



Exalted Ruler

My First Hoof Prints Article

First and foremost, let me thank you for your support in the elections for the new fiscal year. I am humbled and excited to serve our lodge as the new ER for 2025-2026. A special thanks to Jim Rodriguez, our outgoing ER, KB Branch, our current District VP, Don Padget, our current DD, and of course the late Dan Smith for their support and mentorship over the past year. Congratulations to the newly elected officers as well, Milton Andress (Esteemed Leading Knight), Ingo Starke (Esteemed Loyal Knight), Tammy Eddins (Esteemed Lecturing Knight) and Ramsey Landry (5 year Trustee). Together with David Warren (4 Year Trustee), Debrah Patroni (3 Year Trustee), Phil Gambrel (2 Year Trustee), Will Berry (1 year Trustee), our reelected Treasurer Shannon Fell, and newly elected Secretary Kathy Lancaster, we will work smart and hard to achieve the goals of the lodge. I look forward to working closely with our reelected LOE President Jamie Ferbezar, and all of the LOE officers and members. Together We Can Achieve Great Things!

Now it is time to roll up our sleeves, grab the Elk by the horns, and make 2025-2026 the best year ever for

Lodge 497

Pensacola Beach Lodge #497. We will need your help as volunteers to achieve the lodge goals; bring in new members, new ideas, and continue building on the positive momentum created this past year. Join us and show your support at Officer Installation, March 30th, at 1pm on the 3rd floor of the lodge.

In closing, I would like to double down on the challenge from Jim Rodriguez in the past year, and challenge each and every one of our current members to sponsor at least TWO new members this year. Reach out to your friends who haven't been in a while and invite them to come out, and then lastly, find your passion within Elksdom and become an Elk, not just a member of the Elks, by volunteering whenever you can. You can begin by joining one of the fun-having Friday Night Dinner Teams or building your own team, as we will continue to serve dinners through volunteers in the upcoming months.

**See You at the Lodge,
Fraternally,
Greg Eddins, ER**

Welcome New Members



Ladies of the Elks

As result of our successful fund raising in February, our membership voted to make donations to two local charities. First, we chose to become "Friends of the Round-Up" held at the Escambia County Equestrian Center on June 13th. This event raises critical funds for the programs and services sponsored by Favor House of Northwest Florida, a certified domestic violence center serving Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. Our donation helps pay expenses associated with hosting this event.

Second, members created "Galentines" gift bags for residents of Faith House, a shelter that caters to displaced single female veterans. Owned and operated by The Honor HER Foundation, Faith House provides mental health services, medical care, and substance abuse counseling to its residents. Here I am pictured with L.O.E. member Donna Cahill as we distribute gifts to some of the house's residents.



I hope you have seen the sign-up sheet for the Children's Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Ladies of Elks. You will find it on the bulletin board near the kitchen. The party is open to children ages 2-10 and will be held on Saturday, April 19th from 11:00-2:00. There will be food, games, an egg hunt and prizes. **Please register your children, grandchildren, or friends by Thursday, April 17th** so that we have enough food and treats for all the kids. The L.O.E.s are accepting donations of wrapped Easter candy for the party. A donation bin is located to the left of the elevator on the second floor of the lodge. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



I'd like to announce the 2025-2026 L.O.E. officers: President, Jamie Ferbezar; Vice President, Charlotte Field; Secretary, Joy Jackson; Treasurer, Harriet Gossett; Chaplain, Jennifer Strickland. Officers were installed at a ceremony on Sunday, March 30th at the lodge. After the ceremony, I awarded "L.O.E. of the Year" to Phyllis Farreny for her outstanding commitment and service to our group in 2024-2025. Thank you, Phyllis, for all your help and stewardship this past year!

Finally, I'd like to welcome new members Robin Arnold, Donna Johnston and Penny Willms who joined our group in March. Membership is open to all female Elks or spouses/widows of an Elk.

