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B.P.O.E. Lodge 2731 Newsletter



Zephyrhills, FL

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October 2024

EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



The month of October is upon us – as the activity increases and more of our friends arrive from other places, let's all have a safe and enjoyable season – the Lodge is very active and many events are planned.

The October Elk of the month is Anne McDonald. Anne is key to keeping the Antler program viable. She leads a team of other members who also work tirelessly to support the Antlers. The Volunteer of the Month for October is George Brown. George has been a key volunteer in keeping the 50/50 raffle alive and interesting on Wednesday and Fridays. He brings his own style and methods to selling the weekly raffle tickets. Thank you to both Anne and George for all you do.

In other doings around the Lodge - the kitchen has been professionally cleaned and has a certain sparkle to it. Spectrum has been working in the Lodge to improve the wi-fi signal and coverage. This work and all the adjustments should be done in late October. Duke Energy performed an energy audit of the Lodge in August, the results were recently received. Your Board of Directors is reviewing the results. There are some things that we can fix easily (type of light bulbs, for example) and then there are some larger items (water heaters for example) that will require considerable expense. More to come on this topic.

David Moyer PER has agreed to volunteer as the Lodge's Accident Prevention manager. He will be assisted by Steve Impson. Thank you to both of these members. More volunteers would be appreciated to support this important position in your Lodge.

The Lodge is also looking for a volunteer to become the chair of the Drug Awareness program. There is a general lack of education about the ongoing issues of drug abuse in our communities. The Elks have a very vibrant program for education and awareness. All your Lodge needs is someone to spearhead the effort and get the word out.



Elks National Foundation, Inc.

October is a special time for us as we celebrate ELKS National Foundation month! We invite all members and guests to join us in this heartfelt initiative. From October 23rd to October 31st, we will also observe RED RIBBON WEEK, marking THIRTY-SIX years of commitment to combating drug issues in our community. Join us at the lodge on October 23rd, 25th, 30th and November 1st for a series of exciting activities! Don't miss our CHINESE AUCTION RAFFLE, featuring items such as a Red, White and Blue Afghan, a Liquor Decanter, Silver Salt and Pepper Shakers, and a small Wine Basket. Additionally, Andrea McDermott will be selling Bookmarks and Sunglass cases. For just a \$1.00 donation, you can proudly wear a RED RIBBON as a symbol of our collective effort to fight drugs in our SCHOOLS and COMMUNITY. Every contribution counts, and all proceeds will support the Elks National Foundation in the Zephyrhills Elks donor account. A heartfelt thank you to all our supporters! Your dedication to our lodge and the ENF makes a significant impact on our community.

Thank you for supporting the LODGE and ENF.

Judy Osgood,
ENF Chairman

Your Lodge is supporting the Honor Flight Program. Veterans will be flown to Washington DC to visit the monuments erected to honor their service and sacrifices on Veterans Day. Our very own **Jay Klamer PER** will be onboard the Veterans Day flight. More details will follow about how you can support the program and our Veterans.

As we move closer to November 5, the Presidential and other elections, please keep in mind the obligation we all took when we joined the Elks. "I will not permit any political, sectarian or personal prejudice to influence me in the slightest degree in exercise of my right of franchise in the

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Lounge Hours

☆☆ SUNDAY: 1:00 PM—8:00 PM ☆☆☆

☆☆ MONDAY: CLOSED ☆☆☆

☆☆ TUESDAY: 1:00 PM—8:00 PM ☆☆☆

☆☆ WEDNESDAY: 1:00 PM—8:00 PM ☆☆☆

☆☆ THURSDAY: 1:00 PM—8:00 PM ☆☆☆

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☆☆ SATURDAY: 1:00 PM—8:00 PM ☆☆☆

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RED SHIRT FRIDAY'S

Our idea of showing solidarity and support for our troops with dignity and respect is by wearing RED SHIRTS on Friday's. Let's get the word out and lead with class and dignity, by example, and wear something red every Friday. Everyone who loves this country should share this with acquaintances, co-workers, friends and family.



