



# Buck and Doe

B.P.O.E. Lodge 2731 Newsletter



Zephyrhills, FL

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December 2023

## EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



It's great to go into the Lodge and see all the smiling faces of our returning members. It's very evident in the great crowds we are getting on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

The House Committee has arranged to bring back karaoke on Tuesday evenings for all our friends who love to sing. Even if you are not a singer, stop in and support those who are. Nothing

goes better on a Tuesday evening quite like a cold drink, pizza and song.

It's hard to believe that we are into the Holiday season already. Christmas is right around the corner so be sure to check the calendar in your bulletin for events during the month.

Christmas is traditionally a time of giving. If you have not made a donation to ENF yet this year, please consider this a great time to do so. All the grants we get from Grand Lodge are due to your giving to ENF. Without your donations we will not receive the grants that allow us to do what we do in the community. Also don't forget about the Florida State Elks and Harry/Anna. Your donation to Harry/Anna goes to keep the Elks Youth Camp as well as the Children's Therapy services going. Please consider becoming a proud donor to one or both of these programs.

We will have the Elks Memorial Service at 1:00pm on Sunday December 3rd to pay our respects to the 21 members who have passed away over this past year.

This service is open to all friends and family of our departed members. We will have a light lunch following the service. 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 the lodge through October 31, 2023 is \$3.82 and we are 4th in the Central District.

Good news, the lodge has 12 ENF Fidelity Club members who are monthly donors. Thank you always to the lodge members and ENF donors for your continued support.

December is a busy month for finalizing the grants and delivering to the James A. Haley VA Hospital's five programs

- Domiciliary, Hospice Caregiver Support,
- Inpatient Mental Health Dignity
- Audiology/Speech
- Pathology
- Tampa Veterans Center.

These Grants have also helped support three (3) Elementary Schools in our area and the Healing Hearts Cafe.

**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's Elk of the Month is a lady who came up with an idea to do a USO style dance and have it very similar to the old style USO dances that entertained our troops during war time. Of course I am talking about **Ms. Kelli Ackett**. She told me that this idea came to her while searching for a song to sing at karaoke one evening. She then asked some other people to help and the dance idea was born. Kelli went out into the community and asked for donations as door prizes and put a great group of volunteers together to help. All proceeds then went to help support our Veterans in the area.

THIS is what Elks do. It is with great pleasure that I name **Kelli Ackett** as Elk of the Month for December 2023



## Volunteer of the Month

The Volunteer of the Month for December 2023 is a lady who always seems to be at the Lodge no matter what's going on. She is a member of the House Committee and worked right along side the Elk of the Month to make the USO style dance such a success. **Ms. Cindy Pinto** organized all the decorations and set up the dining room for the event. She is also the go to person should an outside party inquire about renting the big room for an event.

It gives me great pleasure to name **Ms. Cindy Pinto** as Volunteer of the Month for December 2023



**Happy Birthday!!!**



Clip Coupon for Free July Birthday Drink!

From The  
Lodge Secretary  
Nick Schwob



### New Candidates

#### Candidate

Sharlene Carmichal



|            |                          |
|------------|--------------------------|
| 12/01/2023 | Johnny & The Jam Bandits |
| 12/08/2023 | Bill D. Williams         |
| 12/15/2023 | Reel Players             |
| 12/22/2023 | Jesse Derringer          |

**Elks Care - Elks Share**

### 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

Greetings Elk friends,



We had a great Thanksgiving dinner at the Lodge. Accolades to our new chef. It is so nice seeing members enjoying themselves.

Christmas is just around the corner. I don't know about you, but it's my favorite time of the year. Let us remember to be kind to each other and to practice our principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

Merry Christmas,

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!***

### COME KICK UP YOUR HEELS! EVERY WEDNESDAY

#### Line Dancing Classes

10:00 a.m.—Noon  
ALL levels welcome  
Beginners from 10:00—10:30 a.m.  
Beginners/Intermediate 10:30 a.m. —Noon  
All Elk members & guest of Elks  
are invited to join us for a good time!

