



CAPE CORAL ELKS LODGE #2596

HEARTBEAT

NEWS & VIEWS

June

2024



Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America

EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

Greetings all.

This past year, officers have been able to open the club and kitchen 5 days a week. We have also held dinner dances and the Initiation and Volunteer Awards Dinner, which were very successful, Electronic Bingo machines have been installed in the dining room. And a new point of sale system, Toast, has been implemented.

The Board is planning a combined Flag Day ceremony with Father's Day celebration on June 15th. Additional activities such as Bingo, Karaoke and Game Nights are a possibility, based on your response. Can you add other suggestions?

The Board is also looking at creating volunteer opportunities that match your skills and time availability. The payoff is a thriving and enjoyable Lodge. You also get the pleasure of good fellowship, accomplishment and the knowledge that you are helping to build a stronger community.

We also need officer positions of Trustee and Inner Guard filled. Your Officers have been working hard and doing a great job. Won't you join in and help out?

Fraternally,
Joe McHugh

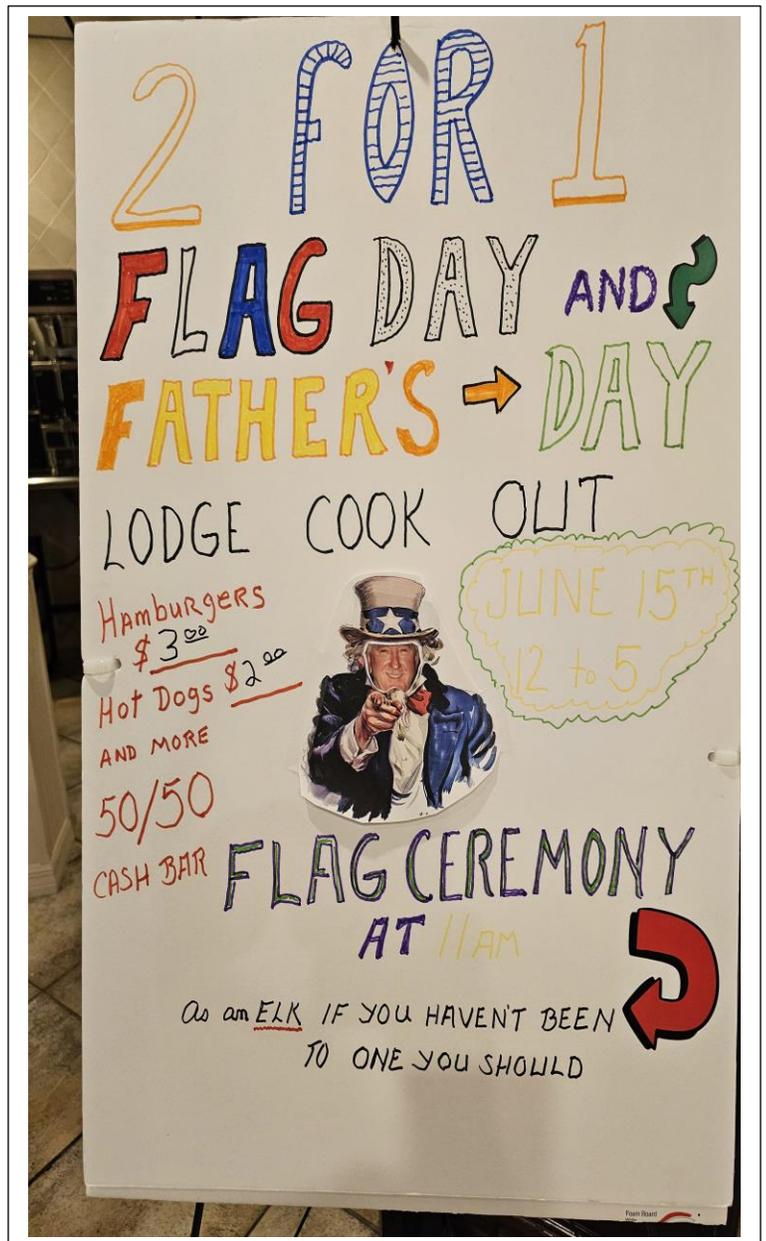
Special Events!