LET'S SHOW OUR SUPPORT BY WEARING SOMETHING RED!

HELP, HELP, HELP!



Won't you please help.....When finished with your beverage from the bar please return your glasses to the bar, and any other dishes to the dirty dish station.

As you know, this is an all volunteer Lodge in many of the areas and we could use your help. We often find it difficult to find volunteers to work the dining and bar areas, and if you could help with this duty we would appreciate it.

Thank you!

Dress for General Meetings

The Lodge General Meeting is once a month now and since we are asking our new members to wear business casual clothing for their initiation, it is only fair that we ask our members who attend to wear the same, This would include long pants for our gentlemen members and no shorts for either gender.

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Zephyrhills Elks #2731 Member Dave Kelsey Receives Honor

☆☆ Dave Kelsey received an Elks National Foundation's Honorary Founder certificate and a Honorary Founder pin, for his generous donation of \$1000.00 or more to the ENF.

☆☆ The Elks National Foundation relies on ongoing support to build stronger communities through programs that support youth, serve veterans and meet local needs.

☆☆ We are grateful for your help and hope this recognition conveys our appreciation.

☆☆ Thank You,
☆☆ Jim O'Kelley, Director



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The Elks National Foundation
Helping Elks build stronger communities



Friday Oct 4th	Homer Stiles
Friday Oct 11th	Will Yancy & Billie Jo Harrelson
Friday Oct 18th	Karl Sapp
Friday Oct 25th	Miller & Mark

OKTOBERFEST



Saturday, OCTOBER 19

COST: \$16.00

SOCIAL: 4:00—5:00 pm

DINNER: 5:00 pm

MENU: Choice of Entrée

Bratwurst OR Hotdog with Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, German Green Beans, Fried Apples, Soft Pretzel/Beer Cheese & German Chocolate Cake

MUSIC: 6:00 pm 

Food / Music / Dancing / Contests

Raffle / Photo Booth / Costumes

TICKETS ON SALE
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays
or from the Office
during office hours

DEADLINE:
Monday, October 14

Join us for a fun filled night!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The following events are planned for the next few months. We are inviting all members to mark your calendars and come and enjoy the activities!

OCTOBER 19:
OCTOBERFEST



NOVEMBER 16:
CARNIVAL NIGHT



DECEMBER 31:
NEW YEAR'S EVE



JANUARY 18:
MYSTERY NIGHT



FEBRUARY 15:
MARDI GRAS



MARCH 15
HAWIIAN LUAU



APRIL 12:
AFTERNOON TEA & FASHION SHOW



More detailed information (cost for tickets, menu, activities, etc.) will be posted prior to each event





Greetings from the Florida Ladies of Elks.

It's hard to believe the 2023/2004 FLOE year has ended.

We had a great conference at The Shores resort & Spa in Daytona Beach Shores 9/20-9/21/2024. We had 160 people in attendance. The weekend began Thursday evening with an open house in the Presidential Suite. Crab Bisque was made and donated by the St Augustine. More than 90 people stopped by. Friday morning a group of 11 went golfing. Friday night entertainment was an after dinner murder mystery show provided by the Deep Creek LOE. They received a standing ovation. A great time was had by all. Saturday was a day of meetings and a memorial service where special ladies from lodges across the state were honored.

Pauline Talbott was installed as the 2024/2025 Florida Ladies of Elks State President, along with an amazing slate of officers from across the state. The EL-DOEs were recognized for their generous donations to the Florida Elks Charities benefiting the Florida Elks Youth Camp and the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services.

FLOW is growing in active participation. Keep an eye on the Florida Elks website for all the great things the ladies are doing and will be doing this coming year (2024/2025).

Just a reminder, EVERY lady Elk, wife of an Elk and widow of an Elk are members of FLOE, regardless of affiliation with a lodge ladies' organization. If you are a lady, affiliated with an Elks Lodge in the state of Florida, you are a member 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.

