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B.P.O.E. Lodge 2731 Newsletter



Zephyrhills, FL

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



Summer is upon us – the humidity is back – temperatures are inching up and life is good here in Eastern Pasco County. We have had a busy month of May with lots going on. The weekly events are continuing and have had good support.

On Tuesdays, Karla's Karaoke has brought great entertainment to us, both from her efforts and those members who have shared their talents. Light meals are also available, come in and join us. The Tuesday venue will continue all summer, the fun starts at 4pm.

On Wednesday's, the meal starts at 4:30, and **the drawings** begin at 6:15. Bar Rodeo starts at 6:30pm. This fast paced game is sure to keep your attention.

Thursdays is Bingo, doors open at 4pm and the games start at 6pm. Bingo is supported every week by a hard working group of volunteers. These volunteers not only run Bingo but provide food from the kitchen to quench your appetite. Without Bingo, your Lodge's contributions to the charities and Veterans we support would not be possible.

Fridays is our locally famous fish fry. Your Lodge will have these same events going on all summer, please come out and support our Lodge and become one of the volunteers who make this all possible. The Lounge will be closed on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday throughout the summer.

The 118th Florida State Elks Association was held the last weekend in May in Orlando. The weekend was filled with membership meetings, pageantry and fellowship. If you have never attended, you might want to consider this opportunity in another year.

Your Lodge will be conducting the Flag Day ceremony at 11:00 am on June 14. This is a very impressive ceremony and is supported not only by the Lodge, but by the Zephyrhills community leadership and the JROTC from Zephyrhills High School. Come and be part of this and learn about the traditions of our National Flag.

A Father's Day dinner will be held on June 16, Fathers eat at no charge, see the details in this newsletter.

Communication is a very vital part of any organization's life. Here at your Lodge, we try to be vigilant about adequate and timely communication. We are not always perfect and are always looking for ways to improve. If anyone has any ideas or would like to become part of the communication and outreach process, please contact the Office. All help is welcome and everyone has a talent that can be shared. The same holds true for volunteers, how many times have you heard, "If we only had one more volunteer..." please consider coming out to help, you don't have to wait to be asked to help your Lodge, jump in, speak up to others engaged in an event and ask how you can help. Again, all help is welcome and everyone has a talent that can be shared. Our Lodge will be the better for it.

The second Exalted Ruler of our Lodge, Russell Heffelfinger PER and his wife Lee have compiled a history of our Lodge in its early days. Russ was ER in 1988-1989. Discussion to start a lodge in Zephyrhills actually started in 1986. It did not take long to find enough men (yes, men only in that day and age) to obtain a charter. However, it was the ladies (self-described as "Elkettes") who actually did a lot of the recruiting. Our first installation was on May 16, 1987 at the Zephyrhills High School. Later in 1987, the decision was made to rent a building at 6739 Gall Blvd, the current site of Dr. Mahootchi's office. After much renovation, the first event was held on October 29, Bingo! Other events soon followed and our Lodge grew to where we are today. Russ and Lee are often in our Lodge on Friday nights selling 50/50 tickets, when you stop by to buy a ticket, say "hi" to Russ and Lee and thank them for their foresight and efforts. If anyone else has pictures or remembrances of our history, please pass them along.

Planning ahead – the Arizona Diamondbacks will be playing the Tampa Bay Rays on Sunday, August 18 at 1:40pm. It is Elks Day at the Rays! You can purchase tickets thru the Florida State Elks home page. Tickets are \$40 for a lower level seat and includes a TB Rays/Elks cobranded ball cap. The Harry-Anna Foundation will receive a \$5.00 donation from every ticket sold. Please consider supporting the game and the Harry-Anna Foundation.

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The Elk of the Month for June is **Kathy Honkala**. Kathy is being recognized for her steadfast support of Bingo. She was instrumental in defining the new Bingo system and displays we now have at our Lodge. Congratulations Kathy!

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The Volunteer of the Month for June is **Bob Worth**. Bob is at our Lodge every week to call the numbers and keep the games moving and interesting. Thank you to Kathy and Bob for all you do.

 thank you!



