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B.P.O.E. Lodge 2731 Newsletter



Zephyrhills, FL

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March 2024

EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



First, I want to congratulate all the newly elected and appointed officers who will be serving the members and the Lodge for the 2024 - 2025 Elks year. I know with Karl Finnimore's leadership and guidance, along with the great group of people serving over the upcoming year, Zephyrhills Lodge will continue to grow and continue doing what Elks do.

A wise man once told me, without change, you can't grow and become better. I know Karl has some fresh ideas and changes that he will be bringing to the Lodge.

It's great to welcome the Veterans back on Friday nights. They were gone for a while, and it just seemed like something was missing from Friday night dinners. To all Vets, Thank YOU for Your Service. Without You, we would not exist.

I want to thank everyone who helped me make the past 5 months a fun and exciting time. I began the year as Esteemed Leading Knight and finished as ER. We began the year with a different, very enthusiastic ER, but unfortunately her year as ER was cut short because of health issues. I know Marie was looking forward to completing her year and all that went with it, but unfortunately this was not to be. Thank You Marie, we all hope all is well with you.

I also want to encourage all our members, especially our newer members, to get involved and become a volunteer, even just a couple hours a week would be a great help. Without our Volunteers we would not be able to continue to do the things Elks do.

Paul Nutting, PER

Exalted Ruler

Elks Care - Elks Share



**Elks
National
Foundation, Inc.**

The Zephyrhills Elks Lodge has two new ENF donors which will help with the report that was submitted on 2/24/2024 and will help to increase the Gratitude Grant for lodge year 2024-2025.

I am still looking for a passionate and dedicated member to train for the ENF leadership role for 2025-2026. Helping the lodge help the children in the schools, the community, the veterans and others in need is very rewarding. Please contact me at 813-715-4991, to learn more about ENF and the Community Investment Program.

The deadline for this month is March 15, 2024. To keep your donor account current and help the lodge increase standings in the district and the state, please consider making a donation.

Thank you to all ENF donors.

Judy Osgood,

ENF Chairman



Elk of the Month

This month's Elk of the Month has been the Lodge Esquire for several years now and will continue in that capacity again next year. Of course, I am talking about **William (Bill) Morehouse**. Bill is the Lodge Youth Activities Chair and is also involved in our recently created Antler program as an Adviser and brings a lot to this program as a former teacher. Bill is also a business owner and very involved in the local Chamber of Commerce. His dedication to our youth and community seems never ending. It is with great pleasure that I name **Mr. William (Bill) Morehouse** Elk of the Month for March 2024. Thank you Bill for all you do.



Volunteer of the Month

The Volunteer of the month for March 2024 is **Donna Penrod**. I first met Donna when we were working the Feed the Kids program a few years back and she continued to volunteer with this program for years to come. Donna has continued to volunteer for many different things including working in the kitchen, and most recently the 50/50 on Wednesday nights. It is with great pleasure that I name **Ms. Donna Penrod** Volunteer of the month for March 2024. Thank you Donna 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

Installation of Officers

We are excited to announce the installation of our new officers on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 1:00 PM. This will be a momentous occasion where we will officially introduce our new leadership team who will guide us towards a prosperous new Elk year. Following the ceremony, we will be presenting awards to recognize the achievements of our members. To cap it off, a light lunch will be served to all attendees. We invite everyone to come and witness this special event and celebrate with us.

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!



We are pleased to announce that Florida Big Brass Band has chosen our lodge as their rehearsal venue. As a token of appreciation, they will be performing a free concert at our lodge on March 10th at 1:00 PM. We are excited to host this talented group of musicians

and welcome everyone to join us for an afternoon of wonderful music.



3/01/2024	Reel Players
3/08/2024	Johnny Ellis Band
3/15/2024	Homer Stiles
3/22/2024	Karl Sapp
3/29/2024	Silver Alert

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER



Thanks to Chef Michael and his assistants, Dottie and Geri, for preparing a delicious Valentine's Day meal. Also thanks to Cindy and her crew for setting a romantic table setting and for serving the meals. To top off the event Jay Klammer, PER, gave a complimentary champagne toast. A relaxing night was enjoyed by all.





The Veterans committee received 4 pallets, over 280 cases, of coffee to use at their discretion.

For two days the committee distributed coffee to: the fire station in Zephyrhills and in Dade City, the Police department in Zephyrhills, Presbyterian Church on 20 St., Pasco County Meals on Wheels, Healing Hearts Cafe and our Lodge 2731.

We have also received all the items needed for the family that lost everything last year during the holidays.


