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B.P.O.E. Lodge 2731 Newsletter



Zephyrhills, FL

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



First of all I want to wish Marie Vesta all the best in whatever is in her future. She took on a job that normally requires three years to work into. While here, she did a great job as a member of the House Committee then as chairperson of that committee. She started many projects that I will continue to try to complete for her. Good Luck Marie.

We have several things planned at the Lodge for the month of November. We have our Veterans ritual scheduled for November 11th at 11am and on the same day we are having a USO style dance to honor our veterans. The committee has a big event planned with lots of food, dancing, hundreds of dollars in door prizes, a 50/50 as well as a booze basket to raffle off. All proceeds will go to our Veterans. If you have not yet bought your tickets, do so soon as they are selling fast.

We will also be having our annual Thanksgiving dinner with turkey and all the trimmings. Also a reminder that the Lodge is open Tuesday thru Sunday from 1pm - 8pm. Why not stop in and say hi to your fellow elk brothers and sisters.

Don't forget about the game night Wednesdays with food available as well as Friday evening fish fry. Pizza is always available at the bar. I hope to see you at the Lodge.

Paul Nutting, PER

Exalted Ruler



The Elks National Foundation Helping Elks build stronger communities



The current per capita for our lodge is \$2.38 and we are ranked third in the Central District. We need to get our per capita to \$4.80 in order to apply for ENF Grants for 2024-2025 year. Please consider making a donation.

We have two more Fidelity Club Members and this is a great help.

The grants for the current lodge year are progressing in a timely manner.

Thank you to all donors of the lodge for your continuing help to meet the per capita.

Judy Osgood,
ENF Chairman

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,
Mary Crosier, PDDGER



Elk of the Month

This month is kind of a special month in that two people have been selected for the Elk of the Month. This month's Elks of the month are **Barbara Edyburn and Dave Kelsey**. Barbara stepped in to make sure the office continued to function as it should. During the month of September, Barb logged 130 volunteer hours in the office. Dave Kelsey kept the bar going with ordering and also kept the POS system up and running. Dave also keeps the pull tab machine stocked. Most mornings Dave also opens the Lodge bright and early and starts everyone's day with a pot of coffee. Thank You David and Barbara for everything you do and will do in the future



From The
Lodge Secretary
Nick Schwob



New Candidates

Candidate

Taurien McAuley

Elizabeth McElroy

Volunteer of the Month

It gives me great pleasure to name **Diane Jackson** as Volunteer of the month for November. It seems whenever I am at the Lodge Diane is also there working in some capacity or another. Whether it's the kitchen, floor or the POS. I've been told by the Volunteer coordinators that she always seems to be available to fill in when needed.

Diane, I thank you for everything you do



11/03/2023	Reel Players
11/10/2023	Johnny Cash Trib.
11/11/2023	Alan Chamberlain
11/17/2023	Johnny & Friends
11/24/2023	Karl Sapp

Elks Care - Elks Share

Happy Birthday!!!



Clip Coupon for Free July Birthday Drink!

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.

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.



LET'S SHOW OUR SUPPORT BY WEARING SOMETHING RED!

Chaplains Corner

Time is flying by so fast. It is hard to believe that we only have two months left in this year.



It is so nice to see our northern friends back at the Lodge.

Judy Osgood had surgery and is recuperating. Nick Schwob continues to recover from his surgery and Fred Ruth is ill. Keep them all in your prayers.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Enjoy your family and friends.

Anne Mc Donald, Chaplain
813-395-4723

LOUNGE CHAIR CHALLENGE



Members of the Project Update Committee, Glenda Bliss, Gwen Klamer, Steve Impson, Paul Nutting, and Wayne Page, are currently researching new chairs for the lounge. Requirements for the chairs are that they have arms and wheels, can swivel and material is an industrial strength vinyl.

However, it is first necessary to raise the funds to buy the chairs. It is hoped to keep the cost of a chair at \$250. Estimated funding would be \$15,000 (\$250 a chair X 60 chairs).

Thanks to a \$500 donation from Past Exalted Ruler, Marie Vesta, and an additional \$280 from Sunday's events we have a starting balance of \$780.

