Jessica Hood. This is a great event! Dinner starts at 6pm. Betting windows open at 6:45pm, with the first race at 7pm. Horses are only \$10. See any LOE board member or your bartender.

I look forward to another successful year with the Ladies and working with our new ER, T. Michael Boyle.

April Birthdays

Jacquie LoCicero 4/6 Barbara Miller 4/25

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

Grant Reports and Information



Lodge Veterans Committee Report

Your Tampa 708 Elks Lodge Veterans Committee (LVC) has had a busy month of using our Spotlight grant to improve the lives of veterans in the Tampa Bay area.

As the final element of the Community Investment Program (CIP) Spotlight Adopt-A-Haven grant, the LVC had a great time hosting veterans from Liberty Manor for Veterans at our lodge for a home cooked meal and a movie in the lounge on Saturday, March 1st. LVC members prepared and served a traditional Italian meal featuring an antipasto appetizer, marinara and alfredo sauce over fettucine, meatballs, sausage, ribs, Caesar salad, garlic bread with cheese, and an espresso cream cake from Mazarro's. The Adopt-A-Haven grant

also allowed us to provide each of the visiting sheltered vets with a Walmart gift card. Other components of this grant were \$1,000 in prepaid WaWa fuel cards, and a catered meal and a movie at the Liberty Manor's Temple Terrace facility in February. Featured in the pictures are



Liberty Manor veterans with their CEO Connie Lindsay and members of the LVC, "Battleship Buddies" Jose Remon and Liberty Manor vet Ron, and Shelagh Gombarcik PER and her creative antipasto plates.

The LVC hosted 12 veterans from the Salvation Army's Red Shield Center for our Exalted Ruler's St. Patrick's Day dinner and Irish Dancer on Friday, March 14th. The sheltered veterans were very grateful, and enjoyed the meal and entertainment. Especially the bread pudding!

We are on track to conduct a fundraising event on Saturday, April 19 (smoked ribs and pork, prepared and picked up from our parking lot for Easter dinner) and on Monday, May 26 when we will prepare and serve dinner at the lodge for Memorial Day.

You can reach out to our committee at TampaElks708VetsCommittee@gmail.com. We meet on the 4th Monday of the month, and our next meeting will be on Monday, April 28. Prospective committee members are welcome to join us at 6:30pm in the banquet hall.

Christopher Ragusa, Veterans Committee Chair



Grant Reports and Information



Motivated Mustang Club News

The Motivated Mustangs club met on Tuesday, March 11th at Madison Middle School. This month's club activity was 'Dreams and Goals' oriented. After chomping on some McDonalds breakfast sandwiches, we got started. Our Tampa Elks Lodge volunteers were Bonnie Atwood, Shelagh Gombarcik PER, Betty Orcutt, Carolyn Miller, Laura Bell, and me.



First, we discussed as a group the definition of motivation.

Then the club members took 10 minutes to write down their 10-year or 20-year dreams. The prompt was "Imagine your life in 10 or 20 years from now. Just for fun, imagine anything is possible. Whatever comes up, just write it down." Then the club members spent another 10 minutes taking one of the dreams for the activity 'Thinking through a long-term dream.' It included writing down potential actions that get you closer, what you will need, why does this goal matter, and key strengths that will help you achieve this goal. Lastly, we spent 10 minutes on accountability. Club members wrote down things they need to stop doing, start doing, and keep on doing to achieve their dream. It was rewarding for the volunteers to help them set eyes on the future and watch their smiles emerge.

In preparation for our club meeting, the Volunteers had homework. They were all asked to come prepared to talk about Who or What motivates them. They came prepared with great responses! My favorite volunteer response was from member Carolyn Miller, who said my mom, Rita Smith PER, was "Someone who motivated her." When we asked the students the same question, they had great responses as well. My favorite responses were from a club member who said that her cousin, who is also in the Motivated Mustang Club, motivates her. I like that they can both benefit from the impact of the club, together.

At every club meeting, we do an attendance award. It is a \$25 Walmart gift card. You get one raffle ticket when you come to the club meeting, if you are wearing your club shirt, you get a second ticket. If you wear your club shirt on any Tuesday that is not a club day AND show Ms Hunziker, the school social worker, you get an additional ticket. Students have the opportunity for up to five tickets per month. Club Member Nevaeh won the \$25 Walmart gift card for attendance.

