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B.P.O.E. Lodge 2731 Newsletter



Zephyrhills, FL

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



As the month of February starts, I am reminded that this month is a very important month. The Lodge will be having two meetings this month. The first is to nominate the officers for the 2024 - 2025 Elk year. As of this writing we still have a couple of openings for Officers and committee persons. If you have been considering taking on a leadership position within the Lodge, now is the time to come forward to let someone know your interests. The second meeting in February, along with our Initiation of new members, will be the election of the Officers for the 2024 - 2025 year. This is your chance to help your Lodge and Community.

The new lounge chairs have arrived and are a great addition to sprucing up the lodge. I want to thank everyone who participated in the "Buy a Chair Program" Over thirty people purchased a chair and were instrumental in securing the funding to be able to bring this much needed upgrade to the lodge. Hats off to the Project Update committee for another job well done. I want to thank ALL the volunteers for having helped and continue to help make everything we do possible. Without you volunteers I believe the Lodge would cease to exist. You are the lifeblood of the Lodge and without you we could not continue with what we do as Elks. **THANK YOU!**

It's great to see all the smiling faces coming back into the Lodge. This to me is the best time of the year as most of our members have returned and taken part in the various functions within the Lodge. Come on in and partake in our Friday fish fry or Wednesday game night. Sit at the bar in one of our new lounge chairs and partake in your favorite beverage and get reacquainted with some old friends or maybe make a few new ones. Hope to see you at the Lodge.

Paul Nutting, PER

Exalted Ruler



**Elks
National
Foundation, Inc.**

ENF has two (2) new donors, which will cause the Gratitude Grant to be increased \$500.00 for lodge year 2024-2025 from what it was in 2023-2024.

The James A. Haley Veterans' Domiciliary had the "RIBBON CUTTING" at their new building on Friday, January 19, 2024. The building is located at a different location and can accommodate 30 veterans for the six-month training program. The veterans will be able to return to the community with a job.

Are you looking for an opportunity to develop your leadership skills and make a difference in the community? Look no further! With the influx of new members, I am searching for a passionate and dedicated individual to train for the ENF leadership role for the year 2025-2026. As the ENF leader, you will have the chance to work with a team of like-minded individuals, plan and execute fundraising events, and positively impact the lives of those in need. If you are interested in learning about what's involved in being the ENF chairperson, please contact me at 813-715-4991.

Thank you for all the donations and welcome to the new members of ENF.

Judy Osgood,
ENF Chairman

Elks Care - Elks Share

Elk of the Month

The Elk of the Month for February is **Linda Hogeland**. It's hard to believe that just a few short months ago Linda was first initiated into our order. Since then She has embraced many new roles and become involved in many things. She has taken over the duties as Orientation chairperson. Worked most Thursdays at bingo, ran many 50/50's for the lodge as well as becoming the caller on most Friday night fish fries. It gives me great pleasure to award Ms. **Linda Hogeland** Elk of the Month for February 2024. Thank you Linda for all you do.



Volunteer of the Month

The Volunteer of the Month for February is no stranger to a little hard work. I am proud to give this award to **Gwen Klammer**. She has worked tirelessly on many projects for the Project Update committee with the most recent project the purchase of 60 new lounge chairs for the social parlor. Gwen just finished selling the tickets to the Gasparilla celebration in Tampa. It's through Gwen's vision about what things could be and just make them happen. It gives me great pleasure to name Ms. **Gwen Klammer** Volunteer of the Month for February 2024. Thank You Gwen for all you do.



Happy Birthday!!!



Clip Coupon for Free Birthday Drink!

From The
Lodge Secretary
Nick Schwob



DUES & FEES - 2023

Regular Dues:	
Base Rate -	\$67.25
Grand Lodge Per Capita -	29.00
State of Florida Per Capita -	3.00

Membership Dues - 2023-2024 \$99.25

Life Member Dues - \$45.00

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Regular Dues:	
Base Rate -	\$67.25
Grand Lodge Per Capita -	34.00
State of Florida Per Capita -	3.00

Membership Dues - 2024-2025 \$104.25

Life Member Dues - \$67.00

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 & guests of Elks
are invited to join us for a good time!

\$2.00 Donation



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!