Put our Flag Day Ceremony and Father's Day celebration on your Calendar! We will hold Our **Flag Day ritual at 11AM on Saturday, June 15th**. This is a patriotic look at the evolution of our Grand Old Flag from pre-Revolutionary times to the present.

Afterwards, starting at **noon**, we will be celebrating **Father's Day** with \$3 hamburgers and \$2 hot dogs. We are working on getting a 3 day alcohol permit to host the public so that we can promote membership by allowing nonmembers to come into the Lodge. Invite your friends and neighbors!

We also need volunteers to help plan and organize the **Christmas in July** event planned for **July 20th**. This is a fun event so join in. Contact Wanda or John.

Tickets are on sale for the District 4th of July celebration at the Deep Creek Lodge. Tickets are available for \$20 in the office.



Voting Notice

Welcome to our Acting Secretary, Wanda Byrnes. She and our Treasurer, Ted Derr, have been working 40+ hour weeks getting our office in top shape.

An election for Secretary will be held at our membership meeting, Monday, June 10th at 7pm. Openings also can be voted on for Trustee positions. If you or someone you know is interested, please attend.

We will also vote on Secretary hours and on a motion to amend the Lodge By Laws to change management from the House Committee system to the Board of directors.

A vote will also be held regarding articles to be presented at the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin at the end of the month.

A Message from the Loyal Knight

There are many Elk members who really don't know what the lodge does. I will start with just a few items. When families in Cape Coral could not pay for electricity bills we donated \$5500 to Cape Coral Caring Center to help them. The Brotherhood of Heroes hosted a lunch for families of Cape Coral. We donated \$300 to help with the cost. When the homeless veterans were moving into their first apartment, we donated \$4000 for bedding, sheets, and household items. When the Veterans Hospital ran out of wheelchairs, we spent \$1200 and bought 12 wheelchairs. Our volunteers delivered them with our logo on them. When the lodge was told veterans without cars needed bus passes to get to their doctor appointments, we teamed up with the Moose Lodge and bought \$1000 worth of bus passes. We just received a grant of \$1000 to give to the Veteran's Relief Network to help veterans who are in financial need, suicide prevention and medical bills that they are struggling with.

I say we but I actually mean you! Saturday the lodge had three customers all day. With the snowbirds gone, we must rely on our members who live here full time to support the lodge. We have nine volunteer members/officers who fill most of the needs to run the lodge. We need more help as they are carrying the full load. If you don't support your Lodge we cannot support the families that need our help.

If you want to help, if you want to **volunteer**, **contact** Wanda or myself. If you want to suggest something, come to a lodge meeting. Meetings are held the second Monday of the month during the summer at 7:00 PM.

I often hear members voice their concerns on how the lodge is run or about something they feel should be changed. Remember, before you complain please check your calendar for the last time you volunteered for an event or attended a lodge meeting.

Thank you

John Nugent, Loyal Knight 239-292-4945

John and Joe Present \$1000 Check to the Veteran's Relief Network.



Just a thought

By Esquire Mike Byrne

What a wonderful organization the BPOE is. and to be able to belong to it for only \$2 a week for a member (\$107 annual subscription). Your purchase of your first beverage plus the \$2 subscription is probably half or less than downtown bar prices. The \$40 initiation fee only adds less than a dollar per week for the first year. What a value!

After meeting the Lodges' financial commitments all other funds go to charity. This will only continue to happen if members use the facility.

April was the start of a new lodge year. So let's make a New Year's resolution to come in and support the lodge. Make it your place to go to and be seen at.

And invite your friends and Neighbors!



Cape Coral #2596
We Give Back
to Our
Community

Florida State Elks
Elks
USA

\$3.2 Million Dollars Raised
Become A Member!

The image is a promotional graphic for Elks Lodge #2596 in Cape Coral. It features a central text block with the lodge name and slogan. To the left is a logo for Florida State Elks, and to the right is the Elks USA logo. At the bottom, a blue banner with white text states '\$3.2 Million Dollars Raised' and a red banner with white text says 'Become A Member!'.