Up next is our BIG field trip to Dave & Busters on Wednesday, March 26th, The Motivated Mustangs that met the attendance (less than 18 days missed) and behavior requirements (no out of school suspensions) and our Elk volunteers will be loading up and heading off to enjoy Dave & Busters. They will eat, drink, and play the day away. Look for the fun details in the May Elksize.

Our last two meeting of the 2024-2025 school year will be Tuesday, April 15th and Tuesday, May 13th. We meet at Madison Middle School, in South Tampa, from 10:15am to 11:30am. If you would like to volunteer with us, please let me know.

Fraternally yours,
Patty Volpe, Grant Manager



Left to Right: Carolyn Miller, Betty Orcutt, Ms Hunziker, Patty Volpe, Shelagh Gombarcik, PER, Melissa Bertoch, and Bonnie Atwood

Grant Reports and Information



THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION (ENF)'S MONTHLY GIVING PROGRAM THE FIDELITY CLUB

The mission of the Elks National Foundation is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We help youth develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

The easiest way to support the ENF is to sign up for secure, automatic, regularly scheduled donations through your bank account or credit card. These donations occur monthly, you can participate for as little as \$5 per month, and you can increase, modify or cancel your gift at any time! Becoming a member of the Fidelity Club is simple! Enroll online at enf.elks.org/recurring and start your gift today!

Tampa Elks 708 has a strong history of both supporting the ENF and receiving ENF grants to invest in our South Tampa community. If only 50 of our more than 450 Tampa Elks 708 members commit to a \$5 a month donation, our total contribution will be \$3000! Please consider the minimum donation or more and use the link above to sign up. "Great acts are made up of small deeds" Lao Tzu

Past Events and Projects



ST PATRICKS *Celebration*

On Saturday, March 14th, our Exalted Ruler hosted a St. Patrick's Day Celebration including music by DJ Caution and authentic Irish Dancers. The Dinner was the traditional Corn Beef and Cabbage along with her personal Bread Pudding Recipe. Ruth Levin and Courtney Weil, PER prepared the meal and everyone agreed the food was wonderful. Several of our veterans were there along with many Irish loving members.

Our young Irish Dancers did an exceptional job of entertaining us as always. We appreciate them sharing their talent with us each year. It truly makes for a festive St. Patrick's Day custom.

Thanks to Ruth Levin, Courtney Weil, PER, Cindy Allen, Tommy Moore, Sammy Weil and Tracy Horrell, ER.



Past Events and Projects



AWARDS NIGHT 2024-2025



OFFICER OF THE YEAR
DEE CISNEROS, PER



ELK OF THE YEAR
RUTH LEVIN



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
PATTY VOLPE



GER COMMODATION AWARD
CINDY ALLEN



GER COMMODATION AWARD
SHELAGH GOMBARCIK, PER



MENTOR AWARD
LAURA JONES



SERVICE AWARD
COURTNEY WEIL, PER



RISING STAR AWARD
KIM BENZING & RAE ANN BOYLE

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION



TOMMY MOORE



WINDY HALL



RICHARD FLORANCE



CHRIS RAGUSA



GEORGIA HILFICFER



PAUL DELAND

(NOT PICTURED WITH CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION RECIPIENTS IS EDIE HANLEY, LEADING KNIGHT)

*I want to thank everyone who came out to enjoy this night of celebration
The food was fantastic but the camaraderie was so incredible
I truly appreciate the time energy and extreme effort these Elks dedicated to our Lodge
Keep up the great work Tracy Horrell PER*



OFFICER OF THE YEAR
RUTH LEVIN



MEMBER OF THE YEAR
JACKIE APPEL

Ladies of the Elks celebrate their Outstanding Members!

The Ladies had a wonderful evening celebrating the many members who make our group successful. Jackie Apple was our LOE Member of the year. Her contribution of time and donations have helped the Ladies continue with their mission to support our lodge and our charities. Our LOE Officer of the year was Ruth Levin. Ruth has served as our Parliamentarian for the last two years and will continue to do so this coming year. Her many contributions to the Ladies are immeasurable.

Upcoming Events and Projects

Tampa 708 Ladies of the Elk
Present their Annual

KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY



Saturday, May 3rd

Dinner 6pm

Betting Windows open at 6:45pm

1st Race at 7pm

Horses on sale \$10

JESSICA HOOD IS OUR MC!

