

Elk Call

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity

Navasota Lodge #2888
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A Fraternal Organization



From our Exalted Ruler...

Greetings Elk Members!

June has been a busy month. The State Convention was held on June 4-7. We were 14 strong in attendance. Our very own Kaisha Hampton was installed as Vice President of the Texas Elks East District #8520. Calandra Van Dell submitted the Community Service Scrapbook, and it received 1st place. We had a recipient of a \$2,000 vocational scholarship from Richards. Nancy Vidotto worked hard getting the word out, so we are excited it paid off. Nancy accepted the award on behalf of the student.



Our Lasagna Cook-off was a hit! We had several outside participants in the cook-off. We had a great turn out to help us eat all the entries.

The House Committee spent two Saturdays at Farmer Markets selling food and letting people know about Elks. A big thank you to those who helped.

Flag Day was June 14th and the local Scouts helped present the Flags during this moving presentation. It was so good to see many people from the community attend.

I am pleased to announce we have a new Lodge Secretary, Mike Callahan, PSP. Welcome and a big Texas Thank You!

The 4th is upon us and it's our 250th Birthday. Come join us on Saturday the 4th as we are in the parade and help us celebrate our freedom.

Hope to see you in July as we have several things happening.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

July 2 - decorate the Fourth of July Float 5 pm
July 4 - Freedom Festival and Parade
July 10 - benefit for Standing Relief
July 19 - Luau and Pig pageant
Sept. 12&13 - Last Chance Chili Cook-off
Nov. 21 - Winter Artisan Festival at the Lodge 10 am – 4 pm

Saturdays are Dinner from 4 - 7 with Queen of Hearts drawing at 7 pm



UPCOMING MEETINGS IN JULY

8 PER (6 pm)
10 and 24 Lodge (6 pm social, 7pm meeting)
16 BOD (6:30 pm)

Ritual Every Monday (6 pm)



Please email Nancy Vidotto at navidotto@hotmail.com for any and all upcoming events for inclusion on the website calendar.

CHECK THE CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE <https://www.navasotaelks.org/> **FOR UPCOMING EVENTS!**

Charity Reporting

As always, we need to submit charity reports to the Secretary. This can be emailed, handwritten, or submitted via our website at [navasotaelks.org](https://www.navasotaelks.org). If you have questions on how to obtain this information, please ask. These charity reports are very important because they allow us to maintain our IRS nonprofit status.

HOUSE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Navasota Elks Lodge #2888 has been busy trying to engage our membership and add new members to the roll!

- Recently moved the Sunday Pop-Ups to Saturday to help bring attention to the on-going **Queen of Hearts** (See flyer page 6)
- Added Ping Pong and Yahtzee to the Lodge to keep everyone entertained 
- Will soon have our very first drive-thru dinner: a chicken BBQ plate with a ½ chicken BBQed to perfection, ranch beans, Spanish rice, and two slices of garlic French Bread for \$15
- Continue to refine our menu based on membership requests (our newest addition is Chicken Lollipops - if you haven't tried it yet, you need to come on out!) 
- Attended the Farmers' Market at the Library and at Martha's Bloomers to sell our food and spread information about Elks (Both were very successful with some attendees that came to the Lodge Sunday to partake in the Sunday Popup (which we are moving to Saturdays).)

Stay tuned as we are in the process of an *exciting* fund-raiser for our walk-in cooler!

God bless all Elks and God Bless The USA!!!!

Your Humble House Chair, Tom Jaquez

Calling on Members!

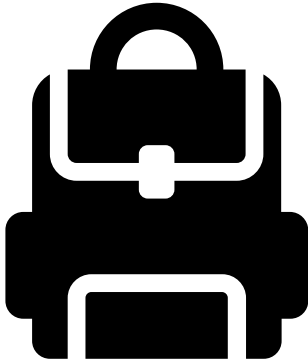
We need all members to support our Lodge! If you haven't been to the Lodge lately, stop by during the bar hours Friday – Sunday to check us out. It is truly a place to be proud of, and we have great yummy food and budget-friendly prices!

We can't be a Lodge without you!