Cape Coral Elks Lodge # 2596 Directory

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Lodge Officers 2022-2023

Exalted Ruler, Joseph McHugh.....760-625-6116
Leading Knight, Mike Skweir
Loyal Knight, John Nugent..... 292-4945
Lecturing Knight, Suzanne McHugh.....808-224-4656
Secretary, Wanda Byrnes 239- 549-2596
Treasurer, Ted Derr 2596Treasurer@gmail.com
Esquire, Michael Byrne.....458-7869
Inner Guard,
.....
Chaplain, JoAnne Tartaglione.....
Tiler..... VACANT

Trustees

5 Year, Jim Nicodemus
4 Year, Vacant.
3 Year, Dominic Tartaglione, Chair
2 Year, Bill Stetter
1 Year,

Justice of the Forum.....VACANT

House Committee

Chair Joe McHugh

HCO

email.....sec2596@gmail.com

PER Association

Bonnie Marshall PER

Vinny Giorgi PER

Statutory Committee Chairperson

Audit/Acctg,
Bylaws,
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Lodge Activities,
Flag Day,
Public Relations,
Membership Lapsation,
Youth Activities,Vacant
Hoop Shoot,
Soccer Shoot,Vacant
Drug Awareness,
Veterans, Chuck Ellis..... 246-3872

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Shield of Honor,

Accident Prevention Manager

Accident Prevention Steve McPhillips

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Orientation/Indoctrination, Mike Skweir...239-634 2731
Scholarship,
Memorial Day Coord,Vacant
Gov't Relations – Suzanne McHugh
Shuffleboard Sundays.....VACANT
Last Queen, John Nugent..... 292-4945
Volunteer Coordinator.....Wanda Byrnes
Ritual.....Vinny Giorgi, PER

Grand Exalted Ruler

Randy P. Shook

Officers of Florida State Elks Assoc.

State President

Russ Smith

District V.P.

Judy Hopkins

DDGER, Florida SSWD

Tiffany Gerace

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Join the Elks email list.....sec2596@gmail.com

EVENTS – OPERATIONS - SCHEDULES

Bar:
239-549-4816
Dinner Reservations:
239-205-6048

Lodge Secretary
549-2596
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Lodge Meetings are held on the 2nd
Monday

Of the Month @ 7:00 PM

All members are encouraged to
come,

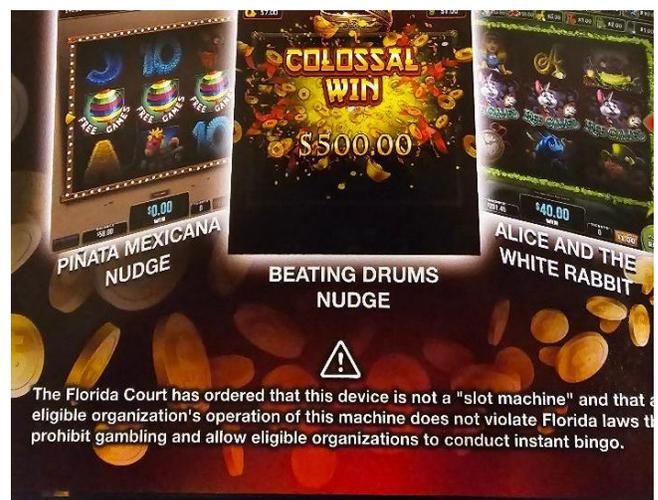
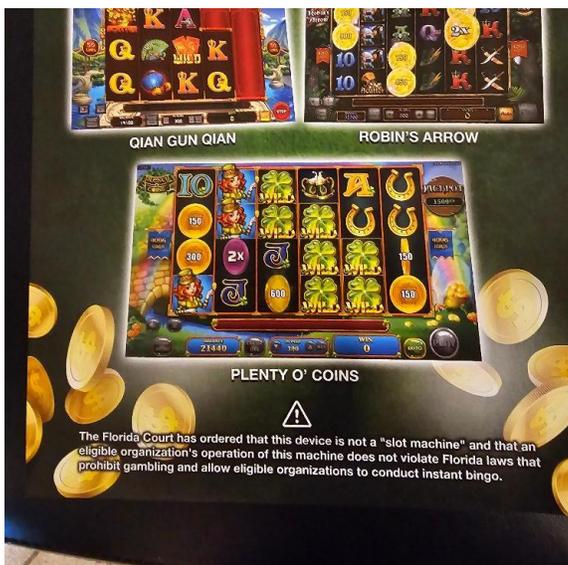
listen and share your ideas.

