

Zephyrhills, FL www.elks.org/2731 November 2024

#### **EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE**



The month of November is here, Fall is almost behind us and the turkey is getting ready for the oven. Welcome back to our Winter friends, let's all have a safe and enjoyable season – the Lodge is very active and many events are planned.

The November Elk of the month is Cheryl Hitaffer. Cheryl has worked tirelessly with

the team in the office to help finalize the QuickBooks transition and to streamline the processes. The Volunteer of the Month for November is Bill Framton. Bill has coordinated the Euchre games for many years and his efforts are appreciated by our Lodge and all who play. Bill says there is always room for more, so come on out. Thank you to both Cheryl and Bill for all you do.

In other doings around the Lodge - the Oktoberfest that was held in October was enjoyed by all who attended. Plenty of fun food and fellowship. Thanks to the organizers and volunteers who made this happen.

David Moyer PER has been installed as the 4 year Trustee. He is taking the place of Rich Gest who recently retired.

The Lodge continues to look 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.

The Lodge will be closed on November 5 for voting. 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 Order."

Other upcoming events in November include our Veterans Day service on November 11 at 11:00 am. Please

come to the Lodge to support the Service and our Veterans.

Your Lodge is supporting the Honor Flight Program. Our very own Jay Klamer PER will be onboard the Veterans Day flight. The Honor Flight leaves Tampa International, Sunday November 10 at 10:05 am via Southwest Airlines and returns to Tampa on Tuesday, November 12 at 2:29 pm, also via Southwest Airlines. More details will follow about how you can support the program and our Veterans.

November 14 to 16 is the Mid-Year Elks Convention in St Petersburg. If anyone wants to attend, please go to the Florida Elks website or see the ER for more information.

The Lodge Activities Committee is also planning another wonderful evening at your Lodge on November 16. The theme will be Carnival, carnival food, games and chance plus more excitement. Read more about it in this newsletter.

There is also a Thanksgiving Dinner in the planning for November 24, please stay tuned for more details.

Please consider coming out and joining in with other members and friends at your Lodge. Karaoke on Tuesday night always proves to be entertaining and Bingo on Thursday may just be your lucky night. Meet the Queen of Hearts on Wednesday and feast on Fridays. Always something for everyone.

Thank you to everyone for supporting your Lodge

Elks - Elks Care and Elks Share.

Warl Finnimore, Exalted Ruler





## Elk of the Mouth

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#### Happy Birthday!!!



Clip Coupon for Free Birthday Drink!

#### From The Lodge Secretary Nick Schwob

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#### **New Candidates for Membership**

Scott Blackman

Nancy Register



Red Ribbon Week was a resounding success, culminating in an exciting Chinese Auction Raffle held on November 1, 2024.

We are thrilled to announce that the Spotlight Grant has been approved for the First Presbyterian Church's feeding programs, "The Community Cupboard." This initiative operates on Mondays and Fridays, providing hot meals to go, while Tuesdays are dedicated to "Pantry Day," where individuals can fill a large paper bag with fresh, frozen, and canned foods, along with breads, desserts, candy, beverages, and even toiletries if needed. A special shoutout to Ken Fabiani, our dedicated Veterans' Chairman, who tirelessly collects donations from various merchants to support these vital programs.

I hope you were able to join us on Monday, October 28, 2024, at the lodge for the presentation of the Spotlight Grant funds. We are also in the process of finalizing the Gratitude Grant and the Beacon Grant, further enhancing our commitment to community support.

Thank you to everyone who helps support the ENF which allows us to help our community with these programs.

Judy Osgood,

ENF Chairman

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* 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 TRIDAY 1:00 PM-8:00 PM SATURDAY 1:00 PM-8:00 PM

#### RED SHIRT FRIDAY'S

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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 Fri-Everyone who loves this country should share this with acquaintances, coworkers, friends and family.

LETS SHOW OUR SUPPORT BY WEARING SOME-THING 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.



#### **NANCY TRUE VOLUNTEER** COORDINATOR

Hello everyone,

I'd like to introduce myself my name is Nancy True, and I am the new Elks Volunteer Coordinator.

If you have filled out the volunteer form for kitchen help, I will be reaching out to you soon. Alternatively, you can call or text me at 772-559-5016. We are looking for assistance with our Friday night dinners. Tasks include setting tables, clearing tables, taking orders, handling the 50/50 raffle, and various other roles.

Please let me know how you can contribute to our Lodge.





Real Players Friday Nov 1st

Friday Nov 8th Pressure Point

Friday Nov 15th Karl Sapp

Friday Nov 22nd Jesse Derringer

Friday Nov 29th Allen Chamberlain



#### GET READY FOR CARNIVAL NIGHT

Come join us for fun, fair food, games, and

#### **LOTS** of prizes!

DATE: Saturday, November 16th

TIME: 4:30—8:30 PM

MEAL: 5:00 PM COST: \$12.00

**MENU:** A serving of each: Fried Chicken Leg, Walking Taco, Corn Dog, Mac & Cheese Bites, Cheese Curds, Funnel Cake Fries and S'mores Dip with Graham Crackers.



