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B.P.O.E. Lodge 2731 Newsletter



Zephyrhills, FL

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



As the warm days of summer begin to wane, our lodge stands as a testament to hard work and transformation, almost fully rejuvenated by the ongoing facelift. The grounds are bursting with color and vitality, thanks in large part to Miss Emily—affectionately known as Auntie Em—who has dedicated herself to perfecting the hedges, freshening the flower bed beside the flag, and repainting the iconic BPOE letters. Her efforts have rendered the entrance both bright and welcoming, a visual promise of positive energy within.



Highlights from the National Elks Convention

Following our last newsletter, I had the privilege of journeying to Kansas City, Missouri for the annual National Elks Convention. The event was a gathering of tradition, camaraderie, and ceremonial grandeur. This year, the convention marked the installation of our new Grand Exalted Ruler, Bryan R. Klatt, alongside other new officers. The initiation ceremony itself was nothing short of impressive—filled with heartfelt moments and a sense of shared purpose that underscored the Elks' enduring legacy.

We also took time to bid a warm farewell to Grand Exalted Ruler Douglas A. Schiefer, expressing our gratitude for his tireless dedication and the many accomplishments he achieved over the past year. His family's sacrifices did not go unnoticed, reminding all of us the support systems that make our community strong. Elks Care, Elks Share

Meeting Elks from Across the Nation

One of the convention's most memorable aspects was the opportunity to meet fellow Elks from lodges scattered across the country. Each encounter was a chance to exchange ideas, stories, and traditions. The Ritual Competitions were an especially fascinating part of the gathering, with participants reciting both the 11th hour toast and the flag ritual during initiation. The precision and clarity required to compete in these rituals was remarkable, and the challenge of reciting them flawlessly added a layer of suspense.

A poignant moment occurred when a new member, tasked with the initiation flag ritual, stumbled after his first sentence. He candidly apologized and sat down, a scene that resonated deeply with me as I remembered my own nerves during my first initiation as Exalted Ruler. His vulnerability was a gentle reminder that growth and confidence come with experience.

Convention Community and Connections

The convention badges became canvases of memory, each adorned with stickers representing the many states and lodges present. Collecting these tokens while visiting the various booths sparked conversations and forged connections, making every interaction more memorable.

Hospitality rooms further enriched the experience, each offering a unique flavor of their home state. The Florida room stood out for its lively music and sociable atmosphere, and every room yielded fresh inspiration to bring back to our lodge.

Banquet, Music, and Lasting Friendships

A beautiful dinner was served, with chicken cordon bleu and filet mignon—both befitting the celebratory spirit of the evening. The meal provided a relaxed setting to deepen friendships and share stories. The evening concluded with music and dancing, sealing the convention with joy and laughter. Perhaps the most rewarding aspect of these conventions is the enduring connections forged with fellow Elks. There is a special thrill when someone you met at a convention visits your own lodge, as happened recently when we welcomed a guest from Puerto Rico on August 15th—an encounter born from the bonds created in Kansas City.

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Lounge Hours

SUNDAY:	Closed
MONDAY	Closed
TUESDAY	1:00 PM—8:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	1:00 PM—8:00 PM
THURSDAY:	1:00 PM—6:00 PM
FRIDAY	1:00 PM—8:00 PM
SATURDAY	1:00 PM—8:00 PM

LOUNGE NEWS

It has been 2.5 years since the drink prices at the lodge have been increased and with much regret the House Committee has determined the following drink price increases will go into effect starting **September 1, 2025**.

All drinks will increase by fifty cents except:

A pitcher of draft beer will increase by \$1.00.
Also a carafe of wine will increase by \$1.00.

A pitcher of draft beer/pizza and carafe/pizza combos will also increase by \$1.00.



Sep 5	Hank the Piano Man
Sep 19	Karl Sapp

Get ready to sing your heart out and share unforgettable moments!

Tuesday 9/2 Chili or chili mac & Fritos

Saturday 9/6 Pulled pork sliders w/Beth's baked beans & chips

Tuesday 9/9 Fresh made pasta dinner made by Marco & Anne

Saturday 9/13 3 chicken tenders w/fries or onion rings

Tuesday 9/16 Taco salad & Tostitos

Saturday 9/20 Hot dogs 3 ways; plain, w/kraut or w/chili & cheese

Tuesday 9/23 Fish basket (pollack filet) w/fries or onion rings, slaw or apple sauce

Tuesday 9/30 Dave's burgers w/grilled onions & cheese & potato salad.

No Karaoke on the 27th

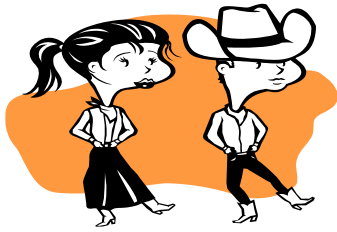
Karla's Karaoke runs from 3 to 7pm Tuesdays & 3 to 6pm on Saturdays

Meals served from 3 to 5pm both Tuesday & Saturdays \$8.00 (**Cash only**)

Join us as we create lasting memories and strengthen our bonds as a community!