You may have heard we have a charter for the Jr. Antler Lodge # 2731. This is an organization for young people ages 12-20.

Their mission is charity, leadership, service, patriotism and respect. You will see them at the Lodge volunteering and earning community service hours for graduation. They will be assisting the veterans on Fridays, assisting with the Drug Awareness Program and helping with different projects in the community.

They meet the second and fourth Mondays at the Lodge. The time is 6:00p.m. The advisors for the Antlers are Anne McDonald, Donna Moyer, Alice Perry, Donnie Connell and Bill Morehouse.

If you know any young person interested in joining or have any questions about the Antlers, please contact an advisor.



2/02/2024	Johnny and Friends
2/09/2024	Reel Players
2/16/2024	Karl Sapp
2/23/2024	Elvis (Gene Styles)



VALENTINE'S DAY
Wednesday, February 14th

TIME: Dinner served 5:00-6:00 p.m.

COST: \$25

MENU: Prime Rib & Shrimp

OR

Baked Chicken with Mushroom Gravy
Garden Salad, Baked Potato, Glazed Carrots, Roll, Cheesecake &
Complimentary Glass of Champagne

DEADLINE: Friday, February 9

Tickets on sale now!

REGULAR MENU
WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE





Any new members who are VETERANS and would like to have their name on the Honor board in the lodge dining room, please contact me with your information; Branch of service, years served, and rank.

We are still looking for an outdoor grill, and a washer and dryer for the veteran who lost everything due to a fire.

Thank you for all your support!

Ken Fabiani, PER
Veterans Committee Chairman

Elks Care - *Elks* Share



Greetings Elk friends,

Some of our members are or have been sick during January. Dave and Donna Moyer, Ilene and Paul Nutting. Barbara Edyburn and Wayne Page. All are well or recuperating. Don Jones is in the hospital. If you know anyone that is sick or has passed, please let me know.

Also. I would like to know of any member that might need a card from the Lodge members saying, "We are thinking about you."

Spring is just around the corner, and I am so looking forward to warmer weather. Happy Valentine's Day.

Anne Mc Donald, Chaplain
813-395-4723

IT TAKES A VILLAGE! *Project Update Committee Report*

The new chairs are here! Thanks to the efforts of 16 members who unloaded the truck, opened the boxes, and put the chairs together.

This would not have happened without the donations and member participation in the "Buy-A-Chair" fundraiser.

A special thank you to Harriet Hinton who, in memory of her husband Bob, has generously offered to cover any unpaid costs for the chairs.



Come in and enjoy the comfort of the new chairs and help support your lodge by participating in upcoming events! "Buy-A-Chair" will continue for those members who still wish to participate. To make a contribution, please contact Gwen Klammer, 813-469-0733, or Nick Schwob in the office.





Save the date!
 Saturday,
 February 24, 2024
 A NIGHT IN THE OLD WEST!

COST: \$20

SOCIAL HOUR: 4:00 p.m.
DINNER at 5:00 p.m.

Chuckwagon Dinner

CHOICE OF:
 Baby Back Ribs **OR** BBQ Chicken
 Baked Spud, Western Beans,
 Coleslaw, Cornbread &
 Cowboy Cobbler

MUSIC: 6:00 pm, Charles Williams
 Dancing / Games / Prizes

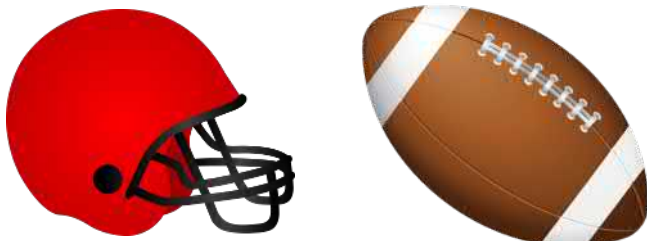
TICKETS ON SALE NOW
 Deadline: Friday, February 16



**Sunday
 February
 11th**

**Eating at
 5:30 PM**

Bring a dish to share!
Signup Sheet at the Lodge!



For Florida Elks February is Harry Anna Month. The trust fund was started in 1951 and is named for Harry and Anna Miller who donated land and a building to establish the original Florida Elks Hospital for Crippled Children in Umatilla Florida. The hospital operated from 1931 until 1999 offering free treatment to Florida children who suffered from orthopedic diseases and disabilities.

