



Exalted Ruler

Lodge 497

Welcome to August my brothers and sisters! I trust you are taking some much needed time off and spending that time with friends and family, both at the lodge and away. I also hope you're beating the heat and staying cool, this time of year its critical to do so!

We had a fantastic turnout for the Blues weekend this year! Thursday was probably the busiest we've ever had for that day, and we have all of you to thank for the amazing turnout. Also thank you to Milton and his team for providing some amazing food for the weekend, it was truly amazing to see the camaraderie and fellowship, with multiple people pitching in to help when we got busy. Also, a special thank you to Chris Henderson and Shane Blackford for ensuring our parking was not abused, they braved the heat and did an awesome job!

Speaking of parking, we've noticed that we've had quite an uptick in cars that do not have stickers on them parking in our lot. As you're aware, we hand out 2 parking passes for each member upon initiation, or when you need another if you buy or sell your vehicle. We've also refreshed our parking signs around the lot stating that this is for Elks only. Towing vehicles that do

not have stickers is something we NEVER want to do, but if this trend continues, we will have no choice, for the betterment of our membership. PLEASE ensure your car has the appropriate sticker on it, or inform an officer or bartender when you arrive that you are in a vehicle that does not have one.

I also wanted to remind folks that we have a District Deputy clinic at the Warrington lodge on Saturday, August 17th. The general meeting starts at 10, so please come out to learn more about what's going on across the district and to support our DD and VP, both of which are from our lodge this year. Let's have a great turnout and show what 497 is all about!

Thank you again for all your effort to make our lodge the best in the district, let's keep up the enthusiasm and keep bringing your friends and family into Elkdom!

**See You at the Lodge,
Fraternally,
Jim Rodriguez, ER**

A Message From FLOEs

EVERY lady Elk, wife of an Elk and widow of an Elk are members of FLOE, regardless of affiliation with a lodge ladies' organization. There are no applications to complete nor dues to pay. How active a lady chooses to be is at her discretion, but she remains a member.

The FLOE Angel Reverse Draw tickets benefiting the Florida Elks Childrens Therapy Services are now on sale. Tickets are available for a donation of \$20 each. Tickets are also available for our Annual Conference Raffle with three great prizes. 1st prize is a 2-night hotel stay at Shores Resort and Spa in Daytona Shores with a \$600 Visa gift card, 2nd prize is a Northern Tool quiet generator with \$150 Visa gift card and 3rd prize is a Yeti 18 soft sided cooler w/adult beverage and a \$100 Visa gift card. Tickets are 6 for \$5. All proceeds benefit FECS and FEYC. If you would like tickets, please email floeinformation@gmail.com or contact one of our officers. Contact information is available on floridaelks.org. Together we can make a difference in the lives of children throughout Florida.

On Monday July 1, 2024, during the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin Texas there was a workshop for all ladies of the Elks across the country to share ideas for fundraising and other activities from their lodges. This is the first time anything like this has been offered and we are extremely proud that Florida was the host of the workshop. The event was a huge success with standing room only.



**Fraternally,
Pauline Talbott**
FLOE President

Ladies of the Elks

First of all, I want to congratulate the winners of the 2024 L.O.E. Blue Angels Baskets: 3rd prize, Hiram Hill; 2nd prize, Bonnie Green; and grand prize, Bill Weese. We truly appreciate everyone who purchased raffle tickets for this fundraiser! It brought in more than \$2,500, all of which will be donated to L.O.E. charities!! Thank you for your wonderful support.

Keep your eye out for two L.O.E. sponsored events this month, both of which are scheduled for Saturday, August 3rd. First, we are hosting AED training at 12:00pm on the third floor of the lodge. It will be presented by Will Berry who will provide instruction on using the defibrillator found near the lodge kitchen. Anyone interested in learning about this life-saving device is encouraged to attend. There is no cost to attend this event.

Second, at 5:30-7:00pm that evening, L.O.E.s will serve a dinner of chicken fried steak with all the fixin's followed by a night of bingo. Dinner will be prepared by Milton Andress and costs \$15 per person. You must have a ticket if you wish to have dinner. Bingo will be called by Ron Christian and will run just as it does on Monday night. It will begin at 7:00pm. You do not have to have dinner to play bingo. So come for dinner, come for bingo, or come for both.

I want to thank all the L.O.E's who came out in July to decorate the lodge for the 4th and Blue Angels week. The 2nd floor looked very festive! A special thanks to decoration committee chair, Phyllis Farreny, who coordinated this effort.