Dinner - Kentucky Hot Brown Sliders, Cheddar Cheese Straws, Bacon & Tomato Pasta Salad, & Dessert \$8.00

(See any LOE member or bartender for advance horse purchases)

Upcoming Events and Projects



Quarter Auction for our State Convention! Sunday, April 13th

Doors open 1pm ~ Auction 1:30pm

Come Bid on our New and Unusual Finds

Try your Luck at 50/50

Pre-purchase your chance at the

WAGON OF CHEER & LOTTO BOARD

Drawing to be held at State Convention

(Need not be present to win)

Bar will be Open

**Concession Stand Fare: Hot dogs, Chili
Dogs, or Chili w/Cheese & Fritos**



Upcoming Events and Projects



LET'S DO DINNER AT THE LODGE WITH COURTNEY

APRIL 4TH

**Friday Dinner
April 4th**
**Fish
Fry**

with Coleslaw, French Fries
or Tommy's Grits
and Hush Puppies
\$13.50

Ask about our appetizer and
dessert of the evening.

Serving 6:30 to 8:00

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

If you'd like to receive a reminder email each
Wednesday, please send your email address to
georgiahilficker@gmail.com

APRIL 11TH

**Friday Dinner
April 11th**
**Sliced
Filet**

With Marsala Sauce, Caesar
Salad, Broccoli, Smashed
Potatoes, & Dinner Roll
\$19.00

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.

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Wednesday, please send your email address to
georgiahilficker@gmail.com

APRIL 18TH

**Friday Night Dinner
April 18th**
**Stuffed
Pork Chop**

with Spinach & Strawberry
Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Green
Beans & Dinner Roll
\$18.00

Appetizer:

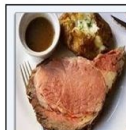
Asparagus Brie Pastry...\$4.50

Ask about our Dessert
of the Evening

Serving 6:00 to 8:00

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or on the Lodge Bulletin Board by the
Thursday before the event.

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Wednesday, please send your email address
to georgiahilficker@gmail.com

APRIL 25TH

**Friday Dinner
April 25th**
**Prime Rib
Dinner**

with French Onion Soup,
Baked White or Sweet Potato,
Herb Roasted Veggies,
& a Dinner Roll
\$25.00

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 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](mailto:georgiahilficker@gmail.com)
DINNER SERVED FROM 6:30PM TO 8:00PM**

BAR BINGO

Served Mondays 6pm to 7:30pm

April 7th - Gyro w/Potato Salad \$9.50 or
Greek Salad w/Potato Salad \$8.50, add Ham
\$9.00, Baklava \$2

April 14th - Cuban Sandwich w/Chips \$8.50,
Mini Guava & Cheese Pastries \$1

April 21st - BLT w/Chips \$8.50, Fresh
Baked Cookies \$1

April 28th - Chili Cheese Dog w/Fries \$8.50



QUEEN OF HEARTS

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

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

***April 3rd - COURTNEY'S
SPAGHETTI
DINNER NIGHT... \$8.75**

***April 10th** - Black & Blue Burger w/Fries
or BBQ Burger w/Fries \$9.50 each,
Fresh Baked Cookies \$1

***April 17th** - Wings & Fries \$10

***April 24th** - Mushroom Swiss Burger w/
Fries, Bacon Cheese Burger w/Fries
\$9.50 each

Upcoming Events and Projects



**The Ladies of the Elks
will hold its annual
Walk-a-Thon**

**Saturday, April 5th
10am**

**and will start at
Ballast Point Park**

**To join this worthwhile
event please contact
Jacquie at 813-245-6458**

A promotional banner for a movie night event. The background is dark blue with scattered yellow and white stars. In the top left, there are icons of a red cup with a straw, a bucket of popcorn, and a clapperboard. A red and white striped sign with 'POP CORN' is also visible. The main text is in a large, bold, white font. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8th, which is the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The event starts at 6 PM with dinner and cocktails, followed by a movie at 7 PM. The movie is 'Theater Box Candy', and there is free popcorn. The banner is decorated with a red and white striped border and yellow stars.

Upcoming Events and Projects



SAVE THE DATE

TAMPA 708 RIDERS

PRESENT

RAW MEAT

BINGO

SAT., MAY 17TH

PLUS AN ALL YOU CAN EAT BRUNCH 11AM TO 1PM - \$10.00

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS IN THE MAY ELKSIZE



2025
**FLORIDA ELKS
STATE CONVENTION**

"Together we're doing great things"



REGISTER SOON ROOMS GO FAST!

