



Deep Creek Elks #2763 The Bugle

May 2026

From Our Exalted Ruler

Members,

Our first month is behind us, and we're off to a fantastic start to the new Elk year. At our first April meeting, we proudly initiated 25 new members, and I want to commend our new slate of officers for the outstanding job they've already done.



This time of year also brings our seasonal farewells as we say goodbye to our northern members. We wish you safe travels and look forward to welcoming you back in the fall.

As we move into May, our Lodge remains committed to providing great entertainment along with quality food and drink. A variety of events are being planned for everyone to enjoy, and we encourage our year-round members to continue supporting the Lodge and all it offers.

Please keep an eye on our weekly updates and ongoing communications, where you'll find details on upcoming activities. In this edition of the Bugle, you'll also find a link to share your comments, ideas, and suggestions—we value your input and are here to listen.

To all our members, thank you for being such an important part of our Elks family.

Jed

Ladies of the Elks Check In

Happy May!

Wow, April was sure a busy month. I had the pleasure of attending the FLOE Ladies Weekend in Umatilla. Lots of fun, food and visiting with other FLOE Ladies.



By the time this edition of the Bugle is published, several members will have attended the Autism Gala in St. Petersburg. I am proud to say the Ladies raised over \$4,000 for Autism and over \$1,000 from the Easter egg sales. Your Ladies are working on ideas for summer events and would love to hear thoughts from members. Was there an event the Ladies sponsored that you would like to have again? Let us know.

Our next LOE meeting is at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 14, in the Veterans' Room. All lady Elks or spouses of Elks are invited to attend.

Finally, happy Mother's Day and to all our members who are heading north for the summer, safe travels and we will see you in the fall. To those of you staying here, come celebrate Mother's Day with us at the Lodge. We're planning a special menu and entertainment. More info below.

Fraternally,
Pam

House Committee Report To Members

House Committee Update – Deep Creek Elks #2763

Your House Committee is working hard to create a welcoming and enjoyable experience every time you walk through our Lodge doors.

We're excited to share that an Event Sub-Committee has been formed to focus on planning future activities and making our events even better. Contact Committee Chair Barb Wastart if you are interested in being a "working participant." Call Barb at 941-807-2227.



May is shaping up to be a banner month! Along with our regular Friday and Saturday night entertainment, we have several special events planned:

- May 2nd – Kentucky Derby Party
- May 5 – Cinco de Mayo (Taco Night 4:30 to 7p)
- May 10th (Sunday afternoon) – Live music by Music Box Duo and a special menu.
- *This will also be a Membership Drive Weekend, so be sure to bring family, friends, and neighbors to experience all the great things we do at Deep Creek #2763.*
- May 25th – Memorial Day observance honoring the brave veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Join us for music, food, and remembrance.

We look forward to seeing you at the Lodge!

Respectfully,
Your House Committee

Board Of Directors Report To Membership

Dear Members,

The Trustees have a great foundation to build on from our previous leadership team. Monies for Lodge maintenance is becoming more available now that the mortgage is paid off.



However, we have to take a careful approach on how to spend those funds. Moving forward, the Trustees will prioritize the infrastructure needs of the Lodge based on risk aversion and responsible financial planning.

There is a five-year plan for major projects that the Lodge requires such as Air Conditioning, Food Coolers, bar refrigerators, repaving the parking lot, fixing or replacing the doors of the Lodge so that they open properly and seal when closed, etc. The list is some 20 items long and all of the items on it need attention.

We can't do everything at once. Instead, we must look at what is most important to do first based on the Lodge's ability to do business in the event of a failure of one of those systems.

To undertake all of this work that needs to be done at the Lodge, the Trustees will review all of the contractor's and supplier's contracts. We'll look carefully at the terms and costs of those contracts and compare those terms and costs against other contractors and suppliers to get the best service for the price.

Another duty of the Trustees is to manage the income and finances of Lodge. The short range goal is to establish interest bearing checking and savings accounts for the Lodge so that our money earns some money! A longer range goal is to establish interest-based savings, money market or investment accounts to ensure that the Lodge has the funds to cover future operating expenses and/or any catastrophic failures of the building or the grounds.

As I write this, we have had the air conditioning system in the veteran's room replaced and the main air handler system repaired. We have also contracted to have all refrigeration systems set up on preventative maintenance schedules to reduce the chance of future failures.

The future is looking brighter thanks to the work of the previous leadership team. It will be our job to ensure that the future of the Lodge will shine going forward.

Lou Polito
Chairman Board of Trustees

From the Secretary's Desk

Hello Members All,

As we move through this year, I want to sincerely thank everyone who has already paid their 2026–2027 dues—your support helps keep our Lodge strong and active.

If you have not yet renewed, this is a friendly check-in. If something on our end needs to be corrected (address, email, billing, or a mix-up on your account), please let us know so we can fix it right away.



