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B.P.O.E. Lodge 2731 Newsletter



Zephyrhills, FL

www.elks.org/2731

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



The month of May is upon us – let's all have a safe and enjoyable summer season – the Lodge is still very active and many events are planned. Mother's Day is coming on fast, your Officers will be doing the Mother's Day ritual on May 12. The program will start at 12:30. This is an impressive ceremony and a perfect time to remember our Mothers and reflect on all that they have

given us. There will be a light lunch following at 1:30. A small fee will be charged for the lunch. Tickets on sale now, mothers eat free.

We have several scholarships to give to youth in our area to attend the Florida Youth Camp. Your Lodge has 10 scholarships to present to campers who might want to attend. More information is available at: Floridaelks.org/camp. Finding youth who want to go to camp for a week from the area should not be a difficult task, check your churches, neighborhood kids and friends.

The May Elk of the month is Ilene Nutting. Ilene has worked tirelessly to implement our updated Quickbooks Financial program into the day to day operations. She has also improved the financial reports to provide them in a more timely manner and with greater detail. The Volunteer of the Month for May is Gail Descant. Gail is one of the mainstays in the Kitchen to help prepare and serve the meals. It is volunteers like her and many others who make it happen in our Lodge. Thank you to both Ilene and Gail for all you do.

In other doings around the Lodge - On Friday, May 3, the entertainment is going to be George Durham & Company Band. Also visiting us that evening will be many of the prospective members of the Wesley Chapel Elks Lodge. If you are available, please come on out and enjoy the evening.

The next day, May 4, is the Kentucky Derby Day party at the Lodge - this promises to be a good time and fun for all.

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The Elks National Foundation Helping Elks build stronger communities



Elks
National
Foundation, Inc.

I would like to thank every donor for the ENF Donations for 2023-2024. Your donations made it a very good year. We are still looking for new donors for the 2024-2025 lodge year. Please contact me if you would like to start a COIN TUBE, or become a FIDELITY CLUB MEMBER, which is a monthly giving program, or just to become an ENF donor.

The Freedom Grant, which is part of the community investment program, was submitted on 04-19-2024. - The lodge's request for the grant, which is for \$1000.00, is for the Veterans' Clinic located in Zephyrhills. The Zephyrhills VA CBOC sees approximately 110 patients per day, not counting Virtual appointments. The funds are earmarked for Hygiene Products, Socks, T-Shirts, and Underwear for the patients.

ENF Community Investment Program - Through these grants to Elks Lodges, we connect with veterans and military members in their communities, providing them with services where they live. We help veterans rehabilitate and thrive through adaptive sports programs and therapy kits. And, our Welcome Home initiative is reaching out to some of our most vulnerable veterans: those who are experiencing homelessness. The three grants are The Beacon Grant with Florida State Elks matching funds, the Gratitude Grant and the Spotlight Grant, for a possible total for the year of \$14,500.00.

Thank you always for supporting the lodge and ENF.

Judy Osgood,
ENF Chairman

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!

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!



5/03/2024	George Durham & Co.
5/10/2024	Charles Williams
5/17/2024	Karena Hernandez
5/24/2024	Karl Sapp
5/31/2024	Silver Alert

KENTUCKY DERBY NIGHT



SATURDAY, MAY 4

ACTIVITIES:

4:00 p.m.— Horse Racing

All bets go to winner
Try your luck!



5:30 p.m.—POTLUCK

Bring a dish to share!

**SIGN-UP SHEET ON
LOUNGE BULLETIN BOARD**

6:30 p.m. - Derby Hat Contest

Prizes for
Most Creative,
Prettiest,
Funniest

**Watch the Kentucky Derby
on our large screen TV's.**



KENTUCKY  DERBY.

Mother's Day Celebration Sunday, May 12

Come join us on Mother's Day
for the Mother's Day Ceremony,
followed by a luncheon for
Mother's and family.

12:30 PM CEREMONY
Honoring Mothers

1:30 PM LUNCHEON
Chicken & Broccoli
Alfredo, Caesar Salad,
Breadsticks & Lemon
Chiffon Trifle

COST: Mothers Eat FREE
COST: **\$10** for Guests

Tickets on sale Wednesday &
Friday Nights or in the Office

Elkdom Celebrates Major Milestone

By RICK GATHEN

Membership Marketing Manager

(Reprinted from Grand Lodge Newsletter)

In an era where organizations often struggle to maintain their memberships, it is with great pride and excitement that we announce the Order's remarkable achievement: three consecutive years of membership growth.

This milestone, reached for the first time in 45 years, stands as a testament to the dedication, hard work, and collective spirit of everyone involved in the BPOE.

The significance of this accomplishment cannot be overstated. Amidst a landscape of shifting priorities, evolving interests, and competing commitments, the sustained growth of our membership speaks volumes about the enduring relevance and appeal of the Order's mission and values. It reflects the trust and confidence placed in us by our Members and the wider community

alike.

Each year of growth signifies the expansion of our Elks family, the strengthening of our bonds, and the widening of our impact. It is a validation of the efforts invested in fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment where individuals from all walks of life find meaning, purpose, and belonging.

Behind this success lies the dedication and hard work of countless individuals – from our tireless volunteers and dedicated staff to our passionate and engaged Members. It is their commitment to our shared vision and their unwavering belief in the transformative power of community that has propelled us forward, year after year.

Moreover, our achievement of three consecutive years of growth serves as an inspiration and a source of encouragement for the future. It demonstrates that even in the face of challenges and uncertainties, progress is not only possible but achievable through perseverance innovation, and collaboration.

As we celebrate this milestone, let us also reflect on the journey that brought us here and the lessons we have learned along the way. Let us acknowledge the importance of adaptability, resilience, and a willingness to embrace change. And let us renew our commitment to serving our Members and our community with passion and integrity, and empathy.

We are filled with optimism and excitement for what the future holds. With the momentum of three consecutive years of growth, we stand ready to embark on new initiatives, pursue new opportunities, and continue making a positive difference in the lives of those we serve.

I congratulate everyone throughout the Order on this remarkable achievement. Together, we have demonstrated the power of unity, the strength of purpose, and the resilience of the human spirit. Let us carry forward this momentum with pride and determination as we chart the course for a future filled with promise and possibility

Flag Day



Friday, June 14, 2024

11:00 -

Ceremony - Changing of the Flag: JROTC, VFW Honor Guard

Speakers: Elk Officers, Community Leaders,
JROTC, Antlers,

*Cliff Moffet, Military Museum; Mayor Cliff McDuffie,
Anne Swinford,

Daughters of the American Revolution.

12:00 - Light Lunch/Dessert

**All Meal
Times
4:30 - 6:30PM**

May 2024

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Line Dancing 10 AM—noon Euchre 1:00 PM Wednesday Meal 4:30 Games 5:30-7:30PM	2 Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	3 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM George Durham & Company	4 Bar Open Kentucky Derby Night 4:00 PM See Newsletter
5 Bar Open Euchre - 1 PM	6 Lodge Closed	7 Karla's Karaoke 4PM	8 Line Dancing 10 AM—noon Euchre 1:00 PM Wednesday Meal 4:30 Games 5:30-7:30PM	9 Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	10 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Charles Williams	11 Bar Open
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