Bar is open from 5-7 PM Only

We are still looking for volunteers to collect money on Wednesdays "Game Night".

Contact Wanda Byrnes @ 847-902-8236 if you would like to help and get to know your brothers and sisters in the Lodge. We are all a lot of fun and excited to meet you if you're new!

Bingo machines are HERE!!!!



ELK-TIVITIES



WEDNESDAYS

\$ Show Me The Money \$



Come play our most popular game!
Wednesday's @ 5:30 PM



6 Cards for \$5

BINGO 15



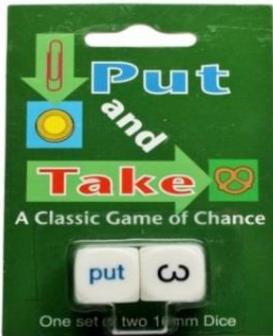
5/Game
1 in 15 odds for 50 Pot
We have Pop-up games whenever enough players!



Last Queen Standing
Wednesdays @8PM



PUT & TAKE 4 - 5



THURSDAYS

CARDS @5:15PM



SUNDAYS are FUNDAYS

1st and 3rd SUNDAYS 12-6

Cornhole and Shuffleboard



State Convention



11TH HOUR TOAST
You have heard the tolling of eleven strokes. This is to remind you that with Elks the hour of eleven has a tender significance. Wherever Elks may roam, whatever their lot in life may be, when this hour falls upon the dial of night, the great heart of Elkdom swells and throbs. It is the golden hour of recollection, the homecoming of those who wander, the mystic roll call of those who will come no more. Living or dead Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken. Morning and noon may pass them by, the light of day sink heedlessly in the West, but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall, the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message....
"To Our Absent Members"



JUNE

CAPE CORAL ELKS 2596

850 Lafayette St. Cape Coral, FL. 33904

239-549-2595

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	CLOSED	CLOSED	Show me \$\$ 5:30 Bingo 15 7:30 Last Queen 8:00	OPEN 4-9 Put & Take @4 Hold 'em @5:15	31 OPEN 4-9 Fish & Chips 4-8 pm	1 OPEN 4-9
2 OPEN Noon - 6pm	3 CLOSED	4 CLOSED	5 Show me \$\$ 5:30 Bingo 15 7:30 Last Queen 8:00	6 OPEN 4-9 Put & Take @4 Hold 'em @5:15	7 OPEN 4-9 Fish & Chips 4-8 pm	8 OPEN 4-9
9 OPEN Noon - 6pm	10 Member Meeting 7:00 PM Monthly Meeting Voting!-All welcome!!!!	11 CLOSED	12 Show me \$\$ 5:30 Bingo 15 7:30 Last Queen 8:00 pm	13 OPEN 4-9 Put & Take @4 Hold 'em @5:15	14 OPEN 4-9 Fish & Chips 4-8 pm	15 11:00 am Flag Day Ceremony Noon-6 Father's Day B-B-Q
16 OPEN Noon - 6pm	17 CLOSED	18 CLOSED	19 Show me \$\$ 5:30 Bingo 15 7:30 Last Queen 8:00	20 OPEN 4-9 Put & Take @4 Hold 'em @5:15	21 OPEN 4-9 Fish & Chips 4-8 pm	22 OPEN 4-9
23 OPEN Noon - 6pm	24 CLOSED	25	26 Show me \$\$ 5:30 Bingo 15 7:30 Last Queen 8:00	27 OPEN 4-9 Put & Take @4 Hold 'em @5:15	28 OPEN 4-9 GOOD FRIDAY Fish & Chips 4-8 pm	29 OPEN 4-9
30 OPEN Noon - 6pm	1 CLOSED	2	3	4 FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES	5 Cape Coral Elks Lodge 2596	6

What would you like to participate in at the Lodge, going forward?

Some options are:

Bingo or Music Bingo

Comedy nights

Dinner and dancing

Ladies night

Crafts and wine

Karaoke

Let us know, by dropping a suggestion in the box by the main door, at the Bingo stand or in the office. Thank you

