



## Exalted Ruler

Lodge 497

Whether we agree or disagree on the ins and outs of daily life, we share a common goal, a common sense of ownership, and we feel a responsibility to help those in need. We are Elks! I can't thank those who have volunteered enough! Too many to name here, but the success of our lodge falls upon your shoulders! Great job!

May was packed with great events with many new Elk volunteers participating with great attitude and execution. Golden Tempo won the Kentucky Derby during our Salty Air & Derby Flair Soirée expertly planned and led by Cathy Duncan and her team of LOE's. Thanks so much for your time and efforts.

We love our LOE's! Our Mother's Day Brunch at the hands of Matt Kinkead and his family Team was the best ever! Rick Johnston and team made an impressive showing at Bands on the Beach twice! First set up was for Elks 497 awareness in our

community and second was including our Drug Awareness Program with Brenda Purdy (Chair) and special appearance by Elroy the Elk!

Many thanks to our Friday Night chef and serve teams for continuing to deliver great dinners and service to our lodge members. You too could be a Friday Night Dinner Chef, just get with our superstar Club Manager Terri for all the details. And if that's not enough, check out the calendar for June!

Keep up the great work recruiting new members because they carry the energy, new ideas, and are the life blood of our Lodge. Thank you to our Leadership Team as they continue to work tirelessly for the lodge and I appreciate each and every one of you!

**Fraternally,  
Greg Eddins  
Exalted Ruler**



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## JROTC Scholarship

ER Greg Eddins presents JROTC NW District Scholarship recipient, Daschle Nelson, Gulf Breeze High School.

## ELKS & Our Community

ELKs making our Lodge's presence known at **Bands On The Beach**. Enjoying the beautiful Gulfside Pavilion overlooking the Gulf of America; hot music, smooth grooves and a whole lot of good times. Spectators are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets to the pavilion area. Come out and fellowship with fellow ELKs, friends & family.



# Ladies of the Elks

May was a busy and productive month for the LOE's. A huge THANK YOU to each and everyone that sold a raffle ticket, helped serve food, decorate, took pictures, or even attended a meeting. The money we raise and the things we do around the lodge couldn't happen without everyone stepping up to help with even the smallest detail. Please know that you are all appreciated!

Our Salty Air and Derby Flair Soiree was a great success! All lodge members had a great time, dressed up, played Derby games and enjoyed a delicious BBQ dinner. Milton Andress was our Derby Winner choosing the winning Horse. Thanks to Cathy and her team for planning a great party and to everyone that helped make the day a success and make money for charity.

We also drew for our Mother's Day Baskets. Tina Keenan won our Wine Bucket, Sally Nowling won our Spa Basket and Lopaka Robello won the basket worth over \$2,000. Congratulations everyone!

The Lodge is looking very patriotic! We have new bunting purchased by the Elks and put up by LOE volunteers. Deanna Barr did a great job researching and finding the best quality bunting for our lodge. We had a great turnout for our decorating afternoon and we appreciate each and everyone that was there to help.

Our Blue Angel's Basket will be ready for raffle on June 6. It contains a red white and blue cooler and chairs along with cool Blue Angels paraphernalia and your very own front row table the day of the Airshow decorated just for you! And that's not all! Your reserved parking spot donated by our generous Exalted Ruler, Greg Eddins. Be sure to get your tickets!

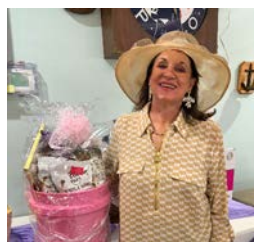
Save the date for our first Ladies Fashion Show on Saturday August 15. More information to follow.

Welcome to our newest LOE Members, Carolyn Brown and Marsha Reeves. Our meetings are the first Thursday of each month @ 6:30 on the third floor. Female Elks and spouses of Elks in Good Standing are eligible to join. Dues are \$20 per year.

We want to be respectful of your time so we endeavor to keep meetings to an hour or less. Next Meeting is June 4 @6:30 p.m.



Lopaka Robello Overall Winner



Tina Keenan Winner Wine Bucket



Sally Nowling Winner Spa Basket

Exalted Ruler	Greg Eddins
Leading Knight	Wayne Barr
Loyal Knight	Tammy Eddins
Lecturing Knight	Ingo Starke
Secretary	Kathy Lancaster
Treasurer	Tammy Wilson
Esquire	Scott Field
Tiler	Tom Luke
Chaplain	Christian Rabone
Inner Guard	Johnny Graves
Presiding Justice	John Unzicker
Lodge Advisor	Toni Palmer

BOD Chairman	Wayne Barr
5 Year Trustee	Rick Johnston
4 Year Trustee	Ramsey Landry
3 Year Trustee	Jan Alverson
2 Year Trustee	Gary Booker
1 Year Trustee	Trish Welch

