

ER Message:

I want to start by saying Congratulations to Kelli Ackett. Because of Kelli's hard work, dedication and creativity, Zephyrhills Lodge #2731 was selected by the Florida State Elks Association as the winner of the Lodge Virtual Website contest. Everything she posts online and especially the Lodge Facebook page is not only entertaining but also informative. While it was announced that the winner of this award was Zephyrhills Elks , the person who actually won this award is Kelli Ackett. GREAT JOB KELLI. If you have not yet checked it out, please do so soon. You'll enjoy everything posted daily.
November marks the beginning of what are typically the two busiest months of the Elk year. As we head into the holiday season, we have several important events and traditions that highlight the spirit of our Lodge and our commitment to our community.
A special thank you goes out to all the volunteers who recently helped clean out and reorganize the Veterans Shed. This was a project that was far too large for any one person to tackle alone, and it was inspiring to see so many members step up and lend a hand. Your hard work, teamwork, and dedication made a tremendous difference, and the Lodge sincerely appreciates everyone who took the time to help. This is a great example of Elk volunteers coming together to get the job done.
Our annual **District Deputy Visit and Audit** will take place on **November 7**. This visit is an important part of ensuring our Lodge continues to operate successfully and in accordance with the principles of Elkdom.
We will also gather for our annual **Thanksgiving Dinner** on the **Wednesday before Thanksgiving**, a cherished tradition that brings our members and families together to celebrate friendship, gratitude, and fellowship. (For details check out the Newsletter)
On **November 11 at 11:00 a.m.**, we will hold our **Elks Veterans Day Service**. This ceremony is our opportunity to honor and thank the men and women who have served our nation with courage, dedication, and sacrifice. We encourage all members to attend as we pay tribute to our veterans and recognize their invaluable contributions to our country. (For details check out the Newsletter)
We are also taking donations for our annual Thanksgiving Baskets for Angels Unique, an organization that assists Special Citizens in Dade City and Zephyrhills. The deadline for donations is Friday November 20, 2026. (For more details on what items are needed, see Newsletter}
On **November 21**, we will open our doors to the community for a special **Lodge Open House**. This event is designed to showcase everything our Lodge has to offer and provide an opportunity for visitors to learn more about who we are and what we do. The day will feature an electronics
recycling truck, local crafters, a food truck, and guided tours of the Lodge conducted by our Lodge Ambassadors. This is a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate the values of Elkdom, connect with our community, and, who knows, perhaps even welcome a few new members into our Elk family.
As we move through this busy season, thank you for your continued support and participation. Together, we make our Lodge a strong and welcoming place for all.

See You at the Lodge:

Fraternally:
Paul Nutting - Exalted Ruler



Elks National Foundation, Inc.

A Special Thank You to everyone for attending the "FALL FESTIVAL" event to benefit ENF on October 17,2026.
All of the VOLUNTEERS from Cindy Pinto and her crew for decorating, Ken Fabiani and his helpers in the kitchen, the donations of the RAFFLE BASKETS, Gwen Klamer and her JELLO SHOTS. And all other volunteers who helped with everything.
Everyone did a great job, and we had new volunteers.
THANKS EVERYONE for a successful event.

Update on ENF Donors: Two new regular donors, one coin tube, all donations are appreciated.

The FREEDOM Grant for the Zephyrhills Veterans' Clinic has been received. James A, Haley's Volunteer Services has requested November 10, 2026 for presentation.
The GRATITUDE Grant for two Elementary schools and one Middle school is in the processing stage.

THANKS to MEMBERS of Zephyrhills Elks Lodge for supporting ENF.

Judy Osgood, ENF Chairman (2026-2027)

NOVEMBER



Elk of the Month

Elk of the Month – October
Jack Osterhout

Zephyrhills Elks Lodge #2731 is proud to recognize **Jack Osterhout** as our **Elk of the Month for November 2026**.
Jack is a dedicated and hardworking member who has generously given his time and talents to our Lodge for many years. Most Thursday evenings, you can find Jack in the kitchen preparing food for our Bingo players, helping to ensure the evening is enjoyable for everyone who attends.
Over the years, Jack has contributed in many other ways as well. He was a valued member of the Lodge's lawn mowing crew, helping maintain and beautify our grounds. In addition, Jack spent many years cooking for our popular Friday Night Fish Fries, providing countless meals and contributing to one of our Lodge's favorite traditions.
Jack's willingness to serve, whether in the kitchen or around the Lodge grounds, exemplifies the spirit of Elkdom. His quiet dedication and consistent support have made a positive impact on our Lodge and our members.
Congratulations, Jack, and thank you for your years of service and commitment to Zephyrhills Elks Lodge #2731.