Community Relations

Backpack Giveaway August 5th and 6th



We are collecting the following items:

- Spiral Notebooks
- Black and white Composition notebooks
- Notebook paper, wide-ruled
- Pens
- Glue Sticks
- Erasers
- Pencils
- Crayons

August 5th is at the Grimes County Fairgrounds from 10 am to 1 pm. August 6th is at the Plantersville Town Hall from 4 – 6 pm. Please bring all items to the Lodge before August 4th. If you want to help hand out the supplies or have any questions about this, please contact Nancy Vidotto at navidotto@hotmail.com

SWEETHEART COMMITTEE UPDATE



Sweethearts have been busy getting the ball rolling in a new year with lots of opportunities in front of us.

We came out swinging with the Mother's Day brunch where we had a great turn out, awesome food, and honored the women in our lives who make a difference every day.

Then we had the Lasagna cook-off where we had a tough panel of judges who had a hard time telling which was better than the other. It was so close – one point separated first and second.

We are now focused on two major events and need all the participation and help we can get from everyone!

1. The Red Pig Pageant (See flyer page 7) - July 19th every member should have at least one entry, if not two. Judging will be based on your pig's weight, cuteness, and theme. At the end of the pageant there will be a full-on luau, with music, dancing, and dinner. The House Committee will roast a whole pig! Don't miss out! Get your pigs today from Cheryl Jaquez (crjaquez1965@gmail.com), Evonne Bellis, or Nancy Vidotto. They will get them to you quickly.
2. Homecoming (October) - Help us have the most desired basket for auction. We are accepting all liquor donations to add to our basket. We'll gladly accept any donations!

Navasota Elks lodge #2888 Sweetheart Committee





Birthday Round-up!

JULY

14 Christopher Demontigny

27 Beth Leopold

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 - Mike Callahan
Treasurer - Maggie Tienter
Esquire - Evonne Bellis
Chaplain - Tom Jaquez
Inner Guard - David D. Tullos
Tiler - Ryan Cook

Webmaster – Nancy Vidotto
Newsletter – Beth Leopold

2026 - 2027 Committee Chairs

Fraternal Committee – Jeff Hampton
Veterans Committee – Robert Kilpatrick
Lodge Activities/Games – Mike Hobbs
Sweetheart Committee – Cheryl Jaquaz
House Committee – Tom Jaquaz
Americanism – Louis Vidotto
Drug Awareness – Nancy Vidotto
Hoop Shoot/Soccer – Evonne Bellis
Membership – Robert Miller
Flag Day – Karen Cook
Elks Memorial – Darrin Van Dell
Publicity – Tenae Dunham
Ritual Chair – Mike Hobbs
Grants – Kaisha Hampton
Scholarships – Nancy Vidotto
Government Relations – Karen Cook
Auditor – Vacant
Safety – Louis Vidotto
ENF – Jeff Hampton
PER – Kaisha Hampton
Board of Directors – Darrin Van Dell

NAVASOTA
ELKS LODGE
★ #2888 ★

SATURDAY
Pop-Up
BBQ

REAL BBQ
REAL GOOD
TIMES!

QUEEN
OF
HEARTS
DRAWING

DRAWING HELD
SATURDAY NIGHT!

MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!

★★★★★
GREAT FOOD. COLD DRINKS. GOOD PEOPLE.
★ **EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT!** ★★★★★

 **BBQ**
SERVED
STARTING AT
4:00 PM
UNTIL SOLD OUT!

 **QUEEN OF
HEARTS DRAW**
DRAW @ 7:00 PM
FIND THE QUEEN.
WIN THE POT!

 **CORNHOLE
SNIPER
GAME**
ALL DAY!
AIM TRUE. WIN PRIZES.
CHALLENGE YOUR FRIENDS!

★ ★ YOUR COMMUNITY. YOUR LODGE. YOUR SATURDAY NIGHT DESTINATION. ★ ★

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RED PIG PAGEANT

Join the fun and creativity!

ENTRY FEE: \$5 Donation ♥

✓ Receive your very own pig to decorate!

HOW IT WORKS:

- ★ Sign up and get your pig
- ★ Decorate it however you like
- ★ Bring it back on **07/19/26** for the big event!

JUDGING CATEGORIES:

- ★ Personality & Craftiness
- ★ People's Choice
- ★ Weight of Pig (add change inside)

📍 Navasota Elks 2888
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🕒 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Evonne 979-204-2661

LUAU & PIG ROAST
to Follow!
3:00 – 7:00 PM

Get creative, have fun, and show off your pig's personality!

Don't miss out on this fun and unique event!