Accident Prevention	Ramsey Landry
Americanism	Deanna Barr
Army of Hope	Cap Pratt
Asst. Dock Master	Dave Dalton, Jr.
Auditing	Scott Abel
Blood Bank	Celeste Whisenant
Club Manager	Terri Deviny
Community Activities	Celeste Whisenant
Dock Master	David Dalton
Drug Awareness	Brenda Purdy
ENF Fundraising	Sandy Milburn
ENF Grants	Sandy Milburn
ENF Scholarship	Tammy Eddins
Entertainment	Charlotte Field
Flag Day	Tammy Eddins
Harry-Anna	Chris Wells
Hoof Prints	Steve Dupuis
Hoop Shoot	Sonny Reedy
Investigation	Ron Castle
Lapsation	Tammy Eddins
LOE President	Charlotte Field
Lodge Activities	Jan Alverson
Maintenance	Will "Dude" Hausmann
Marketing	Steve Dupuis
Mediator	Brooks Davis
Membership	Kathy Lancaster
Memorial Service	Greg Eddins
Nat'l. Foundation	Sandy Milburn
Nat'l Vet. Service	Carey Seigle
Orientation	Greg Eddins
Soccer Shoot	Matt Alt
Therapy Services	Chris Wells
Training	Greg Eddins
Under 40	Slater Dance
Veterans Services	Carey Seigle
Webmaster/PR	Steve Dupuis
Youth Camp	Larry Bragg

*See Ya' at the Lodge!*

## Charlotte Field

## Past Exalted Rules (PERs)

Recently, the Past Exalted Rulers Association of Pensacola Beach Lodge #497 donated \$2,400 to the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Autism program. The funds will be used for the evaluation of one child with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services in association with Adult Pediatric Institute for Health and Wellness offer the pinnacle in comprehensive and inclusive autism evaluations. In the past two years, over 100 children and families have utilized the Florida Elks funded evaluation program.

Your PER association is raffling off a Traeger grill, just in time for summer! Tickets will be \$20.00 each and only 100 will be sold. Please see any PER or your bartender for tickets. Get you chance to own one of these amazing grills before tickets run out!





# Charity Corner

At the April 23rd 2026, Lodge meeting, members approved:

**\$750 Cookout at Corry Station for the military**  
**\$1,500 Gulf Breeze Sertoma Fishing Rodeo**  
**\$1,100 Jay High School & \$1,100 Jay Elementary School**



Jay High School Don Padget, Greg Eddins, Mr West (Principal), Amanda Hall (Asst Principal), Deanna Barr, Wayne Barr

## Representing at the State Convention



## Club Manager

Hello Elks, I trust you are all having a pleasant time. This summer is going to be the most enjoyable yet. We have a multitude of dinners and events scheduled. Please join us for Sunday darts and monthly trivia on the first Saturday. Our karaoke sessions and line dancing continue on the second Saturday of each month, and I welcome any new

ideas you may have please put them in the suggestion box. Our lunch service on Mondays and Wednesdays from noon to 3:30 I encourage you to participate. We are also looking to expand our menu to include healthier options. We are off to a strong start this year, and I look forward to seeing you all.

Thanks to All, **Terri**  
See You at the Lodge

## Elks Care & Save Lives

The Dan Smith Memorial Blood Drive was held Sunday, May 17, 2026, at our Lodge. Our donors generously gave 21 units, which could save 63 lives. OneBlood and our Lodge appreciate our donors' time and lifesaving blood, and we extend many thanks on behalf of the recipients. Our next quarterly blood drive will be held in late August. The date will be announced.

Our blood drive is named in honor of the late Dan Smith, who was our Lodge's Exalted Ruler twice. He was passionate about the importance of donating blood and was instrumental in getting our Lodge's blood drive up and running again. We know Dan would be pleased about our donors' generosity and the drive's continued success.



**Celeste Whisenant**  
Blood Bank Chairman

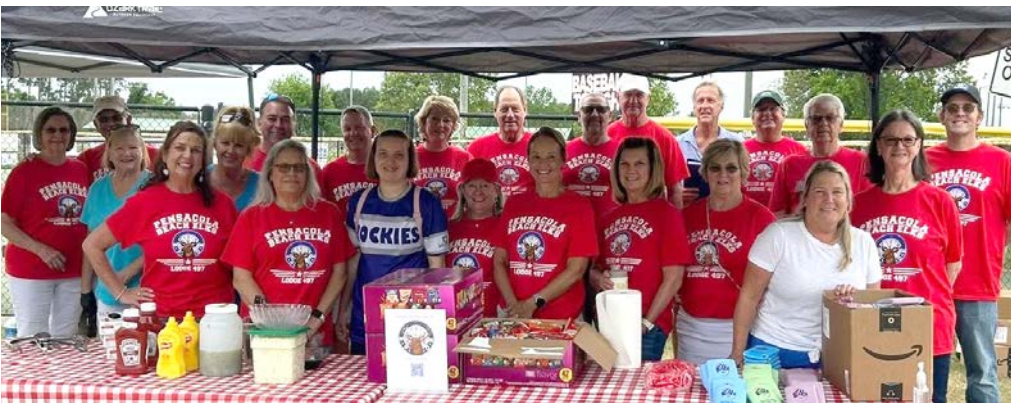
## HONOR ROLE

Thank you for participating in the blood drive at Pensacola Beach Elks Lodge #497 on Sunday, May 17th