Finally, I want to welcome new member Beverly Holt to our group. Last month she joined our chapter and so can you!! If you are a female Elk or the spouse of an Elk and would like to become a member, be our guest at the next meeting on Thursday, September 5th. It will be held at 7:00pm in the 3rd floor meeting room. Come check out what we do and meet the great ladies in our group.

Jamie Ferbezar
LOE President

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BILL WEESE
GRAND PRIZE



BONNIE GREEN
2ND PRIZE



HIRAM HILL
3RD PRIZE



Carved Wooden Flag Raffle

The Great Northwest District VP is raffling off a Carved Wooden Flag - 21" x 42", Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Drawing will be at the State Presidents Dinner Pensacola Beach Lodge #497, October 5th. For Tickets and your chance to win see the ER, a PER, or Bartenders.


Fraternally,
Ken "KB" Branch
Northwest District VP

Elks Care, Next Drive Sunday, August 18th

Our area is always in desperate need of blood, but especially now since donations have been down all summer. Please sign up and then remember to hydrate and eat well before donating. The OneBlood website has a FAQ section that will answer many of your questions about eligibility and donating blood.

Fraternally,
Celeste Whisenant

Registration is now open for appointments by simply going to **oneblood.org**, clicking on the red donate tab and then entering the sponsor name/code: **16370**



DONATE BLOOD

Pensacola Beach Elks Lodge
Sunday, August 18th
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM


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Forgotten Warrior Committee



The Forgotten Warrior Committee held their July Coffee with the Veterans at the Blake in Pensacola.

As is the custom a Veteran was the guest speaker and **Petty Officer John Farill US Navy Seabee** entertained us with "sea stories". His picture is attached with his original enlisted man's cap which was replaced by the white 'Dixie Cup' hat.

Records of the Naval Historical Center show that the flat hat was authorized in 1852, was standard throughout the American Civil War, and remained in use long after white headgear – much later given the "Dixie cup hat" appellation – was introduced as an alternative in 1886. In the 1950s and 1960s, the hats were still a part of Navy attire, but were rarely seen. The Navy officially retired the flat hat on April 1, 1963.

Fraternally,
Ken "KB" Branch
FL Northwest District Vice President

Attention: Direction from the Grand Lodge

Grand Lodge often receives inquiries about Section 16.150, Opinion 1-4, of the Laws of the Order, pertaining to Lodge bulletins/newsletters being e-mailed or posted on publicly accessed Elk's website. To Clarify the main point,

DO NOT publish or post Lodge Hoof Prints, other bulletins, newsletters, or notices meant for Members only, on ANY websites or other social media platforms that are open to the public.

LODGE 497 ELK SPOTLIGHT

Jennifer Strickland

Member, Jennifer Strickland, is a passionate supporter of the Lodge's Ladies of the Elks (LOE); she recently completed a three-year tenure (she was elected three separate times) as president of our Lodge's LOE organization and is currently serving as our LOE Chaplain. Jennifer's goal when she became president in 2021 was to help our lodge's LOE organization become "better, stronger and bigger." She points out that until recently, lady Elks at our Lodge couldn't join the LOEs. Our LOEs used to be comprised only of spouses or widows of male Elk members. Initially, Jennifer didn't realize that lady Elks could be part of the LOEs until she attended a 2022 state conference. She came back from the conference and worked with the LOE members to change our local LOEs' bylaws to allow the lady Elks to become members because she felt wanted to be more inclusive and recognized that having more members meant the LOEs would be able to do more and raise more for charity as well as the "good of the order." That meant convincing current members to allow the admittance of lady Elks, as well as changing the meeting date to a date that didn't conflict with the Elk members' meeting date. The LOE membership voted in favor of change and now at our Lodge, there are over 60 LOEs, about evenly divided between widows or spouses of a male Elk, and Lady Elks. The LOEs have increased the number of fundraisers which benefit women and children. Some recent well attended and entertaining fundraisers have been Beach Babes (male members dress up in bathing suits) and the Mardi Gras PJ Party. The LOEs also do raffle baskets for fundraising such as the Mother's Day and Blue Angel baskets. Some of the charities that have benefited are Favor House, Faith House, and Magdalene's. The LOEs improve many things around the Lodge too. Before and during Jennifer terms as president, the LOEs voted to pay for carpeting of the third floor, new curtains on the second floor, some new TVs and the beautification of the grounds around the new Elk statue. Additionally, our LOEs support or donate to Florida Ladies of the Elks (FLOE), the Florida Elks Youth Camp, Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services, to our District V.P., and the 365 Club. Jennifer currently represents our NW Florida district as a FLOE advisory state board officer and travels to the meetings four times a year. Jennifer reminds us that every lady Elk, wife of an Elk and widow of an Elk are automatic members of FLOE with no dues. The FLOE hosts conferences and state meetings that our Lodge LOEs can register for and attend.



