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B.P.O.E. Lodge 2731 Newsletter



Zephyrhills, FL

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Christmas has come and gone, bringing with it a season filled with heartwarming events and cherished memories. As we look back on a busy December, I'm proud to say we kept the Christmas Spirit alive throughout our lodge, fostering a sense of community and joy among our members and guests.



December Highlights

- Exalted Ruler, Barbara Conklin and her two granddaughters, Melissa Reubens and Jaclyn Russell visited the Bushnell Florida National Cemetery for Wreaths Across America on (December 6th) on family day to honor their veteran husbands. Barabara's grandson-in-laws were honored at the raising of the flag on our Flag Day Ceremony 2025.
- Elks Memorial Service (December 7th): We honored our absent members with a touching memorial, remembering their contributions and legacy within our lodge.
- Dottie Sollman's Special Citizens Christmas Party (December 10th): Over 100 special citizens joined us for a festive celebration, supported by a wonderful team of volunteers. The joy and gratitude shared during this event was truly inspiring.
- Santa Claus Meet and Greet (December 13th): Children delighted in meeting Santa, enjoying hot chocolate and cookies, and experiencing the magic of the season.
- New Member Initiation (December 15th): We welcomed six new members to our Elks family, strengthening our bonds and commitment to service.
- Veterans Friday Night Fish Fry (December 19th): Veterans from James Haley Hospital joined us for a delicious meal. It was a special evening, highlighted by a 96-year-old WWII veteran dancing with us and a surprise visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, who delivered goodie bags to all. God Bless our Veterans!
- Nick's Traditional Christmas Eve Egg Nogg Party (December 24th): We gathered to continue this beloved tradition, sharing laughter and holiday cheer.
- New Year's Eve Dinner Party (December 31st): We rang in 2026 together with a joyful celebration, marking new beginnings and continued friendship.

Ongoing Activities

Our regular schedule—including Karaoke, Line Dancing, Game Night, Bingo, and Friday Night Fish Frys with live music—never skipped a beat, keeping our lodge vibrant and welcoming for all.

A Message for the New Year

As we welcome 2026, let's remember to be mindful of those who may be alone or in need of companionship. Sometimes, a warm smile, a hug, or simply holding someone's hand can make all the difference in their world. As Elks, we live by our motto: Elks Care, Elks Share.

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ER Barbara Conklin places wreath at her husband, Herbert Conklin, Navy gravesite at the Bushnell Florida National Cemetery with reefs across America



ER Barbara Conklin's granddaughter, Melissa Reubens places wreath at her husband, John Reubens gravesite at the Bushnell Florida National Cemetery with reefs across America

Santa Claus Meet and Greet



Welcome New Members



Front row
Larry Wissinger
Barbara Conklin Exalted Ruler
Lady Theresa DiNicole– Thomas
Back row
Dale Hagenbuch
Allen Belanger
Stanley James
Vicki Monterey



Caterpillars To Butterflies for the children Christmas presents

Veterans from the James Haley Hospital enjoy the Friday Night Fish Fry with Santa and Mrs. Claus giving gifts. 96 yr old WW@ veteran danced the night away.





The Season for Caring & Sharing

The Special Citizens Projects candy bags you have been buying on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday's, has made it possible to share with our community. This December we were able to support Zephyrhills High School ABC Program and provide blankets and funds for the Special Citizens Christmas Party. Thank you to all who have participated and donated to keep Special Citizens Projects going!



December 3, Barbra Conklin, PER, presented Ms. Judy Williams, ZHS Parent/Student Coordinator, forty/\$25 Culver's gift cards donated by a generous Elk member. In addition. Special Citizens Projects members, Geri Teeple and Gwen Klammer, presented fifty/\$15 Culver's gift cards and a check for \$275. The cards and money will be used for the ABC (Assist, Believe, Care) Program which aids children struggling to remain in school.