Elks Care - Elks Share

Birthdays **June**
of the *Month*

From The
Lodge Secretary
Nick Schwob



Ken Anglet
James A. Reed
Nancy Register
Patricia Riggs
Mark J. Tonelli
Mary Vaughn

Exalted Ruler

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lazy days of
SUMMER

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:	CLOSED
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	CLOSED

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!



Music has been discontinued for the summer beginning June 1st.



Kentucky Derby Night

Kentucky Derby Night, Saturday, May 4th, the lodge hosted a potluck, horse races, and a hat contest. Not only was the potluck loaded with tasty dishes, members enjoyed the fun of seeing which horse (and jockey) would cross the finish line first.



JOCKEYS: Cindy, Barbara, Karl, Dottie, Paul & Ilene
HORSES: Charity, Justice, Fidelity, Loyalty, Patriotic, & Brotherly Love

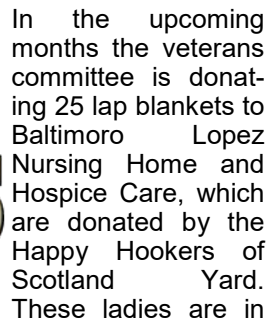
Members voted on the Most Creative, Prettiest, and Funniest hats. Anne McDonald won the prize for the Prettiest hat.



Ilene Nutting took the prize for Most Creative and the award for Funniest was won by Barbara Conklin.



Even ER Karl and Past Exalted Rulers, Paul, Dave and Jay participated in the fun.



A colorful graphic with the text "Hello Summer" in a playful, rounded font. The word "Hello" is in red script, and "Summer" is in large, multi-colored block letters (blue, orange, green). To the left of "Hello" is a watermelon slice, and to the right is a beach umbrella. The entire graphic has a light blue outline.



Tickets On Sale



Greetings from the Florida Ladies of Elks.

We are happy to announce that the Smith Conference Center for the Ladies Weekend, held April 12-14th 2024, was a huge success. We had 62 ladies from across the state. Many new friendships were made, and a great time was had by all in attendance.

The 2nd Annual FLOE RV Rally "Camping for the Kids" benefiting the Florida Elks Youth Camp will be May 31-June 2, 2024. The weekend promises to be full of fun, food and friendship. This is a family friendly event. Don't miss your chance to register. Visit floridaelks.org for more information and to register. The RV Rally is open to everyone (not just Elks families). It is a weekend you won't want to miss. We hope to see you at the Ocala North RV Resort.

The FLOE Angel Reverse Draw tickets benefiting the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services are now on sale. There will be 300 tickets sold at a donation of \$20 each. We are pleased to say we have sold nearly 150 tickets as of the time of this article.

We will launch ticket sales for our Annual Conference Raffle with three great prizes. 1st prize is a 2-night hotel stay at Shores Resort and Spa in Daytona Shores with a \$600 Visa gift card, 2nd prize is a North-ern Tool quiet generator with \$150 Visa gift card and 3rd prize is a Yeti 18 soft sided cooler/ adult beverage and a \$100 Visa gift card. Tickets are 6 for \$5. All proceeds benefit FECTS and FEYC. If you would like tickets, they will be available at the FSEA State Convention or please email us at floeinformation@gmail.com.

Our next meeting will be at the FSEA State Convention on Saturday morning 5/25/2024. Election of Officers for the 2024/2025 term will be held at this meeting. Stop by our hospitality room and say "Hi". We will have adult slushies and other goodies for you to enjoy. We are looking forward to seeing everyone.

We also have some exciting news to share. On Monday July 1, 2024, at 12:30 pm during the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin Texas there will be a workshop for all ladies of the Elks across the country to share ideas for fundraising and other activities from their lodges. This is the first time anything like this has been offered and we are extremely proud that Florida will be the host of the workshop. Ladies, if you will be in Austin, please stop by the workshop.

Please check <https://floridaelks.org/floe> for more information relating to FLOE or email floeinformation@gmail.com with any questions or ideas. Together we can make a difference in the lives of children throughout Florida.

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. How active a lady chooses to be is at her discretion, but she remains a member.

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



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4:30-6:30PM**

June 2024

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Tuesday thru
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