Barry Kelley  
Edward Roy Jr  
Powell Frances  
Joann Rose  
John Oerting  
Lisa Roy  
Saratina Riskie  
Steven Ferguson  
Valentin Obregon

Carolyn Brown  
Elaine Davis  
Jeffrey Furth  
John Hoban  
Johnny Graves Jr  
Michael Kirschner  
Sophie Roy  
Susanne Hoban  
Vivian McClelland

# ELKs Fun and Fellowship!



**COME OUT, JOIN US  
& ENJOY A SUNSET**

# June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>Bingo</b> 6:00 PM <b>LODGE Lunch</b> Noon - 3:30 PM	2  <b>Taco Tuesday</b> 5:00 - 7:00 PM	3  <b>LODGE Lunch</b> Noon - 3:30 PM	4 <b>PER Meeting</b> 6:30 PM (2nd Flr) <b>LOE Meeting</b> 6:30 PM Queen of Hearts ~8:00 PM	5 <b>DINNER</b> <b>SOUTHERN BREEZE</b> 6:00-10:00 PM	<b>TRIVIA</b>
7  <b>DART LEAGUE</b> 2:30 PM	8 <b>LOE Officer Meeting</b> 3:00 PM <b>Bingo</b> 6:00 PM <b>LODGE Lunch</b> Noon - 3:30 PM	9  <b>Taco Tuesday</b> 5:00 - 7:00 PM <b>New Member Interviews</b> Start 5:30PM	10  <b>LODGE Lunch</b> Noon - 3:30 PM	11 <b>Lodge Meeting</b> 7:00 PM Queen of Hearts ~8:00 PM	12 <b>DINNER</b> <b>DIZZY JUKES</b> 6:00-10:00 PM	13 <b>LINE DANCING LESSONS</b> 5:00 PM You Don't Need a Partner <b>KARAOKE</b> w/Stacey Bday Bash 6:30-10:00 PM
14  <b>FLAG DAY</b> Lodge 3rd Floor 2PM	15 <b>Bingo</b> 6:00 PM <b>LODGE Lunch</b> Noon - 3:30 PM	16  <b>Taco Tuesday</b> 5:00 - 7:00 PM	17  <b>LODGE Lunch</b> Noon - 3:30 PM	18 <b>BOD Meeting &amp; Governing Body</b> 6:00 PM Queen of Hearts ~8:00 PM	19 <b>DINNER</b> <b>GAMBINO &amp; COMPANY</b> 6:00-10:00 PM	20
21 <b>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</b>  <b>DART LEAGUE</b> 2:30 PM	22 <b>Bingo</b> 6:00 PM <b>LODGE Lunch</b> Noon - 3:30 PM	23  <b>Taco Tuesday</b> 5:00 - 7:00 PM <b>New Member Orientation 6PM</b>	24  <b>LODGE Lunch</b> Noon - 3:30 PM	25 <b>Lodge Meeting &amp; Initiation</b> 7:00 PM Queen of Hearts ~8:00 PM	26 <b>DINNER</b> <b>SMOKEY JOE</b> 6:00-10:00 PM	27
28  <b>DART LEAGUE</b> 2:30 PM	29 <b>Bingo</b> 6:00 PM <b>LODGE Lunch</b> Noon - 3:30 PM	30  <b>Taco Tuesday</b> 5:00 - 7:00 PM				

## Derby Costume Winners



Ladies Derby Costume Winner



Gentlemen Contestants



Derby Couples Winners



Please accept this invitation from

### Pensacola Beach Elks #497

to attend our

# FLAG DAY

ceremony and reception.  
Members' family and friends welcome

**Sunday, June 14, 2026**  
**2:00pm**  
**661 Pensacola Beach Blvd.**  
**Gulf Breeze, FL 32561**

Learn the history of our great US flag  
Ceremony with reception to follow

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# From the Secretary

A reminder that as of **April 1st**, the card readers were swapped out and you can no longer gain access to the lodge if you have not paid your dues. If you have paid and not received your card, please email me. Some get lost/damaged in the mail every year. Please keep in mind that there will be times that you will be asked to show your membership card. You should always have it with you. The bartenders do not know all the members and it is their job to ask you for your card. Please be nice to our Bartenders, they work very hard.

**Thanks, See you at  
The Lodge!**

## June

**Interviews:** Tuesday, June 9th on the 2nd floor beginning at 5:30pm. Please sign in at the table once you get off the elevator.

**Kathy Lancaster**  
SecretaryElks497@gmail.com

**Orientation:** Tuesday, Jun 23rd 3rd floor 6pm.

**Initiation Meeting:** Thursday, Jun 25th, Meet on the 2nd floor at 6:15pm for further instructions.

Office Hours Mon & Thurs 1-5pm

### Club Hours

Mon-Thurs : **Noon - Til**  
Friday : **Noon - Til**  
Saturday : **Noon - Til**  
Sunday : **Noon - Til**

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much to ask.



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