I hope you are planning to attend the 119th Annual Convention of the Florida State Elks Association. The convention is being held at the **Rosen Centre**, 9840 International Drive, Orlando, Florida, 32819, May 22-24, 2025. Individual reservations are now being accepted through the Rosen Centre reservations link on our website at www.floridaelks.org.

A one-night deposit or credit card guarantee will be required for each room you are reserving. Rooms sleep a maximum of four people and the standard room rate for a **double** or **single** is \$139.00 plus 13.63% tax, or \$157.95 per night. Our group rate for rooms may be used May 20th through May 25th subject to availability.

Reservations may also be made by phoning (866) 996-6338. Please request the Group rate for the Florida State Elks Association, Inc. You must request it to obtain our group rate.

The cutoff date for reservations is 5:00 p.m. April 21, 2025, or when sold out. Please do not wait as we WILL sell out before April 21, 2025!

On our website you will find the following:

- The link to the Rosen Centre Online Reservations Website – *Preferred way to make your reservation!*
- The Preliminary 2025 State Convention Agenda
- The link to Preregister for the Convention & Order Your Required "Free" Convention ID Badge
- The link to Purchase Tickets (\$25) for the Friday Luncheon hosted by the FL Ladies of Elks (Men & Women Invited)
- The link to Purchase Tickets (\$10) for the Saturday Awards/Major Projects Luncheon (Elks & Guests)
- The link to the Silent Auction Donation Form (needed when dropping off an item for the silent auction)
- The Rosen Centre Resort Map & Driving Directions

Please be advised, neither the Lodges nor the Florida State Elks Association is exempt from paying the 13.63% tax on rooms. Please do not waste the Rosen Centre's time trying to convince them otherwise at check-in or check-out.

I am pleased to inform you that the Rosen Centre provides complimentary basic Wi-Fi in guest rooms and public areas excluding the meetings/convention area.

WE CAN USE YOUR HELP...IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING THE 2025 STATE CONVENTION AND ARE WILLING TO ASSIST IN THE 708 HOSPITALITY ROOM, PLEASE CONTACT PATTY VOLPE AT (pattyandmrfox@gmail.com).

Lodge Business and Projects



Richard Haddad

our honored member, has requested Life Membership and has met all the necessary requirements.

We will vote on this request at April 23, 2025 General Meeting.

Life Membership



YOUR LODGE NEEDS YOU!

As our new Lodge year begins we find ourselves loosing some of our kitchen help. In order to keep the kitchen open we will need people to cook:

- Monday Bingo Night...Sandwiches and or Salads.
- Thursday Grill, Pasta or Sandwich Night...Your Choice
- Friday Night Dinner...One Dish Menu of your choice

Be a helper or take a night, whatever you can handle. You can expect help to understand the workings of the kitchen and a shopper should you need one.



EXALTED RULER



- Shelagh Gombarcik PER for her enormous contribution to just about everything in the lodge...Thank you for all you do!
- Kim and Norman Benzing for running a great Queen of Hearts every Thursday.
- D Cisneros and Ed Lessard for running the best Bar Bingo in the city of Tampa.

APRIL LODGE MEETING SCHEDULE

- 2nd - LOE General Meeting 7pm Dinner 6:15
- 9th - Elks General Meeting - 7:30
- 16th - House Committee Meeting - 6:30
- 22nd - BOD Meeting - 6:30
- 23rd - New Member Orientation - 6:30
- 23rd - Elks General Meeting & Installation - 7:30
- 28th - Veteran's Meeting - 6:30

DID YOU KNOW?























The elk, an American animal, was chosen as the symbol of our organization because its qualities were seen to be those that should be cultivated by Elk members.

