Elk Call

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A Fraternal Organization



From our Exalted Ruler….



Fall has arrived and ushered in some cooler weather. Just in time for a busy end of October and the following months.

September was busy at the Lodge with the LaSalle Last Chance Chill Cook-off. We also had Homecoming at the Texas Elks Children's Camp in Ottine. It was a great success. If you have never been, plan for next year. Homecoming is always the third weekend in September. On September 11th, the 25th anniversary of 9/11 we fed our first responders, dedicated our new flagpole and had a flag retirement ceremony. We also initiated two new members and two more were reinstated. Every Saturday night we have Barbecue, bingo, and Queen of Hearts. Come join us for fun, fellowship' and some great food.

During October we have elected two more new members. Our Vice-President of the Texas East District, Kaisha Hampton will make her official visit on October 22nd. On October 23-25, our Fall Conference will be held in Houston.

During the next few weeks the Lodge will be gearing up for Arbor Day tree delivery, drive-through diner, Veteran's Parade, Celebrate with the Veteran's, and our Winter Artisan Market. December will see just as many activities. Please come join us and bring a friend or two.

Check page 5 for all the events coming soon!

Karen Cook
Exhalted Ruler

House Committee Update

Your House Committee has been busy again doing everything we can to help our Lodge stay in business. Recent changes to the Friday night menu (right) have been implemented with some fresh ideas and great additions.



We have added High Top bar tables and stools that seat four for the cozy settings we all wanted. A special thank you to Mr. Mike Hobbs for all his hard labor and time to sand and paint the stools. This was no easy task!

Some fresh red paint has been added to the Lodge for a crisp look. A big Thank you to Cheryl Jaquez and again Mr. Mike Hobbs for all they do.



Our BBQ, Bingo, and QoH Saturday has gained some ground and we are seeing a few repeat participants. The Bingo game has gotten very interesting with the addition of Black out and the new Mike's Magic Number where you can win additional chances at the QoH. This work on Saturdays requires every member of the HC. Thank you, Team, for all you do.



All this good work means nothing if our members don't come by and say "Hi!" once in a while. So, I challenge each and every one to stop by to say "Hi!" and pick up a QoH ticket or grab a bite of food and a drink once a month and bring a friend or 6! We need everyone's support to continue to do the good things Elks do.

Upcoming events are forging ahead, and we hope to see everyone at least once a month.

Oct 29 Treats on the Streets

Nov 6 & 7 Navasota Garden Clubs Arbor event (at the Lodge)
So come get your trees pre-ordered on the 6th. We'll be open to the public on the 7th (during which we'll serve food and drinks)

Nov 21 Sweetheart Holiday Bazar
There will be a drive-through chicken BBQ going on as well and at 7 PM Stoned Creek will be back in the house to entertain with Live Music



I am sure there will be more to add as the month continues but rest assured the House Committee will not shut down November and December. We will

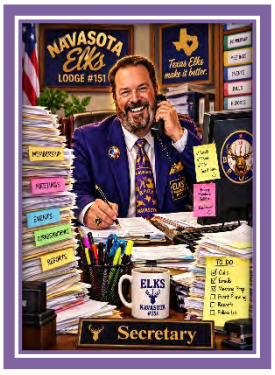
do our best to meet the needs of our membership and grow the herd into the New Year.

If you have any request of the HC, please feel free to send me, Tom, a text (281-475-9613) and if we can manage it, we'll make it happen! Thanks go out to my amazing crew for all they do for our Lodge: Mike Hobbs, Nancy Vidotto, Mike Calahan, Evonne Bellis, and Cheryl Jaquez
You guys are the best!

Your humble House Chair, Tom Jaquez



Secretary's Update



It is a GREAT day to be a Navasota Elk!

Member participation is the key to our lodge's success. Participation at recent events has been a little low. Come out to the Lodge on Friday and Saturday evenings, especially Saturday evenings. Our chaplain, Tom Jaquez, puts on a very good spread AND there are some fun and games and the Queen of Hearts drawing. (PER Mike Hobbs calls some wicked bingo.) Friday nights are just downright fun. Come by and see what you are missing. How knows, you may just meet your next best friend this Friday or Saturday.

Don't forget meetings are the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Our officers are working hard to make the meetings are as Elk-formitive and short as possible.

Our members put a lot of effort into coming up with new and fun things to do at the Lodge. Let us know if you have any ideas. Please make the effort and get more involved with your Lodge.

