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CHAIR—Shelagh Gombarcik

Members: Wendy Hall, Candy Venable,
Courtney Weil, Sue Moore,
Shannon Wheatley, Jim Dreby

LODGE COMMITTEES:

Hall Activities—Jacquie LoCicero
Auditing Committee—Chair, Melissa Bertoch,
Bonnie Atwood
Elks National Foundation—Shelagh Gombarcik
Harry Anna Trust Fund—Taylor Taylor
Entertainment—Linda Reid
Veteran Services—Patty Jankiewicz
Elksize Editor—Paul DeLand





Elks Lodge 708 has a way for you to be involved in what happens in YOUR lodge! Check out our new suggestion box in the entry area!

Do you want to implement a fundraiser, paint a room, clean a breezeway? How about suggest a repair, voice your concern about a matter or compliment a fellow Elk on a job well done? We want to hear from you!

Complete one of the forms with your ideas, issues or improvements and be part of the positive change you want to see in YOUR lodge!

Contact Shannon Wheatley at 727-772-3446 with questions.





Calling All

Epicurean Elks...

2019 Gowrnet Club

Sunday, June 23rd at 5:00 p.m.



Choose to make an appetizer and/or an entrée and/or dessert....
You MUST use at least two of the basket ingredients ...
Can you use them all?

Appetizer

Ham

Jomato Soup

Canned Peaches

Flour Jortillas

Entrée Boneless Pork Coca-Cola Garlic Potato Chips Dessert

Granges

Cocoa

Okoney

Chili Pepper

Bring us your impressive dishes, or just come with an appetite and a donation

..trívía...trívía...trívía...trívía...

OFFICER OF THE MONTH:

Our June Officer of The Month is Courtney Weil. When she's not running her own catering business (Courtney's Custom Catering), Courtney is the Lodge Bar Manager, a Lodge Trustee, and member of the House Committee. Courtney also Chaired this year's Tampa Convention Committee for the State Convention. Courtney and her husband Sam not only delivered tables, decorations, food, and drinks to our Hospitality Suite, but also helped schedule bartenders for the Hospitality Suite and Pirate events at the Convention, and then hauled everything back to the Lodge. Thank her next time at the Lodge!

ELK OF THE MONTH:

The June Elk of The Month is Wendy Hall. Wendy serves on the House Committee, the Convention Committee, and is assisting with Hall Rentals. Her dedication to a string of Share the Wealth events following our Queen of Hearts drawing produced over \$1,000 in revenue to help offset State Convention costs. In addition, she and her sister donated two beautifully decorated pirate hats to be auctioned at State Convention. Say thanks to Wendy when you see her!



OUR "FRYERS" OF FISH (EXTRAORDINAIRE!)
TOMMY MOORE, BOB ORCUTT & BILL EDWARDS



THERE WERE DESSERTS (OF THE YUMMY KIND!)

May 11th a Fish Fry was held to raise funds for Convention!
About \$400 was raised by our volunteer crew & Fun had by all!



PER RICHARD & BARBARA ENJOY THE GOLDEN FISH, COLE SLAW, HUSH PUPPIES & TATER TOTS

Committee Communications



Hello every one. School is just about out for the summer. Enjoy your time off and beware of the drugs that are out there and just remember: Be A Hero: Just Say No- to drugs.

o- to drugs.
Tommy Moore
Chairman
Drug Awareness



Happy June to all,

It's the official month of summer, a time to relax and hopefully, have more time for reading.



As Elks our beliefs are held true by our Creed; Believe in the goodness in thyself as well as others.

Protect childhood with tenderness, old age with respect, cherish with reverence the memory of those who have passed.

Observe faithfully the golden rule.

Enjoy the good things of Earth, keep within thee the glorious sunshine of youth, and remain always of good cheer.

This Creed has guided Elks for over 13 decades so I ask that you not only read about Elkdom but understand what you read.

Please consider reading;

The history of the Order of Elks- 1868-1988 (available from the office of the Grand Secretary under code 511300.)

The story of Elkdom- available from the Elks magazine under code 511800.)

Proceedings of latest Grand Lodge Annual Session-(on file in the Lodge office-code 511400 from Grand Secretary.)

Latest Grand Lodge Program booklet- (on file in Lodge office.)

Latest Annotated Statues- (on file in Lodge office under code 520100 from Grand Secretary.) Various Committee Manuals and Materials- (on file in Lodge office and supplied by the Elks National Headquarters in Chicago.)

There is more to Tampa Elks Lodge to consider. There are lodges all over Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Alaska, etc. We all have the same purpose, Veterans, children, Country.

So, go forth and read, understand, and grow.

Respectfully, Betty Orcutt, Chaplain



Lodge Shirts Are Herei

We have ladies and men's in purple and black sizes S-4X

\$25 each from the Secretary's Office

2X and larger +\$2



May LOE Birthday from Carolyn Breit: Barbara Huffman 6/14





LOE Craft Day

July 28th at 2pm

Craft Day is back and we will be making a FABLOUS customized front door mat.

Sign up is a MUST.