Come Join the Fun On Wednesday's



Line Dancing
10:30 am -12 pm

Euchre 1:00 pm

Night Games 6:00-7:00 pm



There will be a limited Menu for September on Wednesday's 4:30-6:30pm



Coming in 2025-26

Mark your calendars and get ready to enjoy the activities scheduled for next season. Detailed information will follow prior to each event. Come participate in the fun and enjoy the entertainment!



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
Potluck & Horse/Pig Races



SATURDAY, JANUARY 24
Western Night



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18
Octoberfest



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14
Valentine's Dinner & Show (Elvis)



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
Red Neck Wedding & Dinner



SATURDAY, MARCH 14
Pot O' Gold Night



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26
Thanksgiving Meal



SUNDAY, MARCH 29
Florida Brass Band Concert



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13
Soups Around the World Cookoff



SATURDAY, MAY 2
Kentucky Derby



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31
New Year's Eve / Winter Fantasy



SUNDAY, MAY 10
Mother's Day Ceremony

Coming Saturday,
September 27

POTLUCK
pig Races
Horse Races

POTLUCK at 5:00 pm.

Bring your favorite dish to share.
SIGN UP sheet on bulletin board.



Races following the potluck.

All bets are a dollar.

Winners share the pot!



Come bet on your favorite pig or
horse. And cheer on your favorite
jockey.

Back to School Supplies



It's that time of the year again!

Elks Lodge #2731 is asking for

Donations to help our

Pasco County Schools

This year, the schools are in need of

Headphones for their students

These can be purchased for \$9.99 at

WalMart/Sams/Amazon

Or you can donate \$10.00, and we will do

the shopping for you.

Please make your donation by Sept 12th.

Drop off at the Elks Lodge

For more information contact Ilene Nutting

☀ **KARLA'S KARAOKE**

“BABY BOOMERS KARAOKE”



**WEAR YOUR FAVORITE OUTFITS FROM THE
50'S TO 70'S AND SING YOUR FAVORITE SONG
FROM THAT ERA!**

**SEPTEMBER
ZEPHYRHILLS ELKS 13TH, 3-6PM**

**CUPCAKES WILL BE PROVIDED
FOR KJ'S BIRTHDAY**

NEIGHBORS

Supporting Neighbors



MONDAY • SEPTEMBER 22 • 4-7PM

Join us in supporting Zephyrhills Elks Lodge #2731 !
15% of all sales will be donated, this includes gift cards valid at all Culver's.
These dollars support Elks Care, Elks Share programs.

There's no limit to how much heart you can put into the community.
We're always looking for opportunities for neighbors to help neighbors.
Join us and consider giving what you can to Zephyrhills Elks Lodge #2731 today.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Zephyrhills Lodge #2731



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Meal Times
Tue & Sat 3-5
pm
Wed & Fri

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Lounge Hours
Tue, Wed 1-8
PM
Thur 1-6 PM
Fri, Sat 1-8 PM

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Lodge Closed Happy Labor Day	2 Karla's Karaoke 3:00-7:00PM Chili or Chili Mac and Fritos	3 Line Dancing 10:30—Noon Wednesday Night Games Euchre 1 PM Sloppy Joe Baked Beans, Chips	4 Lounge Closes at 6PM Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	5 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Music: Hank The Piano Man	6 Karla's Karaoke 3-6 PM Food 3-5 Pulled Pork Sliders with Baked beans and chips
7 Lodge Closed	8 Lodge Closed House Committee Meeting 9 AM BOD Meeting 10 AM	9 Karla's Karaoke 3:00-7:00PM Fresh Pasta Dinner by Marco & Anne	10 Line Dancing 10:30—Noon Wednesday Night Games Euchre 1:00 PM Chicken Filet Sand/Fries Coleslaw or Potato Sal	11 Lounge Closes at 6PM Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	12 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM	13 Baby Boomers Karaoke 3-6 PM Food 3-5 3 Chicken Tenders/fries or onion rings
14 Lodge Closed	15 Lodge Closed House Committee Meeting 9 AM BOD Meeting 10 AM Orientation 5:45 Lodge Meeting 7PM	16 Karla's Karaoke 3:00-7:00PM Taco Salad & Tostidos	17 Line Dancing 10:30—Noon Wednesday Night Games Euchre 1:00 PM Meat Loaf Mashed Potatos/gravy Green Beans	18 Lounge Closes at 6PM Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	19 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Music: Karl Sapp	20 Karla's Karaoke 3-6 PM Food 3-5 Hot Dog Plain of w/ Chili and cheese, or Krout
21 Lodge Closed	22 Lodge Closed Eat at Culvers from 4-7 PM (see newsletter)	23 Karla's Karaoke 3:00-7:00PM Fish Basket w/Fries or Onion Rings and Slaw or apple sauce	24 Line Dancing 10:30—Noon Wednesday Night Games Euchre 1 PM Spaghetti/ Meatballs Garlic Bread & Salad	25 Lounge Closes at 6PM Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	26 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM	27 Lounge Open 1-8 PM Horse & Pig Races Pot Luck
28 Lodge Closed	29 Lodge Closed	30 Karla's Karaoke 3-7:00PM Daves Burger w/grilled onions & cheese Potato salad	1 Line Dancing 10:30—Noon Wednesday Night Games Euchre 1:00 PM Burger & Fries	2 Lounge Closes at 6PM Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	3 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30	4 Lounge Open 1-8 PM