If your circumstances have changed or you're going through a difficult time, please reach out. The Lodge may be able to help, or we can talk through options privately and respectfully.

And if you've decided you're no longer interested in being an Elk, we completely understand—please just let us know so we can update our records accordingly.

If you have paid your dues and not received your card, please check at the bar. All cards still unclaimed by May 10th will be mailed to your address of record.

You can contact the Lodge by email at secretary.elks2763@gmail.com. Thank you for taking a moment to reply—whether you're renewing, need assistance, or want to step away, we appreciate hearing from you.

Thank you for your time and thank you for supporting our Lodge.
Kathy Garcia-Secretary



JOIN US

Mother's Day Celebration

DEEP CREEK ELKS LODGE #2763

Celebrate Mom With Us!

Join us for a special afternoon honoring all the amazing mothers in our lives!

Food Served:
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Music:
Music Box Duo
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Sunday, May 10

Deep Creek Elks Lodge #2763

Bring your family and friends for a day filled with great food, wonderful music, and heartfelt celebration!

♥ *Because Mom Deserves the Very Best!* ♥

Whaddaya Think?

You have thoughts. Ideas. Things you wish took place at the Lodge.

Things you think would be better if...

We want to hear from you. Good or bad, crazy or sane.

We're open to any and all ideas and will consider them all.

Send an email to the board secretary -- secretary.elks2763@gmail.com.

Or you can simply click [here](#) to begin.

Want to remain anonymous? Write it down, slip it to a bartender, or slide it under the office door. We want to hear from you.



Membership Drive

In conjunction with our Mother's Day celebration, we're conducting a membership drive. This is the day to bring your friends and neighbors to show off our Lodge. Tell strangers to pop in and enjoy a special Mother's Day menu and music by the group Music Box Duo.

Let's show everyone what a great place Deep Creek Lodge #2763 is to hang out and join.

The Membership Drive continues on Tuesday. If you have other plans on Sunday, or can't make it, drag those friends, neighbors and strangers in on Tuesday for a special menu and muy bueno entertainment.

AN EVENING WITH

Lady Z & Cameron Wade

TUESDAY, MAY 12

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE -
OPEN TO PUBLIC

JAZZ • SWING • SOUL

6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

DEEP CREEK ELKS LODGE
— 1133 CAPRICORN BLVD., PUNTA GORDA —


 Call ahead for
dinner reservations | **239-413-8244**

Elks Info



Create your account at elks.org. Here you will find up-to-date Bylaws, House Rules and Rules of Order for Deep Creek Elks Lodge #2763.

We also encourage you to sign up at the state level—floridaelks.org to learn about upcoming events and schedules. You'll find your virtual membership card there too (snapshot only. Can't be used for admission).

KEEP IN TOUCH with US

Here's how:

- Facebook - search Deep Creek Elks Lodge #2763
- Weekly notice "This Week" sent via email
- Activities and events displayed on TV in Lodge
- Monthly BUGLE newsletter sent via email (Lodge 2763 info)
- Monthly ELKS magazine sent via email (Grand Lodge info - sign up online)
- QR code for quick Facebook page access (see below)
- elks.org website — search Lodge 2763

Join our Event Committee - contact
Barb Wastart at 941-807-2227

Did You Know?

We strive to give back to the community.
Here's an update of the charities Deep Creek Lodge #2763 helped support in 2025-2026.

2026 to date

- \$250 to purchase 50 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to send to the troops from Local Girl Scout, Abbigail Donthan. (These cookies have been delivered to the Troops).
- \$3,000 for 'Table Sponsor' at the April Autism gala.

- Up to \$500 cash and the remaining Walmart gift cards to assist the Corbin Family (local fundraiser.)
- \$2,000 from Charity to Pop Warner youth football league – (\$500.00 Bandit Football/\$500.00 Bandits Cheer/\$500.00 Warriors Football/\$500.00 Warrior Cheer).
- LOE Scholarships: 3 x \$3,000 each quarter. \$36,000 annually to Charlotte Vo-Tech.