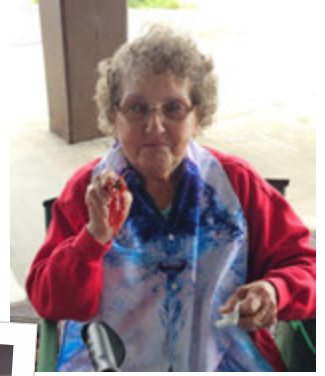
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Leading Knight	Milton Andress
Loyal Knight	Ingo Starke
Lecturing Knight	Tammy Eddins
Secretary	Kathy Lancaster
Treasurer	Shannon Fell
Esquire	Scott Field
Tiler	Tom Luke
Chaplain	Christian Rabone
Inner Guard	Johnny Graves
Presiding Justice	John Unzicker
Lodge Advisor	Toni Palmer
BOD Chairman	Greg Eddins
5 Year Trustee	Ramsey Landry
4 Year Trustee	David Warren
3 Year Trustee	Debra Patroni
2 Year Trustee	Phil Gambrell
1 Year Trustee	Will Berry
Accident Prevention	Ramsey Landry
Americanism	CK Dupuis
Army of Hope	Ken Branch
Asst. Dock Master	Dave Dalton, Jr.
Auditing	Scott Abel
Blood Bank	Celeste Whisenant
Club Manager	David Christian
Community Activities	Ron Christian
Dock Master	David Dalton
Drug Awareness	Brenda Purdy
ENF Fundraising	Sandy Milborn
ENF Grants	Sandy Milborn
ENF Scholarship	Rhonda Dorfman
Entertainment	Celeste Whisenant
Flag Day	Robert Randall
Harry-Anna	Chris Wells
Hoof Prints	Steve Dupuis
Hoop Shoot	David Dalton, Jr.
Investigation	Ron Castle
Lapsation	Shelli Branch
LOE President	Jamie Ferbezar
Lodge Activities	Ron Christian
Maintenance	Will "Dude" Hausmann
Marketing	Steve Dupuis
Mediator	Brooks Davis
Membership	Lisa Levchik
Memorial Service	Beryle Farmer
Nat'l. Foundation	Sandy Milburn
Nat'l Vet. Service	Pam McGinty
Orientation	Cap Pratt
Soccer Shoot	Jennifer Regan
Therapy Services	Chris Wells
Training	Greg Eddins
Under 40	Slater Dance
Veterans Services	Pam McGinty
Webmaster/PR	Steve Dupuis
Youth Camp	Larry Bragg



If you think you may be interested, please attend our next meeting on Thursday, April 3rd at 6:30 PM in the third-floor meeting room. There is no commitment if you come, but check us out and see who we are and what we do! I know you'll want to join us!!

Jamie Ferbezar
LOE President

Fun At the Lodge / Kickoff Crawfish Boil

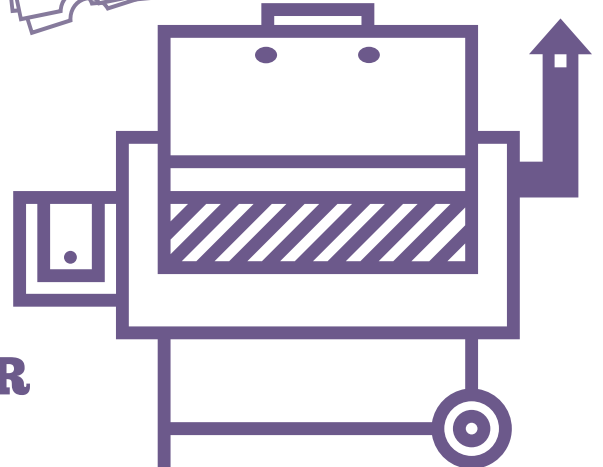


Past Exalted Rulers (PERs)

The PERs were proud to have instituted your 2025-2026 officers on the 30th of March. We have every confidence they will make a positive impact on the lodge this year, and we stand ready to assist them in any way possible! Please support your incoming officers by leaning in and volunteering, for only if we stand together can we make a real difference in our slice of the world!

Also, your PER association is raffling off a Trager pellet grill, \$20.00 per ticket and the winner will be drawn after all tickets are sold. These tickets can be purchased from your PERs and will also be behind the bar.

Fraternally,
Jim Rodriguez, PER
 FSEA State Membership Chair
 NW District PER Vice President



We Need Some ELKS | Apr 16 NEXT MEETING
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**Fore! Our Biggest annual Fundraiser, A Call Out to Fellow ELKs.
 This Year's Golf Tourney is being scheduled for September. More
 info coming soon...**



Florida Elks Youth Camp June 15th-21st, 2025 Open for Registration



The Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, would like to invite your child to Florida Elks Summer Youth Camp this summer. The camp is available for boys and girls between the ages of 9 through 13. Transportation to camp is being provided by Pensacola Beach Elks Lodge, #497 for Week 2-NWD Bus. Our week is June 15-21. Permission to register for camp and ride the bus **MUST** be obtained from the lodge representative in charge. For more information contact:

Larry Bragg 850-380-9275



WAHOO BASH COMING MAY 18TH

A Good Time Will Be Had By All. We hope you can join us! Ticket Sales date will be announced soon via Constant Contact...

