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B.P.O.E. Lodge 2731 Newsletter



Zephyrhills, FL

www.elks.org/2731

April 2024

EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



Thank you all for the opportunity to be your Exalted Ruler for the upcoming Elk year. The Leadership Team will work very diligently to ensure that the Lodge prospers and that we have quality events, functions and meals in our new Elk year ahead. We need the entire "Elks Village" here at 2731 to come out to help and support our Lodge.

Thank you for coming to the Lodge for our various events, dinners, karaoke, bingo, etc. etc. We need your help and can't continue do it with just a few members volunteering and helping. We need all of you, young and old. Older members can help with the benefit of their long experience in volunteering to help in small ways and mentor the younger members as they learn the ropes and do the harder physical work the Lodge needs. We all hope that you will join us in this endeavor because without your support, none of this will happen. In order to make this all happen, we need to have many members come out and volunteer. Zephyrhills Lodge 2731 has a very dedicated group of volunteers, in fact, probably the most dedicated group of volunteers of any organization in the area. Presently, there are many opportunities for volunteers, especially in key positions particularly for our weekly meals. Contact any member of the House Committee or Board of Directors for more information.

If your interest is not in supporting the meals and special occasions, please consider volunteering to chair one of our Lodge committees such as, Americanism, Memorial Day, Fraternal, Government Relations, Lodge Activities, Public Relations, Scholarship and Volunteer Coordinator. These committees play a vital role in the Lodge operations and contribute directly to our success.

The Elks, through ENF and Florida State Elks Association offer scholarships to students so that they may further their education in institutions of higher learning. These are terrific opportunities. In the past, our Lodge has offered scholarships to local students. This year we

are going to rejuvenate that program and work to provide at least one scholarship to a local high school senior. We will be paying it forward for our future. Your assistance will be appreciated.

Also our Lodge is available to rent for special occasions and events, keep your eyes and ears open for any other groups that might like to rent our lodge for a meeting or other activity. You are our front line. You are the ones who interact with friends and neighbors and can encourage them to come to the Lodge. Bring them as a guest, or better yet, put together a whole table. It is more fun in a group. Do you have someone in your circle of friends that is celebrating a birthday or anniversary? Why not let them have it at the Lodge. So, we ask all of you to remember that your Lodge needs you and needs your ideas and your physical labor if you can do it.

For continued success, it is going to take the whole 2731 Village to make it happen at Zephyrhills Lodge, please do what you can and let's have a great year.

As always, Elks care and Elks share. See you at the lodge!

Karl Finnimore

Exalted Ruler

Introducing your officers for the lodge year 2024/2025

Karl Finnimore	Exalted Ruler
Barbara Conklin	Leading Knight
Beth Impson	Loyal Knight
Randy Light	Lecturing Knight
Nick Schwob	Secretary
Ilene Nutting	Treasurer
Chaplain	Anne McDonald
Inner Guard	Vicky Cierley
Tiler	Craig Miller
Esquire	Bill Morehouse

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

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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

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!



04/05/2024	Johnny and the Jam Bandits
04/12/2024	Reel Players
04/19/2024	Karl Sapp
04/26/2024	Allen Chamberlain

ENGRAVED NAMEPLATES

Thanks to Bruce Robertson and Jay Klamer, the engraved nameplates have been installed on the new chairs. Again, thank you to all the members who participated in our "Buy-A-Chair" fundraiser.



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SOUTH OF THE BORDER

Lunch & Game Day



WHEN: Saturday, April 13

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

COST: \$10

JOIN your friends for a South of the Border Lunch:

Enchiladas, refried beans, rice, chips & Salsa

STAY for a game of Mexican Train

Margaritta Special

PRIZES AWARDED

St. Pat's Dinner

Besides the tasty traditional corned beef dinner by Chef Michael, members could also enjoy other goodies such as jello shots, trying their luck at the treasure chest and buying a ticket for a chance to win Andrea's Irish Basket. Looks like those who attended had a great time.



Lunch and Learn



Sponsored by VIPCare

Tuesday April 16, 2024
11:30 AM—12:30 PM

Nutrition as We Age

Learn something new as you
enjoy lunch!
Sign up Sheet on the Bulletin
Board

WANTED

We are currently in need of a volunteer coordinator to organize volunteers for meals and activities. Please contact the office at 813-782-4604

WANTED

We are looking for someone interested in possibly learning how to create our monthly newsletter, send out our monthly blasts, or update the lodge Facebook Page. If anyone is interested in any of these tasks, please contact Bobbie Schwob at 813-997-4554.



We would like to wish our snowbirds a safe trip home and a safe and happy summer. Thank you for supporting our lodge.

We look forward to your return in the fall.



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 LODGE CLOSED House Committee 9:00 AM BOD Meeting 10:00 AM Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	2 Karla's Karaoke 4PM	3 Line Dancing 10 AM—noon Euchre 1:00 PM Wednesday Meal 4:30 Games 5:30-7:30PM	4 Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	5 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Reel Players	6 Bar Open
7 Bar Open Euchre - 1 PM	8 LODGE CLOSED Antlers Meeting 6:00 PM	9 Karla's Karaoke 4PM	10 Line Dancing 10 AM—noon Euchre 1:00 PM Wednesday Meal 4:30 Games 5:30-7:30PM	11 Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	12 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Johnny & the Jam Bandits	13 Bar Open South of the Border Lunch and Game Day \$10 1:00 PM
14 Bar Open Euchre - 1 PM	15 LODGE CLOSED House Committee 9:00 AM BOD Meeting 10:00 AM Orientation 5:45 Lodge Meeting/ Initiation	16 Karla's Karaoke 4PM	17 Line Dancing 10 AM—noon Euchre 1:00 PM Wednesday Meal 4:30 Games 5:30-7:30PM PM	18 Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	19 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Homer Stiles	20 Bar Open
21 Bar Open Euchre - 1 PM	22 LODGE CLOSED Antlers Meeting 6:00 PM	23 Karla's Karaoke 4PM	24 Line Dancing 10 AM—noon Euchre 1:00 PM Wednesday Meal 4:30 Games 5:30-7:30PM	25 Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	26 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Karl Sapp	27 Bar Open
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