Sign up sheet on the LOE bulletin board

Craft Day fee is \$25

Any questions, ask Jacquie.

loetampa708@yahoo.com



Kentucky Derby Horse Race!

The LOE held it's annual Kentucky Derby Horse Race on May 4th. The night began with a Kentucky Derby inspired menu, followed by our rousing "horse race". Our Mistress of Ceremony was Shelagh Gombarick. Shelagh kept the jockeys in line and the crowd enthralled.

I'd like to take a moment to thank those who helped put this together: Patty J who sold all our horses. Dante and Chole, our talented servers. Bonnie Atwood made "betting" on your favorite horse easy and quick. Joe LoCicero worked the kitchen while the rest of us enjoyed our meal. Last but not least, Shelagh, without her help prepping the food, setting up and lending her talent to the race, we may have not been ready on time. It takes a village to put on a horse race.

Finally, a huge thank you to the business' who donated to our auction: Courtney's Custom Catering, Tampa Bay Fun Boat, Happy's Rentals, Stunning Flowers by Shelby and LoCicero Medical Group.

Jacquie LoCicero

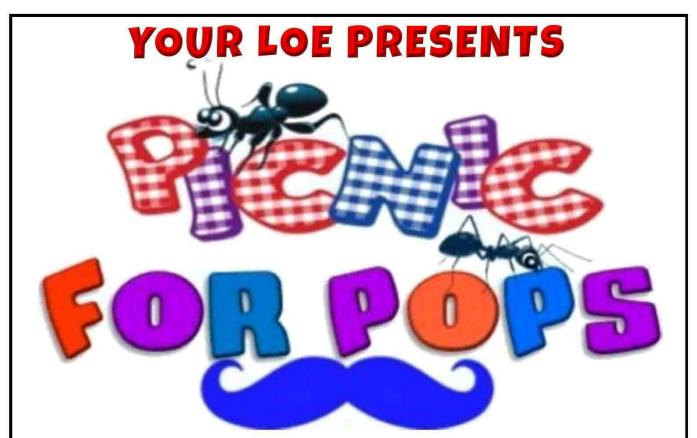
LOE Article:

If it's June, Father's Day must be around the corner. Come celebrate Father's Day with the LOE. Once again, we are having our Picnic with Pops. Dinner is \$8 per person, except Pops they eat for free! Let us know if you are coming by signing up, see the LOE bulletin board for more information.

Where has Craft day been, we have been on a break. We will be returning in August with a great craft to spruce up your front door. Look for our flyer on the LOE bulletin board, along with a sign up sheet.

And finally, in April the LOE celebrated our Officer of the Year and our Member of the Year. Our member of the year was Patty J. What can we say about Patty, apparently when it comes to the LOE we can say A LOT! Without Patty I don't know if we would ever sell tickets to our events, she has a way about her. When help is needed for an event, she is there to help. On a personal note, I am very grateful to Patty. She has supported me, encouraged me and advised me in ways that only she can. Officer of the Year was Devoney Bedami. Devoney has be very instrumental in helping me to fulfill my duties as the LOE President. She has brainstormed with me when I was trying to get something done and listened to me when I was frustrated. That is invaluable to me. Thank you to both of our Ladies, you make being a part of the LOE brighter.

Jacquie LoCicero, LOE President



FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 16TH BEGINNING AT 4PM DAD'S EAT FREE, ALL OTHERS \$8.00

CHICKEN, POTATO SALAD, BAKED BEANS AND MORE...

PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE LOE BULLETIN BOARD AT THE LODGE



R4L Run For Life!



Club Chivalry News - Elks Care and Elks Share!!!

Our last Club Chivalry event of the year was the Club's Participation in the Relay of Life for Tampa, held at Robinson HS on April 26th. Dozens of Tampa Elks showed how much they cared by sharing their financial resources to support the students that signed up to participate in this event. We had over 50 luminaries, sold at \$10.00 apiece. We had cash donations, online donations, Facebook donations and matching fund donations. We had signature sponsorships from both **Tampa Elks Lodge 708** and from **Food, Taxes and Beverages, Oh My!** We sold beverages and chips during the event. When we totaled it all up, the Club Chivalry Relay for Life team raised \$3471 for the American Cancer Society. As of this writing, we are in 12th place in fundraising out of 93 registered teams!

Each of the students that registered for the event needed to raise \$100 to get a T-shirt and to be able to stay past the 11PM curfew. Thanks to you, they all did that! Each of the 9 seniors that registered needed to raise \$150.00 to earn a purple honor cord to wear at graduation. Thanks to you, they each did that, too! We are also in contention for the top spirit award. For all of the above, the kids and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

As much as we love and appreciate the money donations, there were a few Elks that put a lot of time into making this event such a success. Patty Jankiewicz sold luminaria bags for weeks. Trustee Tommy Moore along with VAVS Asst Deputy Dianne Meleen and her husband Bob came to the Lodge and helped load up all the supplies, get them to the football field at Robinson, and helped me set up the shade tent and fill the coolers. Joe LoCicero, showed up to cover for me while I went to the team leaders meeting, and stayed longer than he planned helping out. Tommy Moore and his wife, LOE Vice President Sue Moore, came back and worked the event with us. Patty and Mike Volpe showed up; Patty took our soda sales up a notch or two and covered for me while I ran an empty cooler back to the Lodge. Bonnie Atwood came by, bringing some forgotten supplies, unless she was collecting donation envelopes for the event leaders. And of course, Lodge member and Club Chivalry school sponsor Kristina Chowning and her son Max were there with us for most of the night, which was a delight!