Many thanks to everyone for your support.

Ken Fabiani, PER
Veterans Committee Chairman

Helping our Veterans

The lodge will be collecting clothes, shoes, sheets, towels, and wash cloths for a program called Stand Down for Vets, which is sponsored by the organization One Community Now. The Stand Down for Vets program is held in April and is for homeless and at-risk veterans. There are typically 250 to 300 veterans in need.

Please contact Linda Hoagland at 727-678-1763 and she will make arrangements to pick up the items. Both men's and women's items are needed.



A NIGHT IN THE OLD WEST

Saturday, February 24th was a chance to spend a "Night in the Old West." Members and guests were treated to a tasty chuckwagon meal prepared by Chef Michael and his assistants, Dottie and Geri. Thanks to Cindy and Gwen and their willing crew, the dining room was transformed.

There were several photo opportunities and chances to try your luck with 50/50 and scratch-off tickets at Jay's gambling room. Sheriff Dillion (Paul) and Miss Kitty (Sharon) were kept busy taking people to jail. And, to top it off our saloon girls (Ilene and Nadine) sold \$1 dances and some tasty jello shots. Music by Charles Williams kept everyone entertained throughout the evening.





Greetings from the Florida Ladies of Elks

It has been great meeting new people and sharing all the great things FLOE has planned to benefit the FSEA State Major Projects.

It was great seeing everyone at the February Quarterly Meeting at the Florida Elks Youth Camp February 9-10, 2024. The FLOE Angel Program Reverse Draw tickets, benefiting FECTS, are now available for a donation of \$20. Just a reminder, only 300 tickets will be available so be sure to get yours early. If you would like tickets, please contact FLOE President Pauline Talbott via email: ladyelk2714@gmail.com.

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 delicious food prepared by the camp chef. Friday evening will be a meet and greet with music and karaoke. Visit the FSEA website (floridaelks.org) to register. It promises to be a fun time you do not want to miss. Space is filling up quickly so make your reservation today.

The 2nd Annual FLOE RV Rally "Camping for the Kids" benefiting the Florida Elks Youth Camp will be May 31-June 2, 2024. Fun, food and friendship. Registration is now open on floridaelks.org. 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 we look forward to seeing you.



St. Patrick's Dinner Sunday, March 17th



COST: \$20 per person

TIME: 4:30 p.m. Social Hour
5:00 p.m. Dinner

MENU: Traditional meal of: Corned Beef, Red Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage, Rye Bread, Dessert

TICKETS: Will be sold Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday nights.

DEADLINE: Monday, March 10th

You must have a ticket to attend!



**Drink Special
Irish Coffee**



**Andrea's
IRISH GIFT
Basket Raffle**



**Pot of Gold
Treasure Hunt**

**Shamrock
\$100 Lotto
Drawing**

All Meal
Times
4:30 - 6:30PM

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Reel Players	2 Bar Open
3 Bar Open Euchre - 1 PM	4 House Committee 9:00 AM BOD Meeting 10:00 AM Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	5 Karla's Karaoke 4PM	6 Line Dancing 10 AM—noon Euchre 1:00 PM Wednesday Night Games 5:30-7:30PM	7 Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	8 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Johnny & the Jam Bandits	9 Bar Open
10 Bar Open Euchre - 1 PM Deadline for St. Patrick's Tickets	11 Antlers Meeting 6:00 PM	12 Karla's Karaoke 4PM	13 Line Dancing 10 AM—noon Euchre 1:00 PM Wednesday Night Games 5:30-7:30PM	14 Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	15 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Homer Stiles	16 Bar Open
17 Bar Open Euchre - 1 PM St. Patrick's Dinner 4:30 PM Advance Tickets Only \$20	18 House Committee 9:00 AM BOD Meeting 10:00 AM Orientation 5:45 Lodge Meeting/ Initiation	19 Election Day Lodge Closed Office Open 7:00 AM to 12:30 PM	20 Line Dancing 10 AM—noon Euchre 1:00 PM Wednesday Night Games 5:30-7:30PM	21 Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	22 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Karl Sapp	23 Bar Open Installation of Officers 1:00 PM Light Lunch to Follow
24 Bar Open Euchre - 1 PM 31 Bar Open Euchre - 1 PM	25 Antlers Meeting 6:00 PM	26 Lunch & Learn 11:30-12:30 "Sleeping and Aging" Karla's Karaoke 4PM	27 Line Dancing 10 AM—noon Euchre 1:00 PM Wednesday Night Games 5:30-7:30PM	28 Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	29 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Silver Alert	30 Bar Open