Volunteer of the Month



Volunteer of the Month – October
Gail Descant

Zephyrhills Elks Lodge #2731 is proud to recognize **Gail Descant** as our **Volunteer of the Month for November 2026**.
Gail has devoted many years of service to our Lodge and continues to be one of our most dependable volunteers. Most members know Gail from her work in the kitchen during Thursday night Bingo, where she helps ensure everything runs smoothly for our guests and members.
What many may not see is the work Gail does behind the scenes. Each Thursday morning, she comes to the Lodge to prepare and set up for the meals that will be served during Bingo. Her dedication and willingness to help make a tremendous contribution to the success of our weekly events.
Gail has also served as our **Volunteer Coordinator**, helping organize and support the many volunteers who make our Lodge activities possible. Whether she is preparing food, organizing the kitchen, assisting with meal service, or even stepping up to wash dishes when needed, there is very little that Gail cannot do.
Her positive attitude, dedication, and years of faithful service exemplify the volunteer spirit that makes our Lodge successful. We are grateful for all that Gail does and are proud to recognize her as our **Volunteer of the Month for November 2026**.
Congratulations, Gail, and thank you for your continued commitment to Zephyrhills Elks Lodge #2731.

Lounge Hours

SUNDAY	1:00 PM—8:00 PM
MONDAY	1:00 PM—8:00 PM
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



This Year's Officers

List of Officers for 2026-2027

Exalted Ruler -	Paul Nutting, PER
Esteemed Leading Knight -	Lou Sara
Esteemed Loyal Knight -	Steve Kennard
Esteemed Lecturing Knight -	Tom Cardwell
Secretary -	Bobbie Schwob
Treasurer -	Betty McElroy
Esquire -	Bill Morehouse
Tiler-	Craig Miller
Chaplin -	Diana Kuhn
Inner Guard -	Linda Hoagland
1yr. Trustee -	Barbara Edyburn
2yr. Trustee -	Anne McDonald
3yr. Trustee -	R. Mike Ritchie, PDDGER
4yr. Trustee -	Nick Schwob
5yr. Trustee -	Beth Impson



Friday November 6th Jesse Derringer

Friday November 13th Joe Nelson

Friday November 20th Karl Sapp

Friday November 27th Will Yancy and Billie Jo Harrelson

Get ready to sing your heart out and share unforgettable moments!

Tuesday, November 3 NO KARAOKE, ELECTION DAY

Saturday, November 7 Dave's burgers w/Sam's potato salad

Tuesday, November 10 Ken's Philly cheesesteak sandwiches

Saturday, November 14 Kevin's 6 oz chicken filet sandwich w/fries or onion rings

Tuesday,, November 17 Trudo family wings and fries

Saturday, November 21 after our Open House from 9 until 1, a nice pot of chili

Tuesday, November 24 Pulled pork sandwich w/Bush's beans

Saturday, November 28 BBQ beef brisket sandwich w/pasta salad

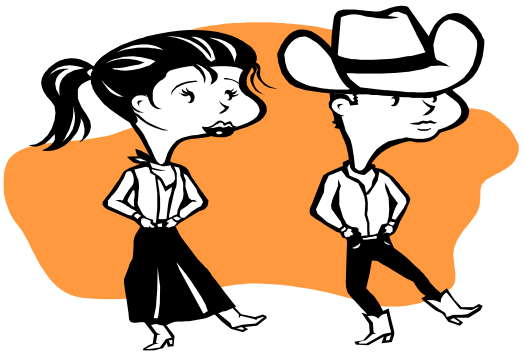
Come join us for Tuesday Karaoke from 3 to 7pm & Saturday 3 to 6pm in the dining room.
Food will be served from 3 to 5, cash only.

Tuesdays, November 10,17 and 24 is Corey's Karaoke
Saturdays, November 7,14,21 and 28 is "Wild Bill" Fields Karaoke

Join us as we create lasting memories and strengthen our bonds as a community!



