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B.P.O.E. Lodge 2731 Newsletter



Zephyrhills, FL

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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.

Karl Finnimore, Exalted Ruler

Elks Care - Elks Share



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
FRIDAY	1:00 PM—8:00 PM
SATURDAY	1:00 PM—8:00 PM

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.



LETS 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.



**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.



Friday Nov 1st	Real Players
Friday Nov 8th	Pressure Point
Friday Nov 15th	Karl Sapp
Friday Nov 22nd	Jesse Derringer
Friday Nov 29th	Allen Chamberlain

OCTOBERFEST!

On Saturday, September 16th, guests were welcomed to an Oktoberfest 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.

LOVE THE COSTUMES



STEIN HOLDING WINNERS
1st: Jay
2nd: Paul
3rd: Wendy

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, Oktoberfest Hat, Beer stein or stein filled with candy. Winner of the Oktoberfest 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

SAVE THE DATES



Lunch and Learn
Nutrition and Aging
November 19th
11:30-12:30



Thanksgiving Dinner
November 27th
4:30-6:30
Tickets on sale soon
Eat in or Take out

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 Klammer, 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
					1 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Music: Reel Players	2 Lounge Open
3 Lounge Open Euchre 1:00 PM	4 House Committee Meeting 9 AM BOD Meeting 10 AM	5 Karla's Karaoke 3:30PM	6 Wednesday Night Games 5:30-7:30PM Euchre 1:00 PM	7 Bingo Doors Open at 4 PM	8 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Music: Pressure Point	9 Lounge Open
10 Lounge Open Echre 1:00 PM	11 Lodge Closed	12 Karla's Karaoke 3:30PM	13 Wednesday Night Games 5:30-7:30PM Euchre 1:00 PM	14 Bingo Doors Open at 4 PM	15 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Music: Karl Sapp	16 Lounge Open Carnival Night 4:30-8:30 Dinner 5:00 PM
17 Lounge Open Euchre 1:00 PM	18 House Committee Meeting 9 AM BOD Meeting 10 AM Ori5tation 5:45PM Lodge Meeting 7 PM	19 Karla's Karaoke 3:30PM Lunch & Learn 11:30-12:30	20 Wednesday Night Games 5:30-7:30PM Euchre 1:00 PM	21 Bingo Doors Open at 4 PM	22 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Music: Jesse Derringer	23 Lounge Open
24 Lounge Open Euchre 1:00 PM	25 Lodge Closed	26 Karla's Karaoke 3:30PM	27 Wednesday Night Games 5:30-7:30PM Euchre 1:00 PM Thanksgiving Dinner 4:30-6:30 PM	28 Bingo Doors Open at 4 PM	29 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Music: Alan Chamberlain	30 Lounge Open