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B.P.O.E. Lodge 2731 Newsletter



Zephyrhills, FL

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October 2025

EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



Can you believe six months have already passed since I became your exalted ruler?

September was a very busy month for the lodge. We delivered school supplies to eight schools according to their needs list for the new school year. We also donated funds to Sunrise of East Pasco Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence Center. Photos further on in the bulletin.

As you know, we are still serving the Veterans one Friday a month at the fish fry. We received a letter of thank you from James A. Haley Hospital from the administration. The veterans expressed their appreciation for being served, seeing friendly faces and of course, the dinners.



August 30th, I facilitated my first DD Clinic successfully. The six lodges from our Central District attended. Danish and coffee were served for breakfast and a light lunch. Attendees participated in break-out workshops for different officers for an education in their positions. Cindy Green, DDGER; our own Mike Ritche, DDGER; Denise Smith; Carl Hussey; Russ Smith, PSP; and Anne McDonald, Chaplain facilitated the clinic. I would like to thank the volunteers for getting up early and making and serving the food.

We have a couple of upcoming special events along with our calendar events in October that will be fun to attend. One is Oktoberfest on Saturday the 18th. Get your tickets soon~! On October 31st is our Annual Trunk or Treat event. Please donate candy in the boxes in the lobby for the kids. Also, decorate your trunk, wear a costume and come join the fun from 6:00 – 8:00 in the parking lot.

We had twenty members join our lodge at the last initiation; seven spouses will be attending our lodge as a result. Thank you all for your hard work recruiting members. Our lodge also received a Certificate of Merit from the Grand Lodge for our lapsation rate being 2% or less. Thank you Barbara Edyburn for your hard work.

Why Join the Elks?

- Several thousand dollars go to support local charities.
- Many volunteer opportunities in our local community.
- 100 Elk lodges in Florida – being a part of a large national organization.
- Florida Elks Youth Camp—sending children to camp.
- Veterans and children are our focus.
- We like to have fun! Great opportunity to be part of a large family.

Respectfully,

Barbara Conklin,

Barbara Conklin
Exalted Ruler

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—6:00 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!



Elks Care - *Elks* Share

OCTOBER

Elk of the Month

Volunteer of the Month

It is my great pleasure to introduce **Anne McDonald** as Elk of the Month. Anne is our Chaplain for the lodge and does a great job. She also helped to establish the Antlers Program and was very dedicated to the members, mentoring them as Elks. Anne is also Secretary on the House Committee which oversees the bar and kitchen. She has had a lot on her plate this summer and working through daily pain, but is always smiling and in good spirits. Please join me in celebrating and thanking Anne McDonald for her dedication and efforts.

It is with sincere appreciation that we recognize **Geri Teeple** as our Volunteer of the Month. She volunteers in the kitchen for Thursday and Friday night dinners as well as special occasions. She never turns down an opportunity to help in the kitchen. Geri also helped with selling the candy bags over the summer to raise funds for the Special Citizen's Christmas Party. She helped to raise quite a bit of money for some great gifts from Santa this year. In her spare time, if she finds the time, she volunteers at Advent Hospital. Please join us in celebrating Geri Teeple for her outstanding service.



Oct 3	Karl Sapp
Oct 31	Hank the piano man

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 everyone born in
 the month
OCTOBER

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

Saturday, Oct 4th, Marco and Anne's Gnocchi dinner for \$10.00 (See photo of them making the gnocchi)

Tuesday, Oct 7th, Baked Penne w/meatballs, small salad and garlic bread stick for \$8.00

Saturday, Oct 11th, Donna & Anne's Chili and Fritos for \$8.00

Tuesday, Oct 14th, Dave's burgers and potato salad for \$8.00

Saturday, Oct 18th, no Karaoke, Special Lodge function

Tuesday, Oct 21st, 6oz chicken filet sandwich and fries for \$8.00, with onion rings \$10.00

Saturday, Oct 25th Brisket sandwich and pasta salad for \$8.00

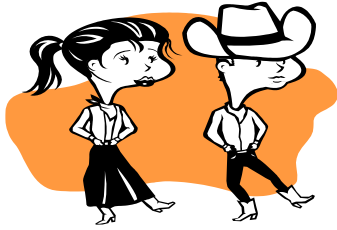
Tuesday, Oct 28th, Halloween Bash...Lou's Monster meatloaf, mashed potatoes and baby carrots. (Price to be determined by the cost of the meal)

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 600-700 pm



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



Thursday night Bingo, doors open at 4:00



Come join us on Friday's Fish fry 4:30 to 6:30 pm

In response to rising costs, the price for baked or Fried fish has increased by \$2.00 bringing the total to \$17.00 each. All other prices remain the same.



OKTOBERFEST



Saturday, OCTOBER 18

Food * Music * Dancing * Games * Raffle

ENF Fundraiser

COST: \$20.00

DOORS OPEN: 4:00 pm

DINNER 5:00 pm

**MENU: CHOICE OF: Bratwurst OR Hotdog
With Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, German Green Beans, Soft Pretzel, German Chocolate Cake**

MUSIC: 6:00 pm Gina Romano

**Beer Stein
Holding
CONTEST!**



BARREL OF FUN

Search for a prize



TICKETS ON SALE: Wednesdays & Fridays

DEADLINE: Monday, October 13, 2025

NEIGHBORS

Supporting Neighbors



MONDAY • OCTOBER 27 • 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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ZEPHYRHILLS ELKS PRESENTS:

KARLA'S KARAOKE HALLOWEEN BASH

October 28th  TUESDAY 3-7pm

DONATIONS FOR TRUNK OR TREAT



TRUNK OR TREAT FRIDAY, OCT. 31st



Candy donations are needed for this event. Boxes are in entrance way.