Come Join the Fun On Wednesday's





Line Dancing
10:30 am -12 pm

Euchre 1:00 pm

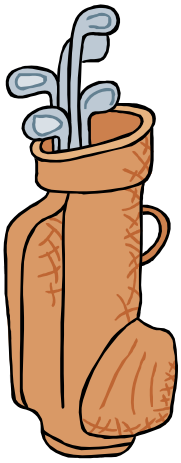
Night Games 600-700 pm





Co-ed Golf Scramble held every Friday at 9am at Scotland Yard, meetup at 8:15. Sign-up by Thursday, sheet on bulletin board

All golfers are welcome to join in







Thursday night Bingo, doors open





HIGH SCHOOL'S "THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE" DONATION



Barbara Edyburn, Board of Directors Chairman, Mrs. Judy Williams, HS Parent/Volunteer Coordinator and Gwen Klamer, Special Citizens Candy Sales member

A $500 donation from the Special Citizens candy sales and a matching $500 donation from the Lodge, was presented to Mrs. Judy Williams, Zephyrhills HS Parent/Volunteer Coordinator, on October 20th. The $1,000 donation will be used for the Zephyrhills High School's "Thanksgiving Food Drive."

Mrs. Williams said there are 56 students currently involved in the ABC (Assist, Believe, Care) program. She believes the number will be closer to 80 students by November. The food drive will provide food and essentials for backpacks which are given to ABC students on weekends and over the holidays when school is not in session. The ABC program is helping those students who are striving to gain an education despite challenging situations.

Mrs. Williams expressed appreciation for the donation and the continued support that the Zephyrhills Elks Lodge #2731 provides to the schools and the community.

FRIDAY Menu



YOUR CHOICE OF:

FRIED FISH	$18
BAKED FISH	$18
BAKED CHICKEN	$18

WITH:

Choice of French fries or sweet potato fries, baked potato or baked sweet potato, and choice of coleslaw or applesauce



THANKSGIVING BASKETS

The Lodge has been contacted by Angels Unique, an organization that assistants Special Citizens in Dade City and Zephyrhills. They are in need of 13 Thanksgiving baskets this year. We would like to provide them with a complete Thanksgiving feast.

Items needed:

Turkey (12-15 lbs)
Potatoes
Green Beans
Stuffing
Gravy
Cranberry Sauce
Onions
Margarine
Rolls
Pumpkin Pie

There is a SIGN-UP SHEET on the lounge bulletin board. Drop off your donation(s) in the Thanksgiving bin in the lodge. Please let the office know if you are donating a turkey.

Deadline for the items is Friday, November 20, 2026.



All donations are greatly appreciated!


SAVE the DATE
ZEPHYRHILLS ELKS LODGE #2731
OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST
9 AM - 1 PM
Elks
2731
Bring your friends and family
and come see what our lodge is all about!
6851 Wire Rd, Zephyrhills
813-782-4604
1. RECYCLE ELECTRONICS TRUCK AVAILABLE
2. CRAFT FAIR
3. TOURS OF OUR LODGE AND MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE
4. FOOD TRUCKS
Wendy's Sassy & Saucy Roadside Grill
5. CORNHOLE TOSS
6. KARAOKE STARTS AT 3PM
Chili to be served
7. GIFT BASKET RAFFLE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Cords, Power Supplies & Chargers
Anything with a Plug or Battery
WE DO NOT ACCEPT:
No large appliances such as washers, dryers, stoves, or refrigerators.

NEIGHBORS

Supporting Neighbors





MONDAY • NOVEMBER 30th • 4 - 7 PM

Join us in supporting

ZEPHYRHILLS ELKS LODGE #2731

15% of all sales will be donated, this includes gift cards valid at all Culver's.

These dollars support Elks Care, Elks Share programs.

Join us for Dine-in, Carry-out or Drive-Thru too!

We're always looking for opportunities for neighbors to help neighbors.
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Wine & Canvas
Elks Lodge #2731
December 14
4-6PM
$25
Signup Sheet in the Lobby
Art supplies provided. Wine available for purchase.

