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B.P.O.E. Lodge 2731 Newsletter

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

First of all I want to thank PER Barbara Conklin for her dedication and commitment during her year as Exalted Ruler at the Lodge.

As I look forward to being the Exalted Ruler for Zephyrhills Elks Lodge #2731 I reflect back on the past year and ask myself what can be done differently. How do we make the changes necessary over the next year and years to come so more members will want to get more involved and want to come to the Lodge now and then. We are so much more than a bingo hall and a bar with a fish fry each Friday. Did you know that the Lodge donated almost $30,000.00 to different charities and schools this past year? We donated $1200.00 to the most improved 5th and 6th grade students in schools in Zephyrhills and Dade City. We sponsor two little league teams. One in Zephyrhills and one in Dade City. These are just a few of the things we do.

This Lodge helps many of our veterans, our youth, our schools, the elderly and our community in general, and most of our members have no idea what those things are because they are not active enough to know what is going on. Volunteer a couple hours a month on a committee or help out in the kitchen on a Friday or Wednesday evening if that interests you.

Talk to me or one of the other officers to see what you could do to help. Come to a meeting and see how the lodge runs and actually be able to vote on where the Lodge money goes and how it is spent. It's also a good time to meet the Officers of the Lodge

I guess what I am trying to say is we need you. For your Lodge to be able to continue what we do, we need you. If you have continued to read this message all the way to this point, I Thank You and will once again say WE NEED YOU.

I would like to meet every one of the members of our Lodge and say Thank You for being an Elk. You are a member of the best fraternal organization on the planet, Stop into the lodge and say hi and get acquainted with some old friends and make some new ones. There's an old saying that states BPOE stands for "Best People On Earth" This is certainly the truth.

I look forward to seeing you at your Lodge.

Fraternally:
Paul Nutting PER
Exalted Ruler

April

Elk of the Month

It gives me great pleasure to select PER *Barbara Conklin* Elk of the month for April 2026. As you know Barbara has just completed her year as Exalted Ruler for the Zephyrhills Elks #2731. Barbara never lost her sense of humor in fact she saw humor in almost everything. During the past year Barbara has shown her commitment to the Veterans by hosting a group of veterans each month and the number of Veterans keeps getting larger. She also helps to coordinate Bingo each Thursday.

Volunteer of the Month

In selecting the Volunteer of the month I look for a person who not only volunteers in the Lodge but also a Volunteer that takes pride in what they do and how they do it. One person who comes to mind when I think about selecting Volunteer of the month is *Beth Impson*. This lady does it all. She keeps on top of everything going on not only in the kitchen but the entire Lodge. She has even volunteered to be our 5 year Trustee and be on our Board of Directors. Beth truly exemplifies what Elkdom is all about and why we do what we do. It gives me great pleasure to award Beth with the Volunteer of the Month for April 2026. Thank you Beth for all you do.

Welcome 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 -	Dave Moyer, PER
3yr. Trustee -	R. Mike Ritchie, PDDGER
4yr. Trustee -	Donna Moyer, PER
5yr. Trustee -	Beth Impson

Consider volunteering at your lodge, where opportunities range from a few hours monthly to weekly. We are continually seeking new members to join our community. Currently, we need someone interested in learning our POS system, which is simply the register used to take orders during weekly meals. The system is straightforward, and volunteering provides a chance to engage with others and contribute to our lodge activities. Your participation would be greatly appreciated and rewarding.

Please contact Bobbie Schwob if you have any questions or would like more information.

bschwob@gmail.com or 813-997-4554

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

Details of the Happy Hour Promotion

Start Date: Dec 2025
Time Frame: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM daily
Discount: $1.00 off on any alcoholic drink

During these hours, member and their guests can indulge in a wide selection of beverages, including beers, wines, spirits, and cocktails, all at a reduced price. Whether you're unwinding after a long day or celebrating a special occasion, our Happy Hour offers the perfect opportunity to enjoy quality drinks at a lower cost.

We encourage all guests to take advantage of this promotion and make the most of your time at the Lodge. Please note that the Happy Hour prices are available only during the specified hours and are applicable to all alcoholic drinks on our menu.

