



CAPE CORAL ELKS LODGE #2596

HEARTBEAT

NEWS & VIEWS



October, 2024

Message from the Exalted Ruler

Greetings All,

The Lodge year is halfway over, and we are gearing up for the return of the Snow Birds. Our officers have accomplished quite a bit. Most recently, John Nugent made further leak repairs on the roof and replaced the fan motor for the vent over the pizza ovens.

The Lodge also hosted a luncheon for the visit of the Florida Elks State Elks Association

President, Russ Smith.

At our recent School Daze event, we collected over \$500 worth of school supplies to contribute to Skyline School.

We are now looking forward to our Halloween Party on October 26th!

What will make this all even better is your participation.

The Board has negotiated a beneficial arrangement with Goombah to provide delicious food, so come on in and enjoy it! The BOD have also been putting on regular events for your enjoyment.

Your attendance at the Halloween Party would be appreciated. Being in costume makes it even more fun. And we will have entertainment by Dick and Dianne Conley.

It is an Open House weekend, so invite friends.

NFL Football will be on the televisions in the outside bar on Sunday afternoons, and the bar is offering a half-price Happy Hour from 4 to 5 pm daily.

This is a lovely Lodge. Visitors constantly compliment it and the food, especially enjoying our outside bar. How about you? If you do like it, come on in and enjoy it! You'll feel good doing something fun for yourself and for the Lodge.

Consider helping out.

There is something for every interest that needs helpers: simple maintenance projects, auditing, grant applications, youth activities, veterans' activities, governance, events, charities, and the list goes on. Got an idea or suggestion? Bring it in. This is your Lodge. Enjoy it. Participate in it.

And have fun doing it!

Thanks to Judy Hopkins, DDGER, for her assistance in getting this issue out. She is a great friend to the Lodge and helps in many ways,

And get ready for all of the happenings in November! In addition to Veteran's Day and an early Thanksgiving, the Lodge will be honored by having the first District wide Ritual Contest at 10 am on Sunday, November 3rd. There will be two divisions: E.R.s and P.E.R. performing the 11 O'Clock Toast and the Flag Presentation. Please show up and support our contestants.



Your Officers after the recent District Deputy Visit!

Elks Care – Elks Share



Some of the school supplies donated in our School Daze Event!



Member and Goombah co-owner Mike helps remove canopy damaged in the storm.



Goombah after hosting the State President's Luncheon.



School Daze Event



FSEA President Russ Smith and VP Mike Chandler.



Ladies of the Elks State President Pauline Talbott ® & Chaplain Amy Ellery, PER, (left) at the State President's Luncheon.



CAPE CORAL ELKS LODGE 2596

Directory

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LODGE OFFICERS 2024-2025

Exalted Ruler.....Joe McHugh
 Leading Knight.....Dominick Tartaglione
 Loyal Knight.....John Nugent
 Lecturing Knight.....Suzanne McHugh
 Secretary.....Wanda Byrnes
 Treasurer.....Ted Derr
 Tiler.....Vacant
 Esquire.....Michael Byrne
 Chaplain.....Joanne Tartaglione
 Inner Guard.....Vacant
 Trustee 1 Year.....Vincent Giorgi, PER
 Trustee 2 Year.....Bill Stetter
 Trustee 3 Year.....Vacant
 Trustee 4 Year.....Vacant
 Trustee 5 Year.....Jim Nicodemus
 Lodge Advisor.....Vacant
 Mediator.....Vacant

Governing Body Chair,,,,,Joe Mchugh
 Our Lodge is currently using the Board
 of Directors as our Governing Body
 in place of a House Committee.

Membership.....Suzanne McHugh
 Investigations.....Vacant
 Public Relations.....Joe McHugh
 RitualVinny Giorgi, PER
 Standing ReliefVacant
 Veteran Services.....John Nugent

COMMITTEES

Accident Prevention..... Steve McPhillips
 Americanism.....
 Auditing.....
 Drug Awareness.....
 ENF Fundraising.....Vinny Giorgi, PER
 ENF Scholarships.....Vinny Giorgi, PER
 Government Relations.....Suzanne McHugh



A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler



October reminders: GER class, notices, awards

With summer coming to an end, now is our opportunity to offer events that give our Members things to do and places to gather. Offer dinners once or twice a week and plan activities that your membership can support and join. Start using these events to promote your Lodge for prospective Members as well as for contacting delinquent Members. It is never too early to start planning your future events.

National Patriotism Week is September 9-15. You still have time to download a proclamation for National Patriotism Week and have your city's mayor sign it if you were unable to do so last month. Exalted Rulers, remember the Grand Exalted Ruler class begins this month and runs through October.