Lastly, the Lodge always needs your help in retaining current members who have not yet paid their dues for 2026 – 2027. If you know someone, please make the effort to contact them and see if we can save that member.

Even better, proposed someone to become a new member of our Lodge. Family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers are the best members of the lodge. Our national membership director, Rick Gotham, reminds us always "Every member should consider themselves to be on the Membership Committee." Let's not let Rick down.

As always, thank you for being a member and for all that you do.

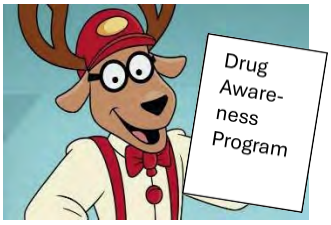
Fraternally,

Mike Callahan, PSP
Secretary, Navasota Elks Lodge #2888

Community Relations

We have had 4 submissions for the **Enrique Camarena Award** that will be considered for advancement.

Enrique "Kiki" Camarena was an 11-year veteran agent of the DEA. He was kidnapped, brutally tortured, and finally murdered by the Mexican Drug Cartel in 1985. He was a loving husband and father of three children. His death has inspired millions of Americans to lead a drug-free life, and the Elks DAP celebrate his commitment to this effort with an annual award. October is Red Ribbon Month, a time when people wear the Red Ribbon to commemorate Agent Camarena's sacrifice. The millions who wear these ribbons visibly take a stand to say: "We are opposed to illicit drugs; we take a stand against legalization efforts; and we commemorate all of the individuals who have been tragically affected by the results of use and abuse." Each year, the BPOE, through the Drug Awareness Program, presents the Enrique S. Camarena Award to a member of the law enforcement community who best exemplifies the qualities and principles for which Agent Camarena gave his life. Nominees should be involved in their communities in an effort to help that community become drug-free. Nominees must have the support of their Agency and the respect of their community. Nominees for this award start at the local Lodge level. The completed applications are then forwarded to the State DAP Chair. State Chairs then select the best nominee from their State and forward that nomination to the DAP Directors. The National winner will then be selected in January, and the Award will be presented at the National Convention.



Red Ribbon Week Distribution

We distributed Red Ribbon materials to ***4,709*** students in our County!

Here is the breakdown by school:

Navasota ISD	
Brule Elementary	321
High Pointe Elementary	480
John C Webb	602
Navasota Middle School	650
Navasota High School	936
Total	2989

Anderson ISD	
Elementary	424
Middle	220
High School	289
Total	933



Richards ISD	
Elementary	150
Middle	60
High School	70
Total	280

Iola ISD	
Elementary	340
Middle	375
High School	715
Total	936

For more information email me (Nancy Vidotto) at navidotto@hotmail.com



November 6 pre-order trees and on **November 7** - Arbor trees for public - Noon to 4 pm
Followed by Drive-Thru Barbecue Meal - $15.00.

November 7 - Veteran's Parade at 10 am, meet at the Lodge at 8:30 am

November 21 - Winter Artisan Market 10 - 4 pm (see flyer pages 8 and 9)
Dinner at 4 and Live music 7 -11 pm

December 4 - Elk Lodge Christmas Party
Dinner at 6:30 - Steak, baked potato, salad - $15.00
Dirty Santa, bring a wrapped gift, no more than $20 if you choose to play.

December 5 - Christmas Parade

December 6 - Elk Memorial Service - 2 pm

December 13 - Cookies with Santa - 2 pm (see flyer page 10)