April 3rd	Drifting South Band
April 10th	Jim Rich
April 17th	Karl Sapp
April 24th	Will Yancy & Billie Jo Harrelson

Happy Birthday!!!

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

April 7th Lou's 6 oz chicken sandwich

April 14th Ken's Philly cheese steak sandwich

April 21st Dave's burgers

April 28th Scott's wings

Come join us for Tuesday Karaoke with Corey from 3 to 7pm in the dining room.
Meal served from 3 til 5pm
Cash only

We want to thank Carla and Stan for their dedication to our Karaoke nights and we all hope for a speedy recovery for Stan
Due to this health issue, Saturday Karaoke is cancelled until further notice.

Come Join the Fun On Wednesday's

Line Dancing
10:30 am -12 pm

Euchre 1:00 pm

Night Games 600-700 pm

There will be Food on Wednesday's
From 4:30-6:30pm

April 1st Taco Salad
April 8th Turkey Dinner
April 15th Reg Wed Menu
April 22nd Fish Basket
April 29th Philly Cheese Steak

Thursday night Bingo, doors open

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

Come join us on Friday's Fish fry 4:30 to 6:30 pm

POT O' GOLD DINNER

The Pot O' Gold event held Saturday, March 14th certainly got everyone in an Irish mood. During the social hour, Lisa Brown set the tone for the evening by playing bagpipes. The traditional Irish meal, prepared and served by Anne McDonald and Audrey and Tony Pinnone, was exceptional.

After the meal, while enjoying the music of Rick Wynn, guests could participate in the Pot O' Gold scratch offs, the Shamrock Lotto and Irish Basket raffles and take a chance on the 50/50. Oh yes, and the Irish Coffee special was a great treat for the evening.

Bagpiper Lisa Brown

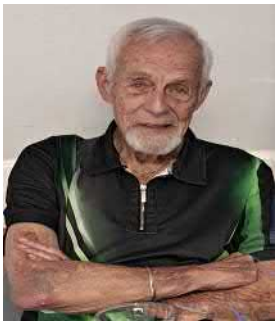
Waiting to get their meal: Gladys, Geri, Linda, Barbara & Cindy

Scratch off Sellers: Barb & Steve

IRISH COFFEE HERE

Posing at the Photo Wall

The Legend has Retired (as Secretary that is)

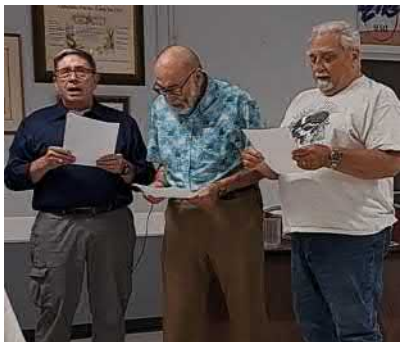


Nick Schwob has announced his decision to retire as lodge Secretary after 18 years of service. His "friends" Dick Allen and Dan Beauchamp decided to give Nick the kind of send off they thought he deserved. With family and friends in attendance, the evening began with a tasty meal prepared and served by Randy Light and his crew Kevin Bahr, Jim and Joyce Pasco and Chris and Sheri Lynch.

The program after the meal turned out to be a light hearted roast about secretary Nick. Songs were sung by a hastily put together trio (PER"S Paul Nutting, Dave Moyer and Jay Klamer). And then, various members stepped to the podium to entertain the audience with stories of Nick's antics during the years. A special guest speaker, Ruth Buzzy (aka. Ilene Nutting), gave a hilarious skit on what it was really like to work with Nick.

All kidding aside—the evening was a great tribute to Nick Schwob who has served the district well over the past several years. We wish him well in his new endeavors and know he will still be instrumental in the Elks lodge.

Nick, Bobbie , & family members



The Improv Trio

ER Barbara Conklin begins the program

Special guest speaker Ruth Buzzy tells Nick what she "really" thinks!

Nick and Dick finish the night with a Nicky Night toast! Night!