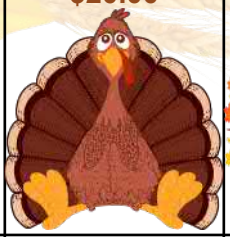

2026
NEW
YEARS EVE
PARTY
WINTER
LIGHTS
PRIME RIB &
JUMBO SHRIMP
COCKTAIL HOUR
4PM
DINNER SERVED
5PM
OPEN BAR
(TICKET HOLDERS ONLY)
Entertainment
GEARS-1
MUSIC EXPLOSION
A Toast to Our Absent Members


New Year's Eve Party
Winter Lights
Date: Thursday, December 31, 2026
Ticket cost is $55.00 for Prime Rib & Shrimp and Open Bar.
Ticket sales start Monday, November 2, through Saturday, December 19.
Reserve table number at the time you purchase your ticket.
Please note that for large parties, tickets must be reserved and paid for at the same time.
To purchase tickets see Cindy Pinto or Ilene Nutting.
Sales will be on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
Paid by Cash, Check or Credit Cards.
MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT TO FOLLOW DINNER
Gear-1 Music Explosion
(Gary Wilcox)
Cocktail Hour: 4:00 PM
Dinner Served: 5:00 PM
Between 9:00 PM – 10:00 PM
We Will have Prayer for Our Absent Members By E.R. Paul Nutting
Early Midnight Toast and sing Auld Lang Syne
New 50/50 Lightning Strikes (three chances to win)
Any Question contact Ilene Nutting 315-771-7862
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Meal Times
Tue & Sat 3-5 PM
Wed & Fri
4:30-6:30 PM

November 2026

Lounge Hours
Monday
Thru
Sunday
1 - 8 PM

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Lodge OPEN Euchre 1 PM	2 Lodge OPEN House Committee Meeting 9 AM BOD Meeting 10 AM	3 ELECTION DAY Lodge CLOSED NO KARAOKE	4 Line Dancing 10:30 - Noon Wednesday Night Games Euchre 1 PM Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Sm. Salad Garlic Bread	5 Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	6 FISH FRY 4:30 - 6:30 PM Music By Jesse Derringer	7 Karaoke 3-6 PM Food 3-5 Dave's Burgers w/ Sam's Potato Salad KJ "WILD BILL"
8 Lodge OPEN Euchre 1 PM	9 Lodge OPEN	10 Karaoke 3:00-7:00PM Ken's Philly Cheese Steak Sandwiches KJ Corey	11 VETERANS SERVICE 11AM Wednesday Night Games Euchre 1 PM Sloppy Joe Potato Salad Baked Beans	12 Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	13 FISH FRY 4:30 - 6:30 PM Music By Joe Nelson	14 Karaoke 3-6 PM Food 3-5 Kevin's 6oz. Chicken Filet Sandwich w/ Fries or OR. KJ "WILD BILL"
15 Lodge OPEN Euchre 1 PM	16 Lodge OPEN House Committee Meeting 9 AM BOD Meeting 10 AM Orientation 5:45 Lodge Meeting 7PM	17 Karaoke 3:00-7:00PM Trudo Family Wings And Fries KJ Corey	18 Line Dancing 10:30 - Noon Wednesday Night Games Euchre 1 PM Chicken Alfredo Mixed Vegtables Bread	19 Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	20 FISH FRY 4:30 - 6:30 PM Music By Karl Sapp VETS For Dinner	21 OPEN HOUSE 9AM - 1PM Karaoke 3-6 PM Food 3-5 A Nice Pot Of Chili LJ "WILD BILL"
22 Lodge OPEN Euchre 1 PM	23 Lodge OPEN	24 Karaoke 3:00-7:00PM Pulled Pork Sandwich w/Bush's Beans KJ Corey	25 THANKSGIVING DINNER 4:30 - 6:30 PM $20.00 	26 HAPPY THANKSGIV-ING WE ARE CLOSED 	27 FISH FRY 4:30 - 6:30 PM Music By Will Yancey & Billie Jo Harrelson	28 Karaoke 3-6 PM Food 3-5 BBQ Beef Brisket Sandwich w/Pasta Salad KJ "WILD BILL" Fields
29 Lodge OPEN Euchre 1 PM	30 Lodge OPEN Eat at Culvers 4-7 PM	1 Karaoke 3:00-7:00PM Taco Salad KJ Corey	2 Line Dancing 10:30 - Noon Wednesday Night Games Euchre 1 PM	3 Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	4 FISH FRY 4:30 - 6:30 Music By	5 Karaoke 3-6 PM Food 3-5 Meatball Sub KJ Sandra Rose