\$2.00 Donation





## Annual Egg Nog Party



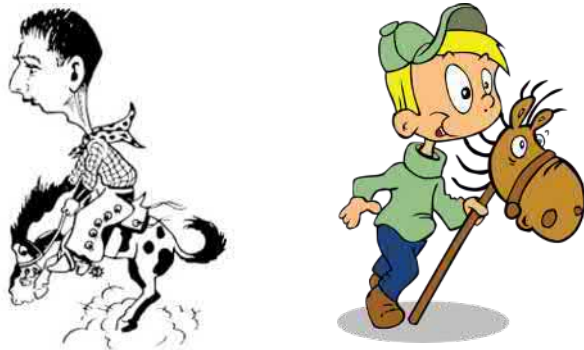
**Our Annual Egg Nog party will be  
December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve,  
2—4pm.**

## Join Us for Elks Horse Races Dec 16th, at 4:00 PM.

Place your bet and win some money,  
all bets go to the winners.

You can also volunteer to be a jockey.

***Come join the Fun***



# New Year's Eve!



Sunday December 31, 2023

Cocktails 4:00

(Open Bar)

Dinner 4:30-6:30 PM

Music 6:00

\$50.00 per person



### Menu:

Prime Rib/Lobster Tail

(Alternate choice-Chicken/Lobster Tail)

Twice Baked Potatoes

String Beans

Rolls/Garden Salad

Dessert

Music by:

Johnny Ellis

6:00-10:00 PM



**A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
and Happy New Year!**

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

# December 2023

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

| SUN  | MON  | TUE                                      | WED   | THUR  | FRI  | SAT   |
|--|--|--|---|---|--|---|
|  |  |  |   |   | 1<br><b>FISH FRY</b><br>4:30—6:30<br>PM<br>Johnny & Jam<br>Bandits       | 2<br><b>Bar Open</b><br>Stop in and<br>see<br>Bartender<br>Jimmy  |
| 3<br><b>Bar Open</b><br>Stop in and<br>see<br>Bartender<br>Jimmy<br><br>Euchre 1:00<br>PM  | 4<br><b>House<br/>Committee<br/>Meeting 9 AM<br/>BOD Meeting<br/>10 AM</b>   | 5<br><b>Karla's<br/>Karaoke<br/>4PM</b>  | 6<br><b>Wednesday<br/>Night Games<br/>5:30-7:30PM</b><br>Euchre 1:00<br>PM<br>Line Dancing<br>10 AM—noon  | 7<br><b>Bingo</b><br>Doors Open<br>at 4 PM  | 8<br><b>FISH FRY</b><br>4:30—6:30<br>PM<br>Music:<br>Bill D.<br>Williams | 9<br><b>Bar Open</b><br>Stop in and<br>see<br>Bartender<br>Jimmy  |
| 10<br><b>Bar Open</b><br>Stop in and<br>see<br>Bartender<br>Jimmy<br><br>Euchre 1:00<br>PM | 11<br><b>Lodge<br/>Closed</b>  | 12<br><b>Karla's<br/>Karaoke<br/>4PM</b> | 13<br><b>Wednesday<br/>Night Games<br/>5:30-7:30PM</b><br>Euchre 1:00<br>PM<br>Line Dancing<br>10 AM—noon<br>Special Citizens<br>Christmas Party<br>11-3 PM | 14<br><b>Bingo</b><br>Doors Open<br>at 4 PM | 15<br><b>FISH FRY</b><br>4:30—6:30<br>PM<br>Music:<br>Reel Players       | 16<br><b>Bar Open</b><br><br>Horse Races                          |
| 17<br><b>Bar Open</b><br>Stop in and<br>see<br>Bartender<br>Jimmy<br><br>Euchre 1:00<br>PM | 18<br><b>House<br/>Committee<br/>Meeting 9 AM<br/>BOD Meeting<br/>10 AM<br/>Orientation<br/>6PM<br/>Lodge Meeting<br/>7 PM</b> | 19<br><b>Karla's<br/>Karaoke<br/>4PM</b> | 20<br><b>Wednesday<br/>Night Games<br/>5:30-7:30PM</b><br>Euchre 1:00<br>PM<br>Line Dancing<br>10 AM—noon   | 21<br><b>Bingo</b><br>Doors Open<br>at 4 PM | 22<br><b>FISH FRY</b><br>4:30—6:30<br>PM<br>Music:<br>Jesse<br>Derringer | 23<br><b>Bar Open</b><br>Stop in and<br>see<br>Bartender<br>Jimmy |
| 24<br><b>Egg Nog<br/>Party 2-<br/>4PM</b><br>Eu-<br>chre<br>31<br><b>NYE<br/>Party</b>     | 25<br><b>Merry<br/>Christmas</b><br><br>Lodge<br>Closed  | 26<br><b>Karla's<br/>4PM</b>             | 27<br><b>Wednesday<br/>Night Games<br/>5:30-7:30PM</b><br>Euchre 1:00<br>PM<br>Line Dancing<br>10 AM—noon   | 28<br><b>Bingo</b><br>Doors Open<br>at 4 PM | 29<br><b>FISH FRY</b><br>4:30—6:30<br>PM                                 | 30<br><b>Bar Open</b><br>Stop in and<br>see<br>Bartender<br>Jimmy |

