

Elk Call

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity

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A Fraternal Organization



From our Exalted Ruler....

Greetings Elk Members!

April 4th I was installed as your Exalted Ruler of Navasota Lodge. The past two months we have seen a lot of exciting change in the lodge. If you haven't stopped in or come to a meeting, I encourage you to do so. There is something for everyone.

I will be representing our lodge on June 4-7th at Texas State Convention and then July 5-8 in Chicago at Grand Lodge. I am looking forward to learning new things and sharing those ideas.

In April our Chairperson of the House Committee, Tom Jaquaz, introduced us to Pop-up Sunday. Every Sunday from 2-5pm you can enjoy a delicious meal for \$15.00. Now that's a deal! Some of our meals have been chicken lollipops, Tri-tips, barbecue chicken, sausage, grilled chops, and Mexican-themed foods. So, I encourage you to come out and share a meal with us. We also play corn hole on Sundays, and we even have challenged Bryan to a match.

The month of May has been a busy month. We initiated new members, had a couple rentals to bring in much-needed funds, and hosted our very first Mother's Day Brunch. It was a huge success! Memorial Day we had our first Annual Family Fun Day. The kids had a blast playing with water balloons and water guns. Tom lit the grill and we all enjoyed burgers, dogs, snow cones, and popcorn.

In the coming days we have a lot of other events that we hope you will join in on. (See page 3)

AS ALWAYS, PLEASE SEE THE CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS!



Scholarships



Our Elk Lodge has its first scholarship award! The scholarship was awarded by the State Convention for \$2000.00. The recipient is a young gentleman from Richards High School. He will be going to school to learn how to be an HVAC Technician. Later in the month, we will be awarding 3 separate \$250.00 scholarships to 3 additional high school seniors. The award date is TBD.

Charity Reporting

Even though the Lodge does not have a Secretary, Charity Reports ***must still be*** submitted as time is donated to the Lodge. You can do this through the website navasotaelks.org or emailed to secretary@navasotaelks.org. We have to show that we are donating volunteer time to keep our 501c(8) status as a fraternal organization. If you have questions on how to submit these hours, please feel free to visit with any of the Lodge officers.

From Your Lecturing Knight...

Greetings, Fellow Elks!

This month's topic is none other than everyone's favorite: Elks Rituals.

It is said that the BPOE's first Ritual was the 11 O'clock Toast honoring absent members.



However, out of all the Elks Rituals, the most important one is the Initiatory Ritual. One of our new members had an encouraging comment upon his being initiated. He said that he really enjoyed the entire ceremony and learned a lot about the different officers' charges.

It's also interesting to note that when the Grand Lodge Ritual Contest originated in 1930, the National Contest, the last two Texas lodge winners hailed from Houston, #151; Dorothy Joy Lister scored 95.51 (2014) and Jim Grissom #151, 94.28 (2011).

Our Ritual Team met on Mondays at 6 pm for several months on a regular basis last Elk year. Our own PER Mike Hobbs led us (with guidance from PSP, Mike Callahan, Lodge 151). We practiced our parts, deportment moves, and lines religiously. And we are continuing into our new Elk year.

Join in Supporting the Red Pig Fundraiser!



Hello (or Oink!) Elks!

We have some exciting news to share with you all! Our **Fill-a-Red-Pig-with-Change** campaign is now underway, and we couldn't be more thrilled. You have the opportunity to get involved by making a suggested donation of \$50 and selecting a gift bag from the options available at the Lodge.

A big shoutout goes to those who generously donate \$100 or more. To show our appreciation, they receive certificates, pins, and are entered into a raffle for a chance to win a fantastic gift basket.

Get ready for the upcoming **Red Pig Pageant**, a fun and creative competition that promises to be a blast for everyone. Stay tuned following the pageant for some exciting summer activities (like a luau)! If you're keen on volunteering or need more details, please don't hesitate to contact Evonne at 979-204-2661 or evonne_bellis@yahoo.com. Thank you all for your incredible support and dedication to our fundraising efforts.

Warm regards,

Evonne and Willow the Red Pig

Looking Forward to seeing you at the Lodge!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

June 13 - Lasagna competition and meal (See flyer page 5)

June 14 - Flag Day at 3 pm at lodge

June ?? - Flag pole dedication - date TBD

July 19 - Luau and Pig pageant

Sept. 12&13 - Last Chance Chili Cook-off

Nov. 21 - Winter Artisan Festival

For more up-to-the-minute information, always check the calendar on our website <https://www.navasotaelks.org/>

Calling on Members!

We need all members to support our Lodge! If you haven't been to the Lodge lately, stop by during the bar hours Friday – Sunday to check us out. It is truly a place to be proud of, and we have great yummy food and budget-friendly prices!

We can't be a Lodge without you!



Birthday Round-up!

JUNE	
02	Van Dell, Darrin Lee
10	Cook, Andrew
10	Krob, Sheryl
11	Gray, John
15	Kilpatrick, Robert
15	Legg, Lori De
23	Kilpatrick, Amy
29	Baughman, Larry



2026 - 2027 Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler Karen Cook

Leading Knight Jeff Hampton

Loyal Knight Louis Vidotto

Lecturing Knight Robert Kilpatrick

1 Year Trustee Robert Miller

2 Year Trustee Kaisha Hampton

3 Year Trustee Darrin Van Dell

Secretary Vacant

Treasurer Maggie Tienter

Esquire Evonne Bellis

Chaplain Tom Jaquez

Inner Guard David D. Tullos

Tiler Ryan Cook



LASAGNA
COOK-OFF SHOWDOWN
Saturday • June 13th, 2026

Bring your best pan. Bring your A-game.
Let's find the Lasagna Champion of Navasota!

 **Judging kicks off at 4:00 PM**

 **Competitor Entry: \$25**

 **Tasting Ticket: \$10**
— Includes Fresh Salad & Breadsticks! —

Winner Receives 50% of All Entries!

 **Trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place!**   

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Good Food ♦ Good Friends ♦ Good Fun!

★ **A family-friendly event to support our community!** ★