- **Living in Groups**
- **Being Strong**
- **Being Valiant.**

Tampa Elks Lodge #708

APRIL 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					JESUIT FISHING TOURNAMENT BACK HALL	JESUIT FISHING TOURNAMENT BACK HALL
		1	2 LOE GENERAL MEETING 7PM LOE DINNER 6:15PM 	3  COURTNEY'S SPAGHETTI DINNER NIGHT... \$8.75  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	 Friday Dinner April 4th Fish Fry with Coleslaw, French Fries or Tommy's Grits and Hush Puppies \$13.50 Ask about our appetizer and dessert of the evening. Serving 6:30 to 8:00 Sign up by emailing 708meals@gmail.com. or on the Lodge Bulletin Board by Thursday before the event. If you'd like to receive a reminder email each Wednesday, please send your email address to georgiahilficker@gmail.com	 The Ladies of the Elks will hold its annual Walk-a-Thon Saturday, April 5th 10am and will start at Ballast Point Park To join this worthwhile event please contact Jacquie at 813-245-6458
6	7 GYRO W/POTATO SALAD \$9.50 or GREEK SALAD W/ POTATO SALAD \$8.50, ADD HAM \$9.00, BAKLAVA \$2  BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	8  Dinner & a Movie with Kristi 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	9 CRAFTED COCKTAILS & HOT FOOD AVAILABLE  7:30PM GENERAL MEETING	10 BLACK & BLUE BURGER W/FRIES OR BBQ BURGER W/FRIES \$9.50 EACH, FRESH BAKED COOKIES \$1  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	 Friday Dinner April 11th Sliced Filet With Marsala Sauce, Caesar Salad, Broccoli, Smashed Potatoes, & Dinner Roll \$19.00 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 your email address to georgiahilficker@gmail.com	12
 Quarter Auction for our State Convention! Sunday, April 13th Doors open 11pm - Auction 1:30pm Come bid on our New and Unusual finds Try your Luck at 90-90 Pre-purchase your chance at the WAGON OF CHEER & LOTTO BOARD Drawing to be held at State Convention (Need not be present to win) Bar will be Open Concession Stand fare Hot dogs Chili Dogs, or Chili w/Cheese & Fritos	14 CUBAN SANDWICH W/CHIPS \$8.50, MINI GUAVA & CHEESE PASTRIES \$1  BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	15 CRAFTED COCKTAILS & HOT FOOD AVAILABLE 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	16  HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30PM CRAFTED COCKTAILS & HOT FOOD AVAILABLE	17 WINGS & FRIES \$10  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	 Friday Night Dinner April 18th Stuffed Pork Chop with Spinach & Strawberry Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans & Dinner Roll \$18.00 Appetizer: Asparagus Brie Pastry...\$4.50 Ask about our Dessert of the Evening Serving 6:00 to 8:00 Sign up by emailing 708meals@gmail.com. or on the Lodge Bulletin Board by the Thursday before the event. If you'd like to receive a reminder email each Wednesday, please send your email address to georgiahilficker@gmail.com	19 3PM-6PM Lodge Veterans COMMITTEE BBQ FUNDRAISER (PARKING LOT)
20	21 BLT W/CHIPS \$8.50, FRESH BAKED COOKIES \$1  BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	22  BOD MEETING 7:00PM CRAFTED COCKTAILS & HOT FOOD AVAILABLE 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	23 CRAFTED COCKTAILS & HOT FOOD AVAILABLE  7:30PM GENERAL MEETING	24 MUSHROOM SWISS BURGER W/FRIES, BACON CHEESE BURGER W/FRIES \$9.50 each  QUEEN OF HEARTS DONATIONS by 6:45PM DRAWING at 7PM	 Friday Dinner April 25th Prime Rib Dinner with French Onion Soup, Baked White or Sweet Potato, Herb Roasted Veggies, & a Dinner Roll \$25.00 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 the Thursday before the event.	26
 2025-2026 GOURMET CLUB Join us for the 25th Season of our Tampa Bay Gourmet Club! The club meets the 1st Sunday of each month. This month's meeting is JACQUEE LOCKARD, P.L.P. - THE THEME IS VEGETARIAN SUNDAY APRIL 27TH AT 5:00PM VEGETARIAN DISHES GET CREATIVE RECIPE REVELATIONS SAYVET AND/OR CRISP BRING A DISH TO A DONATION AND AN APPETITE. IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT DONATIONS OR OTHERS, VISIT US AT THE ELKS LODGE FOR MORE INFO. WE ARE OPEN MON-FRI 10AM-6PM, SAT 10AM-5PM, SUNDAY 10AM-5PM. WE ARE LOCATED AT 1000 N. GORRISON ST. (NORTH) CORNER OF 10TH ST.	28 6:30PM LODGE VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING CHILI CHEESE DOG W/FRIES \$8.50  BAR BINGO! 6:30PM \$3 DONATION	29 CRAFTED COCKTAILS & HOT FOOD AVAILABLE 7PM TO 9PM IMPROVAHALICS REHEARSAL	30 CRAFTED COCKTAILS & HOT FOOD AVAILABLE			

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