Let us make it a good one to continue showing "Elkdom's Heart for America." If you have not done so, visit elks.org. Look under the Grand Lodge Activities Committee. Then take advantage of the many forms and certificates you can use to recognize program participants and volunteers. Also, make sure to reach out to your committee chairpersons to ensure they are recording and submitting the information to the Lodge Secretary.

Lodge Secretaries, begin sending your six-month dues and delinquent notices. If your Lodge has not signed up for the Membership Billing System, check into it on elks.org (Membership Toolkit, Lodge billing) or contact your area membership chair. The cost savings to your Lodge will be significant. Further, once the notices have been sent, have your Membership and Lapsation Committee contact these individuals. You would be surprised what a little personal contact can accomplish.

The Elks Legacy scholarships also open this month. Legacy Awards are available to children and grandchildren of Elks' Members. Check online for eligibility requirements. It's also time to start planning your local Hoop Shoot contest. If your Lodge participates in this program, thank you. If it has been awhile since your Lodge has participated, now is a good time to start. If you need help, contact your district Hoop Shoot director for assistance.

Finally, this is the time to submit your Lodge website for judging to receive the Grand Lodge 5-Star Award. State Association websites can also be submitted for judging as well. This is a great opportunity to demonstrate what your Lodge is accomplishing as well as advertise your Lodge to your community. Remember "Elks Care – Elks Share" by showing "Elkdom's Heart for America."

ELK'S CREED

Believe in the goodness in thyself as well as others.

Protect childhood with tenderness,

Old age with respect,

Cherish with reverence the memory of those who have passed.

Observe faithfully the Golden Rule.

Enjoy the good things of earth. Keep within thee the Glorious Sunshine of youth and remain always of good cheer.

Help us launch the My Elks Mobile App

Have you downloaded the My Elks App on your phone yet? Get the latest news and updates from our lodge. The new MyElks app is the official mobile app for Cape Coral Elks members. The MyElks app is a free and easy-to-use app that lets you access all the information and services you need as a Cape Coral Elks member. You can download it from the Google Play store or the Apple App Store by searching My Elks.

With the MyElks app, you can:

Find and contact nearby lodges. While you are traveling, you can use the app to find lodges near you, get directions, view business hours, contact and website information.

- Stay updated on events, specials, and news.
- You can see what's happening at your local lodge, such as functions, meetings, volunteer opportunities, menu specials, and membership news.
- You can also get notifications and reminders about important dates and events. Connect with Grand Lodge and Florida State Elks Association.
- You can access the official pages of the Grand Lodge and Florida State Elks Association where you can find useful information, resources and contacts.

The MyElks app is designed to help you get the most out of your membership and enhance your Elks experience. It is also a great way to support the Greater Pine Island lodge and the Elks community.

To Download this great APP today visit: Google Play or Apple App Store

OR YOU CAN USE YOUR MOBILE PHONE TO SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW FROM YOUR COMPUTER





Elks
National
Foundation

Why Should Elks Donate to the Elks National Foundation?

All Elks should support the ENF, but only about 16% of Elks donated last year.

Ongoing support is critical to fulfilling the ENF's mission and supporting Elks programs.

- Annual donations fund our programs.
- The ENF strives to give back more money to each state than it received in donations, so the contributions it receives from each state this year directly affects how much the state and major project will receive next year.

Donations benefit...

- Youth programs, like the Elks Hoop Shoot and Drug Awareness Program
- CIP Lodge grants
- State Major Projects
- State Association charitable grants
- Elks National Veterans Service Commission
- Scholarships It's YOUR foundation.

We hope that all Elks want to support the organization that funds their charitable projects. The more Elks donate, the more the ENF can help individuals in need in Elks communities.

Isn't the purpose of being an Elk to serve people and communities in need.

MAKE GIVING EASY & JOIN THE CLUB!

Sign up for our monthly, sustaining giving program—the ENF Fidelity Club!

- Give automatic, regularly scheduled donations each month from your credit card or bank account.
- Receive special membership benefits and recognition pieces.
- Update, adjust or modify your gift any time online or by calling us.
- Sign up by scanning the QR code and make a sustaining difference in Elks communities today!



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Use the QR code to sign up today.



ELKS MOST VALUABLE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

ACADEMICS | SERVICE | LEADERSHIP | FINANCIAL NEED

ELIGIBILITY: High school senior and United States citizen.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ▶ **APPLICATION OPENS:**
August 1, 2024
- ▶ **APPLICATION DEADLINE:**
November 12, 2024

500 FOUR-YEAR AWARDS

- ▶ **20 AWARDS WORTH**
\$30,000
- ▶ **480 AWARDS WORTH**
\$4,000

**Awards paid over four years*

FOR DETAILS

- ▶ Visit enf.elks.org/MVS to apply.
- ▶ Contact your local Lodge by visiting elks.org/Lodges.
- ▶ Ask your high school guidance counselor.