2025

- \$1,500 for the Florida State Elks Association annual convention food cost.
- \$500 for the Port Charlotte High School Cheer Squad.
- \$1,500 for the Charlotte High School Football Team.
- \$105 to Pay Dues for a Member in Hospice.
- \$350 to Isabella Rochow, Student Port Charlotte High School Cheer.
- \$1,500 to Port Charlotte High School Band Boosters.
- \$600 to Port Charlotte High School Band Boosters for student A. Garcia Band fees.
- \$600 to Port Charlotte High School Band Boosters for student J. Goforth band fees.
- \$375 to Port Charlotte High School for student Jazmyn Goforth senior fees.
- \$3,000 designated for matching Elk Grant funds (on approved grants).
- \$400 for LOE.
- \$100 for Eagle Scout Project.
- \$2,000 to Pop Warner youth football league – (\$500 Bandit Football/\$500.00 Bandits Cheer/\$500.00 Warriors Football/\$500 Warrior Cheer).
- \$500 DCCA Golf charity event.
- \$360 for 16 meal vouchers for the T2T Golf outing winners.
- \$472 for PER fundraising event.
- \$200 to purchase candy for DCCA Trunk or Treat event.
- \$500 for Fairy Tail Endings (a no kill shelter in Charlotte County).
- \$5,000 to match T2T funds raised.
- \$2,300 in matching LOE BC Awareness funds raised.
- \$75 to DPER for Army of Hope event.
- \$200 to New Day Church for use of facilities during hoop shoot.
- \$100 designated for Hoops shoot winners.
- \$170 to wreaths across America. (Wreaths were placed at a local cemetery).



Don't Forget To Celebrate With Us On Memorial Day

CELEBRATING
MEMORIAL DAY
HONORING. REMEMBERING. THANKFUL.

MAY 25

★ **PICNIC FARE** ★
★ 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. ★

★ **MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT** ★
★ Featuring ★
THAT GUY ★
★ 2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. ★

★ **AT DEEP CREEK ELKS** ★
★ GOOD FOOD ★ GREAT MUSIC ★ GREAT COMPANY *Let's remember and celebrate!* ★

New Hours

Thanks to everyone who offered their input on our revised dining schedule and Lodge hours.

We appreciate all of you who took the time to share your thoughts.

Our new schedule is effective May 1.



OPEN

Monday – 11 am to 6 pm

Tuesday – 11 am to 6 pm

Wednesday – 11 am to 7 pm

Thursday – 11 am to 6 pm
(Meetings on 1st and 3rd Thursday. Close at 9 pm)

Friday – Noon to 10 pm

Saturday – 2 to 10 pm

Sunday – Noon to 6 pm
(Hours subject to change)

DINING


Lunch:

Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday
Noon to 2 pm

Wednesday
Noon to 3pm

Dinner

Friday & Saturday
4:30 to 7 pm

ACTIVITIES		EVENTS		MAY 2026			ENTERTAINMENT 6-9P Fri & Sat 2-5P Sun	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
					1	2	BAR GAMES 1p	Kentucky Derby 1p
							TNT	JERSEY BEAT
5	4	5	6	7	8	9	BAR GAMES 1p	
BOWLING 1p	SMT\$\$ 2p	DOUBLE TROUBLE 1p Cinco DeMayo Taco Night 4:30 - 7 p KARAOKE 5:30p	Vets Support Grp 11a CORNHOLE 2p	PC Garden Club Lodge Closed til 4p LODGE MEETING INTIATION 7p	ROCKIN RICK	TAT 2		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	BAR GAMES 1p	
BOWLING 1p Mother's Day MUSIC BOX DUO	SMT\$\$ 2p	DOUBLE TROUBLE 1p LADY Z & Cameron Wade	Vets Support Grp 11a CORNHOLE 2p	LoE 11am BARGO 2p ORIENTATION 6p	SILVER DOLLARZ	THAT GUY		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	BAR GAMES 1p	
DISTRICT MTG A.M. BOWLING 1p	SMT\$\$ 2p TRIVIA 5:30p	DOUBLE TROUBLE 1p KARAOKE 5:30p	Vets Support Grp 11a VA Home Bingo 12 p CORNHOLE 2p	BARGO 2p LODGE MEETING 7p	JANE BOND	PATTI & JOHNNY		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	BAR GAMES 1p	
BOWLING 1p	 Picnic 12 - 2p THAT GUY 2-5p	DOUBLE TROUBLE 1p EUCHRE	Vets Support Grp 11a CORNHOLE 2p	BARGO 2p	TAKE 3	SALTY DOG		
31	Lunch: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Wednesday Noon to 3 pm Dinner: Tuesday 4:30 to 7pm Friday, Saturday 4:30 to 7:00 pm				Noon to 2pm		RESERVATIONS PLEASE: 239-413-8244	

Calendar subject to change.

Are You Missing The Fun?

Keep up with what's happening at the Lodge every day and every weekend. Follow our NEW Facebook page.

Search for Deep Creek Elks Lodge #2763 or click [HERE](#) to take you to our page.

Remember to click the FOLLOW button.

Or use this QR code:



Important Contact Information

Reservations ONLY

239-413-8244

Office: Lodge business

941-764-6925

House Committee:

Answering Machine for booking parties and bands

941-249-8067

Bar ONLY

941-764-6825

Check our public Facebook page
(Deep Creek Elks Lodge #2763) for event information.

Deep Creek Elks Lodge 2763 | 1133 Capricorn Blvd. | Punta Gorda, FL 33983 US

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