Pauline Talbott, PSP
FLOE President 2024/2025
Phone (321) 432-7497



FALL PREVENTION

Learn how to stay safe and prevent falls!

Fall
lunch & learn



Free

Lunch will be provided
Hosted by:
VIPcare

October 15th
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Location:
Zephyrhills Elks
6851 Wire Rd.
Zephyrhills, FL



Parade Of Heroes



Zephyrhills Elks Lodge # 2731 is Proud to announce that Jay Klammer PER has been selected to participate in this Historical Program - FL State Elks Association 2024 Parade of Heroes honoring Florida Elks Veterans taking place this November 10-12 in Washington D.C.

Jay entered the Air Force on November 28, 1966. He went through Basic Medical Technician School, Advanced Medical Technician School, and Paramedic School. He came home in May 1967 and married Gwen. He was stationed in the U.P. of Michigan for 1 year and then transferred to Alaska in the Summer of 1968. He trained as an Orthopedic Technician and worked for 3 Orthopedic Surgeons until he was given an honorable discharge as an E-5 on August 21, 1970. He served 3 years 8 months 24 days and was allowed an early out to attend college. Thank You for your Service!



**Wednesday Menus
Are On The
Tables in Lounge
4:30-6:30PM**

October 2024

**LOUNGE
HOURS
1:00—8:00 PM
Tuesday thru
Sunday**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Karla's Karaoke 3:30PM Grilled Chicken Sandwich, Chips and Dessert	2 Euchre 3:00 PM Wednesday Meal 4:30 Games 5:30-7:30PM	3 Bingo Doors Open at 4 PM	4 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Music: Homer Stiles	5 Lounge Open
6 Lounge Open	7 Lodge Closed House Committee 9:00 AM BOD Meeting 10:00 AM Antlers Meeting 6:00 PM	8 Karla's Karaoke 3:30PM Shrimp basket with fries or chips	9 Euchre 3:00 PM Wednesday Meal 4:30 Games 5:30-7:30PM	10 Bingo Doors Open at 4 PM	11 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Music: Will Yancy Billie Jo Harrelson	12 Lounge Open
13 Lounge Open	14 Lodge Closed	15 Karla's Karaoke 3:30PM Mac and Cheese and Ham casse- role	16 Euchre 3:00 PM Wednesday Meal 4:30 Games 5:30-7:30PM	17 Bingo Doors Open at 4 PM	18 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Music: Karl Sapp	19 October Fest Social Hour 4 PM Dinner 5 PM Music: Karina Hernandez
20 Lounge Open	21 Lodge Closed House Committee 9:00 AM BOD Meeting 10:00 AM Orientation 5:45 PM Lodge Meeting Initiation 7:00 PM	22 Karla's Karaoke 3:30PM Shepherd's Pie	23 Euchre 3:00 PM Wednesday Meal 4:30 Games 5:30-7:30PM	24 Bingo Doors Open at 4 PM	25 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Music: Miller & Mark	26 Lounge Open
27 Lounge Open	28 Lodge Closed Antlers Meeting 6:00 PM	29 Karla's Karaoke 3:30PM Fish sandwich with fries or chips	30 Euchre 3:00 PM Wednesday Meal 4:30 Games 5:30-7:30PM	31 Bingo Doors Open at 4 PM	1 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Music: Reel Playerz	2 Lounge Open

FSEA Sponsored Scholarships

Florida Elks: Student Scholarships for a Better Life

Enabling deserving students
the opportunity of success instead
of a lifetime of what might have been.



C. Valentine Bates Memorial HOPE Scholarship



The mission of the Florida State Elks Association C. Valentine Bates Memorial HOPE Scholarship is to provide financial support for the educational needs of Florida high school seniors without which they would not be able to achieve their educational goals.

**The scholarship targets students who have a
2.30 - 3.59 unweighted GPA.**

**The 2025 application period opens August 1, 2024 with
applications due by January 17, 2025**

Download Application at floridaelks.org/hope-scholarship