The Elks National Foundation awards **\$2.52 million** in college scholarships to a total of 500 high school seniors nationwide through its Most Valuable Student scholarship contest.

Visit enf.elks.org/MVS for complete details.



Helping Elks Build Stronger Communities
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ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION LEGACY AWARDS



ACADEMICS | CHARITY | SERVICE | INTEGRITY

ELIGIBILITY

College-bound high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of dues-paying Elks are welcome to apply. Visit enf.elks.org/leg for full eligibility details.

IMPORTANT DATES

APPLICATION OPENS:

September 1, 2024

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

February 3, 2025

AWARDS & APPLICATION

350

\$4,000 scholarships

Visit enf.elks.org/leg
to apply.



ENF scholarships are more than just monetary awards—they help strengthen the next generation's ties to the Elks. To help foster that relationship, the ENF requires scholars to serve with an Elks Lodge throughout college as a condition of receiving the full award.

The Elks National Foundation awards **\$1.4 million** in college scholarships worth **\$4,000** each to a total of **350** children and grandchildren of Elks members through its Legacy Awards contest. Visit enf.elks.org/leg for complete details.



C. VALENTINE BATES MEMORIAL

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**Florida Elks:
Student Scholarships for a
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Enabling deserving students the opportunity of success instead of a lifetime of what might have been.

The mission of the Florida State Elks Association C. Valentine Bates HOPE Scholarship is to provide financial support for the educational needs of Florida High school seniors without which they would not be able to achieve their educational goals.

The scholarship targets students who have a 2.30-3.59 un-weighted GPA

The 2025 application period opens August 1, 2024 with applications due by January 17, 2025

For more information and application dates, please visit

**FLORIDAEELKS.ORG/HOPE
-SCHOLARSHIP**

EVENTS - OPERATIONS - SCHEDULES

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!

Bar:

239-549-1508

Dinner Reservations:

239-205-4816

Lodge Secretary

239-549-4816

Lodge Meetings are held on the

2nd Monday

Of the Month @ 7:00 PM

Board of Directors @ 5:00 PM

All members are encouraged to come,

listen and share your ideas.

*Bingo
machines
are
HERE!!!!*



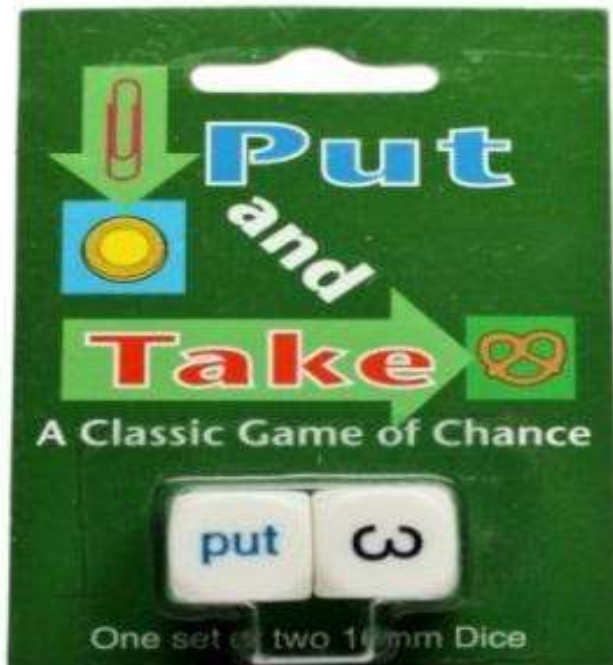
Elks Care - Elks Share

\$ Show Me The Money \$



Come play our most popular game !

Wednesday's @ 5:30 PM



Put 'n Take
Quarter
Game

Thursdays at
4pm

Texas Hold 'em
Thursdays at 5:15



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

Bunco

Darts

Pool

**Let us know, by dropping a suggestion in
the box by the main door,**

**at the Bingo stand or in the office. Thank
you**



Advertisement for the My Elks mobile app. The background is blue. In the top left, there is a logo for 'MY Elks' with a red and white striped banner below it. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'DOWNLOAD OUR NEW MOBILE APP' in yellow and white. Below the logo is a QR code. To the right of the QR code is a red button with white text that says 'Scan to Download or search "My Elks" in the Google Play or Apple App Store'. At the bottom left, there are icons for the App Store and Google Play. In the center, two smartphones are shown: one displaying the app's home screen with various sections like 'Member Locations', 'Member Search', and 'Member My Elks', and the other displaying a map with red location pins.



Graphic with text: INVITE YOUR FRIENDS EVERY MEMBER.. STARTS AS A GUEST. The text is arranged in a heart shape. The words 'INVITE YOUR FRIENDS' are at the top, 'EVERY MEMBER..' is in the middle, and 'STARTS AS A GUEST' is at the bottom. The word 'GUEST' is in a larger, bold font. There is a small red heart icon to the right of the word 'GUEST'.