**OFFICERS**

|                  |                  |              |
|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Exalted Ruler    | Paul Nutting PER | 315-486-6987 |
| Leading Knight   | Karl Finnimore   | 207-751-9116 |
| Loyal Knight     | Beth Impson      | 770-856-9456 |
| Lecturing Knight | Judy Osgood      | 813-715-4991 |
| Secretary        | Nick Schwob      | 813-997-3588 |
| Treasurer        | Ilene Nutting    | 813-782-4604 |
| Chaplain         | Anne McDonald    | 813-395-4723 |
| Inner Guard      | Dwayne Gallant   | 207-787-1638 |
| Tiler            | Craig Miller     | 813-702-6381 |
| Esquire          | Bill Morehouse   | 813-469-7167 |

**TRUSTEES**

|                |                  |              |
|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1 Year Trustee | Barbara Conklin  | 813-713-5330 |
| 2 Year Trustee | Jay Klammer, PER | 813-469-3926 |
| 3 Year Trustee | Wayne Page       | 813-782-4545 |
| 4 Year Trustee | Barbara Edyburn  | 813-715-9993 |
| 5 Year Trustee | Richard Gest     | 352-588-0081 |

**COMMITTEES**

|                       |                            |              |
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| Accident Prevention   | Wayne Page                 | 813-782-4545 |
| Americanism           | Karl Finnimore             | 207-751-9116 |
| Audit & Accounting    | Donna Moyer, PER           | 813-727-6727 |
| Bingo                 | Kathy Honkala              | 734-837-1460 |
| Community Activities  | Barbara Conklin            | 813-713-5330 |
| Drug Awareness        | Richard Gest               | 352-588-0081 |
| Elk's Nat. Foundation | Judy Osgood                | 813-715-4991 |
| Elk's Memorial Day    |                            |              |
| Flag Day              | Ken Fabiani, PER           | 813-469-8093 |
| Fraternal Committee   | David Moyer, PER           | 813-727-6381 |
| Government Relations  | David Moyer, PER           | 813-727-6381 |
| Harry-Anna Foundation | Beth Impson                | 770-856-9456 |
| Hoop Shoot            | Bill Morehouse             | 813-469-7167 |
| Investigation         | Linda Hoagland             | 813-355-3499 |
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| Lodge Activities      | Marie Vesta                | 603-212-6683 |
| Lodge Advisor         | R. Michael Ritchie, PDDGER | 813-716-2900 |
| Lodge Mediator        | Cliff McDuffie             | 813-782-0877 |
| Membership            | Linda Hoagland             | 813-355-3499 |
| Mothers Day           | Marie Vesta                | 603-212-6683 |
| Music                 | Susan Slater               | 954-601-7209 |
| Orientation           | Linda Hoagland             | 813-355-3499 |
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| Presiding Justice     | Cliff McDuffie             | 813-782-0877 |
| Public Relations      | David Moyer, PER           | 813-727-6381 |
| Publicity             | Susan Slater               | 954-601-7209 |
| Scholarships          | Robert Hatfield PER        | 352-521-3774 |
| Special Functions     | Cynthia Pinto              | 813-940-0077 |
| Veterans Service      | Ken Fabiani, PER           | 813-469-8093 |
| Veterans Day          | Ken Fabiani, PER           | 813-469-8093 |
| Visitation            | David Moyer, PER           | 813-727-6381 |
| Volunteer Coordinator | Cindy Pinto                | 813-940-0077 |
| Youth Activities:     | Bill Morehouse             | 813-469-7167 |

**HOUSE COMMITTEE**

|             |                  |              |
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