Decorate your trunk and hand out candy!



Wear Costumes!

#2731 Zephyrhills Elks Lodge's

We need your Trunk for the Treat!

Friday, October 31st, 2025

5:30pm - 8pm



Candy donations are needed for this event.
Boxes are in the entry way. Costumes are encouraged!
Decorate your trunk and hand out candy!
Best decorated trunk wins **TWO FREE DRINKS!**
See Barbara Conklin for details

Back to School Supplies

I want to thank Ilene Nutting and Nick Schwob for all their ambitious and hard work ordering and sorting the school supplies. Ilene contacted all eight schools for their supply list for the new school year. Nick ordered everything he could through Amazon. When the orders arrived they both separated all of the items for the school teachers. It was a tedious job, but a job well done and appreciated.

Kathy Honkala, Thursday Bingo Chairperson, works with the largest charity fund for the Elks. All donations came from this fund. She works very hard on and off hours. I would also like to thank Paul Nutting and Jay Klamer for their help in delivering the donations. All were a great team working hard to serve the children in our community.

The school had a choice of a \$500 check or school supplies. West Elementary received a check for \$500. The other schools opted for supplies. Supplies donated were: School and craft supplies; headphones; winter clothing: hats, gloves, leggings, underwear, and shoes; cases of water; and more.
Sunrise of East Pasco Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Center accepted a donation of \$1000.





A BIG THANKS GOES OUT TO EMILIE MASTIN PAST EXALTED RULER
Better known as **AUNTIE EM.**
She has weeded, trimmed and added fresh mulch to our front entrance.
Check out the beautiful flowers added by our front door.
Our Elks statue received a well deserved bath and fresh mulch.
Emilie has done this for many years, at her expense and many hours of
work.

THANK YOU !!

Submitted By Ilene Nutting



COMING SOON Save the Dates!



The Hunt is Over

GET READY FOR A **RED NECK WEDDING**

Susie Lee Rockbottom & Willy Joe Whiskey

Saturday, November 15, 2025

Ceremony at 5:00 pm

Reception & Dinner to follow

Music by Charles Williams

Beer Cake Raffle!

Look for your wedding invitation

Coming Soon



Saturday, December 13

SOUPS AROUND THE WORLD COOKOFF

Do you have a favorite soup? Enter to win the "Soups Around the World Cookoff". Pick a theme (Italian, Polish, etc.) design a table, prepare a raffle basket and make your favorite soup. (*Team up with a friend if you want.*) Lodge will provide bread, crackers and dessert.

Awards will be presented to the top three soup winners and baskets will be raffled off as a fundraiser.

LOOK for the Entry Form coming out in November.

VET'S DONATION TO ZEPHYRHILLS HS



Judy Williams, Parent/Volunteer Coordinator & Jay Klamer, PER

Thanks to Ken Fabiani, Veterans Committee Chair, for donating 24 cartons of Cheeze-It snacks. The cartons were delivered by Jay Klamer, PER to Zephyrhills High School.

Mrs. Judy Williams, Parent/Volunteer Coordinator, said the snacks will be distributed to students in need through the ABC Program. The High School has a large number of students receiving free or reduced lunches, and sadly, there are a number of homeless students striving to gain an education despite their situation. The ABC Program (Assist, Believe, Care) provides food for weekend backpacks every week. It also provides students with clothing and hygiene items. Mrs. Williams thanked the Lodge for the donation and said it is through the support of the community and businesses that the program can be successful.

SPECIAL CITIZENS PROJECTS

Your candy bag money at work!

As of 9/25/25, the Candy Bag sales totaled \$3,012.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PURCHASED A CANDY BAG!

Members of the Special Citizens Committee, Dottie Sollmon, Chair, Geri Teeple, and Gwen Klamer began a search for items to be distributed at the Special Citizens Christmas party.



A trip to Sam's Club turned out to be very productive. A variety of soft throws were available. After loading two baskets with 52 throws, the checkout began. The staff at Sam's was most helpful in getting them through the line.

Then the challenge was to get the throws in the car. It took a bit of shoving and pushing but all fit and are safely stored until the party in December.

Zephyrhills Lodge #2731



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While it's natural to have issues that need addressing, please refrain from voicing concerns, complaints, or suggestions while enjoying a beverage at the lodge bar or tables in the lounge. The lounge is intended for social enjoyment, not for discussing perceived lodge problems.

To ensure your voice is heard, the House Committee has established a dedicated email for your feedback. Simply send your thoughts, along with your name and lodge membership number to the provided email address above.

Remember, for every complaint, we encourage you to include a proposed solution and an offer to assist in resolving the issue.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Elks Lodge #2731 House Committee

Submitted by House Committee Chairperson: Paul Nutting

Meal Times
 Tue & Sat 3-5 PM
 Wed & Fri
 4:30-6:30 PM

October 2025

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Line Dancing 10:30—Noon Wednesday Night Games Euchre 1 PM Regular Wed Menu	2 Lounge Closes at 6PM Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	3 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Music: Karl Sapp	4 Karla's Karaoke 3-6 PM Food 3-5 Marco & Anne's Gnocchi Dinner \$10
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