		<i>to 12</i> <i>Closed</i>		<i>to 9</i> <i>Open 4pm</i> <i>to 9pm</i> <i>Put & Take</i>	<i>to 9</i>	<i>to 9</i>
<i>6</i> <i>Open</i> <i>Noon—6</i> <i>PM</i> <i>NFL Foot-</i>	<i>7 Office 9</i> <i>to 12</i> <i>Closed</i>	<i>8</i> <i>Closed</i> <i>(Pine Is-</i> <i>land Lodge</i> <i>Meeting)</i>	<i>9</i> <i>Show Me</i> <i>\$\$ 5:30</i> <i>Bingo 15</i> <i>7:30</i>	<i>10 Open 4</i> <i>to 9</i> <i>Open 4pm</i> <i>to 9pm</i> <i>Put & Take</i>	<i>11 Open 4</i> <i>to 9</i>	<i>12 Open 4</i> <i>to 9</i>
<i>13</i> <i>Open</i> <i>Noon—6</i> <i>PM</i> <i>NFL Foot-</i>	<i>14 Office</i> <i>9 to 12</i> <i>All Welcome</i> <i>Monthly</i> <i>Lodge Meet-</i> <i>ing 7pm</i>	<i>15</i> <i>Closed</i> <i>(Private</i> <i>Dinner)</i>	<i>16</i> <i>Show Me</i> <i>\$\$ 5:30</i> <i>Bingo 15</i> <i>7:30</i>	<i>17 Open 4</i> <i>to 9</i> <i>Open 4pm</i> <i>to 9pm</i> <i>Put & Take</i>	<i>18 Open 4</i> <i>to 9</i>	<i>19 Open 4</i> <i>to 9</i>
<i>20</i> <i>Open</i> <i>Noon—6</i> <i>PM</i> <i>NFL Foot-</i>	<i>21</i> <i>Closed</i>	<i>22</i> <i>Closed</i> <i>(Pine Is-</i> <i>land Lodge</i> <i>Meeting)</i>	<i>23</i> <i>Show Me</i> <i>\$\$ 5:30</i> <i>Bingo 15</i> <i>7:30</i>	<i>24 Open 4</i> <i>to 9</i> <i>Open 4pm</i> <i>to 9pm</i> <i>Put & Take</i>	<i>25 Open 4</i> <i>to 9</i> <i>Member-</i> <i>ship Drive</i>	<i>26 Open 4</i> <i>to 9</i> <i>Halloween</i> <i>Party 6pm</i>
<i>27</i> <i>Open</i> <i>Noon—6</i> <i>PM</i> <i>NFL Foot-</i>	<i>28</i> <i>Closed</i>	<i>29</i> <i>Closed</i>	<i>30</i> <i>Show Me</i> <i>\$\$ 5:30</i> <i>Bingo 15</i> <i>7:30</i>	<i>31 Open 4</i> <i>to 9</i> <i>Open 4pm</i> <i>to 9pm</i> <i>Put & Take</i>	<i>Follow us</i> <i>on</i> <i>Facebook</i> <i>and</i> <i>MyElks</i> <i>App for up-</i>	<i>Cape</i> <i>Coral</i> <i>Elks</i> <i>Lodge</i>

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SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 12TH

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GOLF CLUB
BONITA SPRINGS
SHOTGUN START AT 8:00AM
4 PERSONS TEAM
SCRAMBLE FORMAT

SAVE THE DATE

ELKS DAY AT THE BUCS



Tampa Bay Buccaneers vs Atlanta Falcons

Sunday, October 27th @ 1 PM

Ticket Options in the 100 Level and 200 Level

Section 131

Section 201

\$206.75 per ticket

152.58 per ticket

Secure your seats ASAP due to limited inventory by contacting Steve at 813-508 - 2315 or steve@floridaelks.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL!

Brian Grady, Bert Coffen, Michael Meyer, Joanne McDonnell, John Stief, Lisa Frederick, Earl Morgan, Michael Skweir, Richard Burden, Epifanio Soto, Ron Johnson, Gloria Reichard, Bret Coffen, Timothy Fuller, Theodore Wojcik, Arthur Ryan, John Bolger III, Donald Stading, Nichole Quinn, William Feeney, Lester Lamke, Jill Heinzeroth, Saverio Salmoiraghi, Victoria Montaque, Gary Seale, Robert Resch, Roy Wasson, Arthur Braden, Michael Lavin, Harris Flanagan, Werner Grabner, John Grabner, John Greenwald, Jack Weber

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Vinny Giorgi, PER, Ted Derr,
Joe McHugh, Suzanne McHugh

Please join them!



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