June Live Entertainment

As we went to press the band schedule was still being completed. .. June is an unusual month as State Convention offers a change in days and hours. ..for the updated schedule Please check the Lodge bulletin board or online at:

tampaelks.com



HALL RESTAL

This month we have a significant hall rental on June 29th. This rental is an all-day affair, 11am to 11pm as the bride and groom will have their ceremony and reception in our hall. Please have our hall cleared of any unnecessary items no later than Thursday at 6pm. Any items left will be considered unwanted and will be discarded.

Last year we saw an uptick in rentals. I'd like to continue this momentum, especially all-day rentals that produce a nice revenue for the lodge. With your help we can accomplish that. We have several rentals on the books and hopefully we will have more to come. I ask that the hall be in tip top condition two days prior to the rental. This will cut down in unnecessary cleaning and picking up which makes this job harder, and we don't want that.

The success of the hall rentals can relieve some of financial stressors on the lodge and at the end of the day as the saying goes "That is a good thing". If you would like to be a part of the hall rental committee or have any positive suggestions, please feel free to contact me.

Jacquie LoCicero

Your Elksize Editor Sez: I have been asked by our Exalted Ruler to insure delivery of the Elksize in time for the 1st of each month! That means I must stick to a HARD AND FAST monthly deadline for articles of the 15th of the month. Please help me keep this time by submitting your articles thru the Elksize email.

tpaelksize@gmail.com

I do not want our members to miss any Elks News! Thanks!

Paul DeLand, Editor

On-Going Calendar





Start off the week socializing with great people and great drinks!



Tuesday Night Movie 7:30 pm With Free Popcorn



Lodge Business and Programs



Partners in Progress or PIP

Platinum Investors \$100+

In Memory of Tom Stanton from Mrs. Helen M. Stanton 9/19 Osterbrock, Debbie 4/19 In memory of Fennell, Jerrye & Patrick 5/19 Johnson, Jack 5/19 Fennell, Pat & Marilyn 6/19 Edwards, Bill (PER/PLP) 6/19 Walbart, Mark 6/19 Appel, Jackie 6/19 Conners, Barbara 12/19 Rick & Jan Schneider 12/19 Gombarcik, Shelagh 12/19 Smith, Rita 12/19 Moore, Tommy & Sue 12/19 Quire, Kim & Marty 12/19 Snyder, Robert & Lisa 12/19 Robert Norton & Brenda Stoking 12/19 Palladini, Frank 1/20 Suhrheinrich, Bob & Candace 1/20 Florance, Richard 11/2021

To increase the financial strength of Tampa Elks Lodge #708, ensuring that our Lodge will be around for another 100 years. We will accomplish this by rebuilding our capital through investments made by Lodge Partners who are determined to secure Tampa Elks Lodge #708 future. Interest earned on the investments will remain in the investment account. Our goal is to increase our overall financial strength determined to secure the future of Tampa Elk's 708 future.

Gold Investors \$51-\$99 Bordonaro, Robert 12/2019

Silver Investors \$21-\$50 James, Howard 3/2019

Bronze Investors \$10 - \$20
Bertoch, Mellissa 2/2019

Elks Care - Elks Share

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	House Committee 7:00pm	7:30pm Movie Night LOE BOD 6:30pm	5 LOE Gen Meeting 6:45pm	Book Club 7:30pm "A reliable wife" by R. Goolrick Grill-6:30-8:30pm Queen is back. Donate by 6:45PM	7 Bob & Betty Cook	VP Visit Holiday Isles 6:30pm
9	/ O Trivia Night	5PM Delana's Potluck til food gone, Donations Movie 7:30pm Movie Nght BOD 7:15pm	7:30PM LODGE MTG. MGM Friends Mtg. 9:00am	Bingo at James Haley Queen is back. Donate by 6:45PM Shelagh's Grill 6:30-8:30pm	1 4 Flag Day Rita Cooks	VP Visit Larg 6:30pm
Father's Day Flag Day Ceremony 3pm PICNIC FOR POPS! 4PM	17	1 8 5PM Delana's Potluck til food gone, Donations Movie 7:30pm Movie Night	Social Media Class 6:30pm Vets Comm 7:00pm	Grill-6:30-8:30p Queen is back. Donate by 6:45PM	2 / Bob & Betty Cook	June Birthday Bash
23 Gourmet Club 5:00pm	24	25 5PM Delana's Potluck til food gone. Donations Movie 7:30pm Movie Night	26 7:30PM LODGE MTG.	Grill 6:30-8:30pm Queen is back. Donate by 6:45PM	28 Rita Cooks Veteran's Dinner	HALL RENTAL Joint MGM Charity/Elks Networking
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Lisa and Bob Snyder

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