"Dottie's" Special Citizens Christmas Party



Thanks to Glenda Bliss for orchestrating a delightful Special Citizens Party on December 10th. Glenda and her volunteer crew served lunch to over 80 Special Citizens and their caregivers. Ken Fabiani, Vets Committee Chair, donated plush, stuffed toys and Hank "The Piano Man" played for the party. The joy and excitement of the Special Citizens could not be contained when Santa (Dennis McCoy) and Mrs. Claus (Debbie Trivet) entered the room. Santa and his "elves" handed out the stuffed animals and stockings and interacted with the kids.



COOKIES from Volun-



BLANKETS : Kathy, Dottie's Daughter



STUFFED ANIMALS: Thanks Ken Fabi-

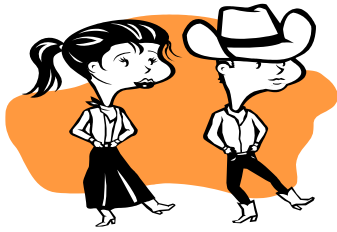


Santa & Mrs. Claus: Dennis & Debbie

New this year, thanks to the candy bag sales, Special Citizens received a soft blanket throw. The party was filled with laughter and joy as the kids danced, sang, talked to Santa and enjoyed their gifts. This yearly party makes the season "extra" special!



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 Food on Wednesday's
From 4:30-6:30pm

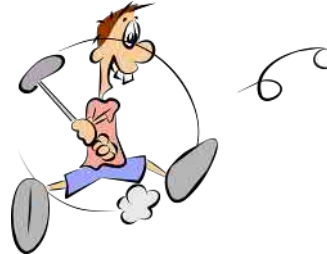


Thursday night Bingo, doors open



**Co-ed Golf Scramble held every Friday at
9am at Scotland Yard, meetup at 8:15.
Sign-up by Thursday, sheet on bulletin
board**

All golfers are welcome to join in



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





WESTERN NIGHT!



Saturday, JANUARY 24, 2026

Dust off your hats & polish your boots!

COST: \$20

Social: 4:00 p.m. / Dinner: 5:00 p.m.

Chuckwagon Grub

CHOICE OF: Baby Back Ribs **OR** BBQ Chicken
Baked Spud, Cowboy Beans, Coleslaw,
Cornbread & Apple Cobbler

MUSIC: 6:00 pm, *Karl Sapp*
Dancing, Games, Prizes & 50/50

Tickets On Sale Now: *Wednesday & Friday Nights*

If using a credit card, pay in the office, tickets will be left behind the bar!

DEADLINE: Friday, January 16



**NOTE: Possible wedding ceremony
at 5:00 pm,
IF Willy Joe Whiskey is
released in time!
We have to wait & see!**



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MONDAY JANUARY 26 • 4 - 7 PM

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.

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!