Beginning in 1999, due to change and advancements in medical treatment, the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services was established to provide mobile in-home physical and occupational therapy to children in most of Florida's 67 counties. This arrangement allows them to provide services to more patients than could have been treated in the hospital. This service has treated more than 9,000 Florida children and the therapists have traveled over five million miles to reach their patients.

A second program operated by the Harry Anna Fund is the Florida Elks Youth Camp. The camp holds seven one-week sessions during June and July for children between 9 and 13 years of age. The seventh session is reserved for the children of active-duty military members and is provided at no cost to the family. Additionally, regular session campers whose families cannot afford the cost of the camp are eligible for a scholarship from the Elks to cover their costs.

Lodge 2731 supports the Harry Anna Fund by way of direct donations from our members. We have a drop box in the lounge area for donations and quarter tubes on the wall.

Please keep the Harry Anna Fund in your giving plans so they may continue to serve the youth of Florida.

Thank you.

Beth Impson

B.P.O.E Lodge 2731 Harry Anna Fund Chairperson





Greetings from the Florida Ladies of Elks.

2024 is off to a great start with visits to the North District and North Central District in January. It was great meeting new people and sharing all the great things FLOE has planned to benefit the FSEA State Major Projects.

Ladies, join us at the February Quarterly Meeting at the Florida Elks Youth Camp and learn more about FLOE and all we do for the FSEA Major Projects. Angel Program Reverse Draw tickets, benefiting FECTS, will be available for a donation of \$20. Just a reminder, only 300 tickets will be available so be sure to get yours early.

April 12-14, 2024 to attend the 3rd Annual Ladies Weekend at the Florida Elks Youth Camp. A fun relaxing weekend for all ladies to mingle and make new friends while enjoying the beauty and delicious food prepared by the camp chef. Visit the FSEA web-site (floridaelks.org) to register. It promises to be a fun time you don't want to miss.

The 2nd Annual FLOE RV Rally "Camping for the Kids" benefiting the Florida Elks Youth Camp will be May31-June 2, 2024. More information will be coming soon so save the date and tell all your friends. The RV Rally is open to everyone (not just Elks families). We hope to see you there.

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

Just a reminder, **EVERY** lady Elk, wife of an Elk and widow of an Elk are members of FLOE. There are no applications to complete nor dues to pay.


We would like to say "Thank You" for your continued support and look forward to seeing you.



All Meal
Times
4:30 - 6:30PM

February 2024

Lounge Hours
Tuesday thru
Sunday
1:00-8:00 PM

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	No Line dancing Class on January 31, 2024			1 Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	2 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Johnny Ellis Band	3 Bar Open
4 Bar Open Euchre - 1 PM	5 House Committee 9:00 AM BOD Meeting 10:00 AM Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM Nomination of Officers	6 Karla's Karaoke 4PM	7 Line Dancing 10 AM—noon Euchre 1:00 PM Wednesday Night Games 5:30-7:30PM	8 NO BINGO TONIGHT	9 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Reel Players	10 Bar Open
11 Bar Open Euchre - 1 PM SuperBowl Party 	12 Antlers Meeting 6:00 PM	13 Karla's Karaoke 4PM	14 Line Dancing 10 AM—noon Euchre 1:00 PM Wednesday Night Games 5:30-7:30PM Valentine Dinner Tickets \$25	15 Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	16 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Karl Sapp	17 Bar Open
18 Bar Open Euchre - 1 PM	19 House Committee 9:00 AM BOD Meeting 10:00 AM Orientation 5:45 Lodge Meeting/ Initiation 7:00 PM Election of Officers	20 Karla's Karaoke 4PM	21 Line Dancing 10 AM—noon Euchre 1:00 PM Wednesday Night Games 5:30-7:30PM	22 Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	23 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM "Elvis" Gene Styles	24 Western Night Chuckwagon Dinner Advance Tickets \$20 Music by Charles Williams
25 Bar Open Euchre - 1 PM	26 Antlers Meeting 6:00 PM	27 Karla's Karaoke 4PM	28 Line Dancing 10 AM—noon Euchre 1:00 PM Wednesday Night Games 5:30-7:30PM	29 Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	1 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Reel Players	2 Bar Open