It was difficult to get Jennifer to talk about herself since she was so passionate about the LOEs. But on a personal note, Jennifer was born in California to a military father and a mother who was originally from Pensacola. Jennifer's family moved back to Pensacola when she was six and she graduated from Woodham High School. She's been in the beauty industry for the past forty-one years. She attended the Fashion and Art Institute of Dallas to study fashion merchandising, then came back to Pensacola State College for their Cosmetology program. She has owned her own business and recently became a cosmetics area sales manager for a large local department store.

Jennifer loves spending any spare time with her family. She has four children who range in age from 18 to 38 and she has two adorable grandchildren. Her youngest son just graduated from Catholic High. Jennifer loves to read as well as be on the water boating.

We appreciate Jennifer's passionate support of the Lodge's Ladies of the Elks (LOE). If you don't know Jennifer, please introduce yourself to her next time you see her at the Lodge.



August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 PER Meeting 6:00 PM LOE Meeting 7:00 PM 3rd Floor Queen of Hearts ~8:00 PM	2 DINNER The Koolerators (Paul & Jeff) 6:00 - 10:00 PM	3 AED TRAINING NOON 3rd Floor DINNER & BINGO 5:30-10PM
4 BREAKFAST 10:00AM - 1:00PM	5 LOE Officers Meeting 10 AM 3rd Floor Bingo 6:00 PM	6 Taco Tuesday 5:00 - 7:00 PM New Member Interviews Start 5:30PM	7	8 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM Queen of Hearts ~8:00 PM	9 BUNCO DINNER JP'S TOUCH OF CLASS James Proctor 6:00 - 10:00 PM	10 KARAOKE Singing with Shannon and Aug Birthday Bash
11 BREAKFAST 10:00AM - 1:00PM	12 Bingo 6:00 PM	13 Taco Tuesday 5:00 - 7:00 PM	14	15 BOD Meeting & Governing Body 6:00 PM Queen of Hearts ~8:00 PM	16 DINNER Platinum Premier Duo (Misty & Loren) 6:00 - 10:00 PM	17 DISTRICT DEPUTY CLINIC WARRINGTON LODGE NWD PERS 9AM MEMBER MEETING 10AM
18 BREAKFAST 10:00AM - 1:00PM BLOOD DRIVE 10AM - 3PM	19 Bingo 6:00 PM	20 Taco Tuesday 5:00 - 7:00 PM New Member Orientation 6PM	21	22 Lodge Meeting & Initiation 7:00 PM Queen of Hearts ~8:00 PM	23 DINNER & 'Tomato' 6:00 - 10:00 PM	24
25 BRUNCH 10:00AM - 1:00PM	26 Bingo 6:00 PM	27 Taco Tuesday 5:00 - 7:00 PM	28	29	30 DINNER Platinum Premier Duo (Misty & Loren) 6:00 - 10:00 PM	31

TACO TUESDAY

Just Show Up...

We Can Always Use Help!

There's a Signup List at the Lodge...



Elks Care, Next Drive Sunday, Aug 18th



Elks Do's and Don'ts

No food brought into the Lodge on Bingo night, or any other when food is being served. Scheduled events i.e. birthday parties ect. are OK.

- Popcorn will not be served when we are serving food in the Lodge.
- All guests must be signed in by a member and can NOT pay for liquor.
- No liquor will be brought in or taken from the Lodge.
- Doors are not to be left open for anyone to walk inside.



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From the Secretary

Hello, I have had several members ask me about purchasing pavers. If you would like an order form please contact me at **secretaryelks497@gmail.com** or call me at the office **(850)932-8050**. I am in the office Monday and Thursdays 1-5pm. The price varies depending on how many pavers we order. If we order at least five at one time the price is almost cut in half.

Membership applications continue to be submitted without being filled out completely. It is the Sponsors responsibility to make sure the applications are filled out

correctly. People are not putting their contact info, middle initials and some don't even answer the questions. That is unacceptable and those applications cannot be processed. So please save us all some time and review what you are turning in to the Membership Committee. There is also a \$200 application fee which needs to be turned in with the application. We cannot process until everything is complete. Please keep in mind that it can take 4- 6 weeks to complete the process of getting initiated depending on when you turn in the application.

August

Interviews: Tuesday, August 6th on the 2nd floor beginning at 5:30pm. Please sign in on the sign-up sheet by the library.

Orientation: Tuesday, August 20th 3rd floor 6pm.

Initiation Meeting: Thursday, August, 22nd, 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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