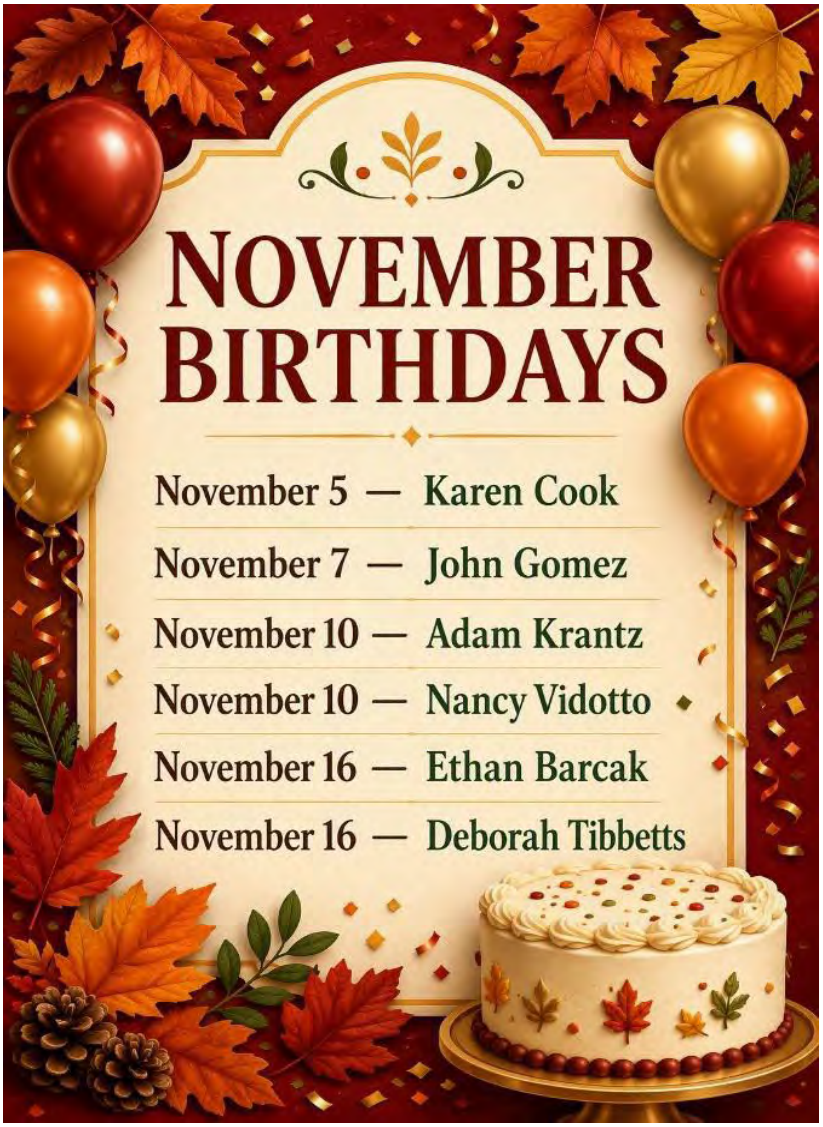
December 14 -18 - Delivery of Christmas for Special Needs Children

December 19 - Wreath's Across America

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!**

Birthday Round-up!



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
B.P.O.E.
CHARITY ★ COMMUNITY ★ ALWAYS ELKS
Good People Great Community ♡
Holiday Bazaar
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST
NAVASOTA ELKS LODGE
HOLIDAY BAZAAR
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Local Vendors
Handmade Crafts
Unique Holiday Gifts
Seasonal Décor
SHOP LOCAL
Support Small Business ♡
DRIVE-THROUGH CHICKEN BBQ
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
• Delicious BBQ Chicken Dinner
Convenient Drive-Through Service
GOOD BBQ BUILDS A STRONGER COMMUNITY ♡
LIVE MUSIC BY
STONED CREEK
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM
• Great Live Music
• Dancing & Good Times
MUSIC MAKES LIFE BRIGHTER ♫
Bring Your Family & Friends!
Shop • Eat • Enjoy Live Music • Celebrate the Season
HOSTED BY THE NAVASOTA ELKS LODGE
Merry Christmas ♡


JOIN US FOR A
HOLIDAY
Bazaar
SHOP • SUPPORT • CELEBRATE
Unique Gifts • Handmade Crafts • Local Vendors
Holiday Treats • Festive Cheer
SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 21ST, 2026
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
ELKS LODGE #2888
8948 S State Highway 6 Bus
Navasota, TX 77868
FREE ADMISSION
Bring your friends
and holiday spirit!
SHOP LOCAL. GIVE LOCAL. LOVE LOCAL.
Support Our Local Community
PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOCAL YOUTH PROGRAMS
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT CHERYL
281-733-7719
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VISIT OUR WEBSITE
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Join Us for a Festive Afternoon!
COOKIES WITH SANTA
Good Cookies Brighter Smiles!
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Navasota Elks Lodge
Come Enjoy:
Delicious Cookies
Hot Chocolate Bar
Visit with Santa Claus Himself!
Great Photo Opportunities
Holiday Fun for Everyone!
Hot Chocolate Bar
FREE FAMILY EVENT
Come celebrate the season with sweet treats, warm cocoa, and Christmas cheer!
We can't wait to see you there!
Navasota Elks Lodge
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