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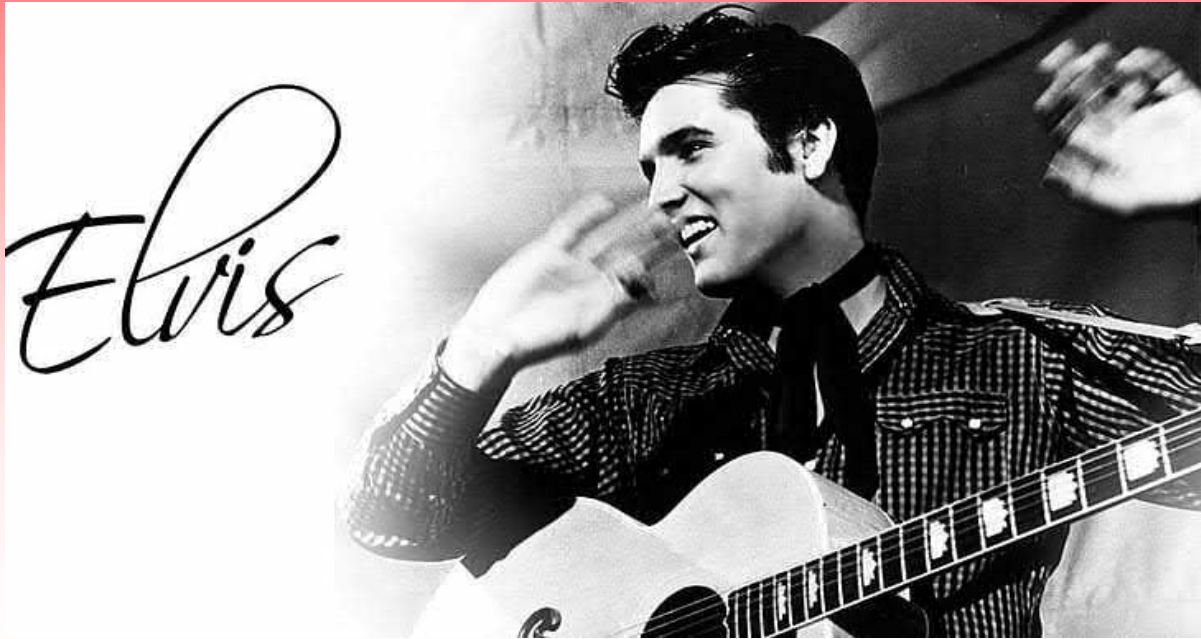
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COMING IN FEBRUARY



Dinner & Show with Elvis!

Saturday, February 14, 2026



**Come enjoy a meal and enjoy the show as presented
by GENE STYLES, Elvis Impersonator!**

RESERVED SEATING will be available.

***For group reservations, you need to purchase tickets
for everyone at the table.***

Watch for further information!

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

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Lounge Hours
 Mon-Sun 1-8 PM

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
Golf Scramble Every Friday At the Highlands—8:15 AM					1 Happy New Year No Bingo	2 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM	3 Karaoke 3-6 PM Food 3-5 Cod Fillet sandwich/ fries or onion rings
4 Lodge OPEN	5 Lodge OPEN House Committee Meeting 9 AM BOD Meeting 10 AM	6 Karla's Karaoke 3:00-7:00PM Food 3-5 Corned beef on rye and potato pancakes	7 Line Dancing 10:30—Noon Wednesday Night Games Euchre 1:00 PM Regular Wed Menu	8 Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	9 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Music: Drifting South Band	10 Karaoke 3-6 PM Food 3-5 Sloppy Joe sliders/pasta salad	
11 Lodge OPEN	12 Lodge OPEN	13 Karla's Karaoke 3:00-7:00PM Food 3-5 Ken's Philly Cheesesteak sandwich	14 Line Dancing 10:30—Noon Wednesday Night Games Euchre 1:00 PM Regular Wed Menu	15 Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	16 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Music: Jim Rich	17 DD Clinic 10 AM Karaoke 3-6 PM Food 3-5 Chicken Tenders/w Fries or onion rings	
18 Lodge OPEN	19 Lodge OPEN House Committee Meeting 9 AM BOD Meeting 10 AM Orientation 5:45 Lodge Meeting 7PM	20 Karla's Karaoke 3:00-7:00PM Food 3-5 Glenda's Enchiladas/rice	21 Line Dancing 10:30—Noon Wednesday Night Games Euchre 1:00 PM Regular Wed Menu	22 Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	23 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Vets for Dinner Music: Will Yancy & Billie Jo Harrelson	24 No Karaoke Western Night Dinner	
25 Lodge OPEN	26 Lodge OPEN Eat at Culvers 4-7 PM	27 Karla's Karaoke 3:00-7:00PM Food 3-5 Scott's Wings	28 Line Dancing 10:30—Noon Wednesday Night Games Euchre 1:00 PM Regular Wed Menu	29 Bingo 6 PM Doors Open at 4PM	30 FISH FRY 4:30—6:30 PM Music: Jesse Derringer	31 Karla's Karaoke 3-6 PM Food 3-5 Dave's Burgers/ potato salad	