It is a beginning, but we are going to need our members help in researching acceptable replacement chairs and, of course, in paying for the chairs. A progress chart will be placed on the bulletin board.

Help us meet the Lounge Chair Challenge!

Line Dancing

Line dancing - Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Everyone is welcome!



Veterans Day

VETERAN'S DAY RITUAL
11:00 AM
ZEPHYRHILLS ELKS LODGE
#2731
NOVEMBER 11, 2023

Please join us at 4:00PM for our
USO Style Dance
 (See below)



A Salute to our Armed Forces Veterans Fundraiser

USO Style Dance

November 11 2023 4:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.

Pre-Show Entertainment: 4:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.

Dinner Served: 5:00p.m. – 6:30p.m.

Allen Chamberlain: 6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m.

Dinner Ticket: Single - \$14.00 Dinner Ticket: Couple - \$25.00

Military Dress Suggested/Optional

\$1.00 Dance with the Ladies Proceeds go to Veterans

Door Prizes 50/50 Raffle

Contact Gindy Pinto or Kelli Ackett for more info

TICKET 9562663

USO

Turkey Dinner



Wednesday November 22, 2023
 4:30—6:30 PM

\$15.00

Menu:

Turkey, Mashed Potato/Gravy
 Stuffing, Glazed Carrots
 Cranberry Sauce, Rolls
 Apple or Pumpkin Pie



Must Purchase Tickets by November 15th

Take-outs will be available-must purchase ticket
 By November 14th



Food donations needed for thanksgiving baskets. We will be putting together 14 baskets to be picked up by Angels Unique on November 20,2023.

Example donations:

Turkeys
 canned green beans
 stove top stuffing mix
 gravy mix
 potatoes
 onions

Thanksgiving Baskets



Dottie Sollmann
 Geri Teeple

Sign up sheet on bulletin board



Greeting from the Florida Ladies of Elks

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. I am Pauline Talbott, the 2023/2024 FLOE President. My logo this year is a Lighthouse with the motto "Be a Guiding Light."

I have been an active member of the Sebastian Elks Lodge #2714 and my local ladies' organization for the past 8 years, attending my first FSEA State Convention in May 2020. It was there that I first heard about FLOE and attended my first FLOE meeting. Everyone was so friendly and welcoming I quickly became involved. Since attending my first FLOE meeting, I have attended every state meeting and National Convention since, which only increases my love of FLOE and the Elks. I have made some wonderful friendships that will last a lifetime.

This year we will continue the Angel Program Reverse Draw to support FECS and will hold our 2nd Annual RV Rally May 31-June 2, 2024, to benefit FEYC. Please visit the "It's All About FLOE" section on the Florida State Elks Association website for more information on FLOE fundraising and events.

FLOE and the local ladies' organizations put a lot of time and energy into various activities and events to raise money for local charities as well as to support the FSEA Major Projects. With their hard work it is no wonder FLOE and the lodge ladies' organizations have donated more than \$1.8 million to charity. The local ladies' organization donations to the Harry-Anna Trust Fund and ENF help the lodges per capita. Promote the Ladies' events for success and the lodge will succeed.

I want to remind everyone that FLOE membership consists of **EVERY** lady Elk, wife of an Elk, widow of an Elk, regardless of whether they are affiliated with a local ladies' organization. There is no application and no dues. How active a lady becomes is totally at her discretion.

I encourage all ladies to come to a meeting held during every FSEA convention weekend. Join us at the midyear Ladies Activity and FLOE meeting, where we will be making Fall Holiday Wreaths. Join us for the 3rd Annual Ladies Weekend at the youth camp April 12-14, 2024. Relax, enjoy, and make new friends from lodges across the state. It promises to be a fun time.

Ladies, promote your events on the [FLOE Facebook page](#), so everyone can have the opportunity to support them.

Please check <https://floridaelks.org/floe> for more information relating to FLOE or email floeinformation@gmail.com with any questions.



Thank you for your continued support.

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

November 2023

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 Wednesday Night Games 5:30-7:30PM Euchre 10:00 AM Line Dancing 10 AM—noon	2 Bingo Doors Open at 4 PM	3 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Music: Reel Players	4 Bar Open Stop in and see Bartender Jimmy
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