ALSO available Popcorn, Carmel & Cheese Corn & BOOZY
Snow Cones

**WIN PRIZES** by playing games: Ring Toss, Axe Throw, Baseball Game, etc.

AND TRY your luck at the Pig Races, Scratch Off Cards. Circus Basket Raffle and 50/50.

## **ENF Fund Raiser**

## Help your Lodge meet the needs of our veterans & youth!

Tickets available Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday nights or at the Office during 8:00-11:00 a.m.

**DEADLINE: Monday, NOV 10th** 





Zephyrhills Elks Lodge #2731 Project Update Committee donated \$400.00 to Thomas Promise to provide 900-1000 meals for their feeding program.

Thomas Promise has partnered with us in the past for our Feed the Kids program.

Committee Member Steve Impson, Exalted Ruler Karl Finnimore, Executive Director Joe Simmons, Committee Chairman Gwen Klamer, Committee Member PER Paul Nutting, missing in the photo is Glenda Bliss and Wayne Page.



Be sure to get your Elks.org password! There is so much information available about our organization and the ability to make connections to others in the organity zation. By obtaining your password, you will unlock access to valuable resources, updates on events, and opportunities to engage with fellow members of Zephyrhills Lodge #2731. This is not just about information; it's about fostering a sense of community and camaraderie among us. We encourage you to take this step to connect with others and participate in our philanthropic activities. Together, we can make a difference and strengthen our bonds as a lodge.

## **OCTOBERFEST!**

On Saturday, September 16th, guests were welcomed to an Octoberfest meal, music, singing, and games. It was especially fun to see those who dressed to fit the occasion. Many thanks go to our kitchen help, Dottie, Beth, Glenda and Geri, for their efforts in making and serving a delicious meal. Ten contestants entered the Beer Stein Holding Contest and it was fun to see the contestants drop one-by-one. Thank you Susan for judging the event.



In addition to the Stein Holding Contest, participants could buy pretzel necklaces and take their chance on a grab bag. The lucky grab bag winners went home with a German beer, Octoberfest Hat, Beer stein or stein filled with candy. Winner of the Octoberfest Basket was not in attendance but did pick up the basket at the Lodge. All-in-all, it was an entertaining evening.

**WINNER** OF THE OCTOBERFEST BASKET: **TIM HANNA**Tim said he and his wife used to volunteer in the kitchen and for Queen of Hearts. He has been entering raffles for many years and this is the first time he has won. Congrats and enjoy!



The trunk and treat chairperson Barbara Conklin would like to thank everyone for candy donations. There were many bags leftover, but they will be used for our Carnival event and the lodge special citizens Christmas party.

Thank you for Sharing



Dear Zephyrhills Lodge #2731 Community, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for being part of this wonderful lodge.

As I announce that this will be my last Zephyrhills Elks Newsletter after 15 incredible years, I am filled with appreciation for the camaraderie and friendship of the members of this lodge.

I am excited to share that Patty Click, a new member of our lodge, has graciously stepped up to take over the bulletin responsibilities. This transition is a testament to our commitment to members and our community. I will be working closely with Patty to ensure a smooth handover. Additionally, I am thrilled to welcome Patty and her husband John, both veterans, to our lodge. Their willingness to help out reinforces the supportive and inclusive environment we cherish. Thank you all for making this lodge a place of friendship and belonging.

Warm Regards, **Bobbie Schwob** 



#### Thoughts of a PER

When I went into the military, I took an oath to defend the Constitution of The United States of America. There was no expiration date on that oath. They did not tell me that when I was discharged that obligation ended. Lee Greenwood said it best "I would gladly stand with you and defend her yet today".

We as Elks also take an oath with no expiration date. Sometimes I think we just go through the motions of bringing new members in for the sake of getting our numbers up. We as Elks, both new and old, should review our Obligation and make sure we are adhering to it.

When we make decisions concerning the Lodge and its members, we should always remember "I will always protect our Members, their good names and their families."

Also, we should always remember what Elks are: "American citizens who guide their course in life by the cardinal principles of our Order: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity." When dealing with other members, always remember our motto: "The faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory."

Jay Klamer, PER



A Grant check from Elks National Foundation, Inc. was presented to the First Presbyterian Church of Zephyrhills for their weekly feeding program "The Community Cupboard"

Left to right: Ken Fabiani, Veterans Chairman, Pastor Denise Lay, Judy Osgood and Karl Finnimore, Exalted Ruler of Zephyrhills Elks Lodge 2731.

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

# November 2024

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Music: Reel Players	2 Lounge Open
Lounge Open Euchre 1:00 PM	House Committee Meeting 9 AM BOD Meeting 10 AM	5 Karla's Karaoke 3:30PM	Wednesday Night Games 5:30-7:30PM Euchre 1:00 PM	Bingo Doors Open at 4 PM	8 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Music: Pressure Point	9 Lounge Open
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