Autism Casserole Brunch

Thanks to All Who Participated and Support this Cause!

Pensacola Beach #497 Autism Casserole Brunch on 23 February. Shelli Branch Chairman of the Autism Committee solicited Members & Friends to donate a breakfast casserole. The event raised \$827.00 to be donated to the Autism Galya. Pictured is Shelli's crew; from left to right are Tina Gramenz, Alissa Gramenz, Beckey Berms, Shelli Branch, Jackie Bayne, Vickey Buttino, Amy Miller, Karen Kriegel, JoDee Cattrell, and Ellen Hunt.



Fraternally,
Ken 'KB' Branch, PER
FL Northwest District Vice President
Endorsed District Deputy



April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
		1 Taco Tuesday 5:00 - 7:00 PM	2 PER Meeting 6:30 PM	3 LOE Meeting 6:30 PM 3rd Floor Queen of Hearts ~8:00 PM	4  The Koolerators (Paul & Jeff) 6:00 - 10:00 PM	5	
	6	7 Bingo 6:00 PM LOE Officers Meeting 1:00 PM 3rd Floor	8 Taco Tuesday 5:00 - 7:00 PM New Member Interviews Start 5:30PM	9  ELK 5K Kickoff Mtg 5PM 3rd Floor	10 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM Queen of Hearts ~8:00 PM	11  DIZZY Juke Band 6:00 - 10:00 PM	12  KARAOKE with Shannon & Birthday Bash
13  CRAWFISH BOIL NOON UNTIL...	14 Bingo 6:00 PM	15 Taco Tuesday 5:00 - 7:00 PM	16  GOLF TOURNEY MEETING 6PM 3rd Floor	17 BOD Meeting & Governing Body 6:00 PM Queen of Hearts ~8:00 PM Last Day For Kids EASTER PARTY Signup	18  Platinum Premier Duo (Misty & Loren) 6:00 - 10:00 PM	19  Kids Easter Party 11am-2pm	
20 HAPPY Easter	21 Bingo 6:00 PM	22 Taco Tuesday 5:00 - 7:00 PM New Member Orientation 6PM	23	24 Lodge Meeting & Initiation 7:00 PM Queen of Hearts ~8:00 PM	25  DINNER & 'Tomato' 6:00 - 10:00 PM	26  Northwest PER Meeting 9:00 AM District Deputy Meeting 10:00 AM	
27	28 Bingo 6:00 PM	29 Taco Tuesday 5:00 - 7:00 PM	30				



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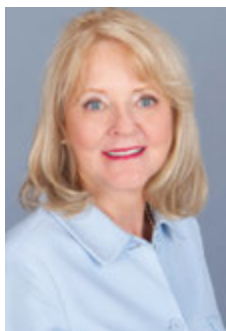
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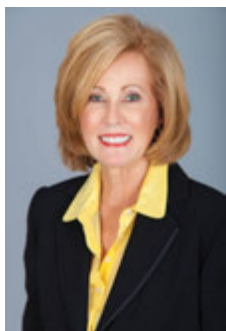


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From the Secretary

Hello fellow Elks! After serving as Lodge Secretary for five years I will be retiring effective April 1st. Congratulations to Kathy Lancaster who has been elected as the new Secretary. She has been my assistant for 18 months so you have probably met her. I have full confidence that she will do a great job and I will be her

assistant as needed. I will continue to be the Membership Chair and Secretary to the District Deputy as well as volunteering around the Lodge.

**Thanks,
See You at the Lodge!**

April

Interviews: Tuesday, Apr 8th on the 2nd floor beginning at 5:30pm. Please sign in on the sign-up sheet by the library.

Orientation: Tuesday, Apr 22nd 3rd floor 6pm.

Initiation Meeting: Thursday, Apr, 24th, Meet on the 2nd floor at 6:15pm for further instructions.

Lisa Levchik
SecretaryElks497@gmail.com

Office Hours Mon & Thurs 1-5pm

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