



# Elk Call

*Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity*

**Navasota Lodge #2888**

P. O. Box 1451, Navasota, Texas 77868

**September 2023**



## A Message from your ER *Kaisha Baughman*

Hello Navasota Elks!

I cannot believe we have been a lodge for 5 months already! Where in the world did the time get to? We have been so busy with local events, spending time in the community and just trying to figure out how this whole thing works. I want to extend my deepest gratitude to all of you that have joined us on this journey. There are so many things that we can now do as a lodge. Each one of you play a huge part in Elkdom no matter what the capacity that you serve in. Thank you!

We have many great things in coming up and we will need YOUR HELP to make them happen. Grants for the community are being worked on and there will be things to do to implement each one. The annual Homecoming event at the kid's camp will happen September 15 & 16 in Ottine. This is an event that you will want to attend. There are so many things to see and do at this event and all the money raised goes to the camp. In the month of October, we will be helping to run the Haunted House to raise funds for our lodge. It was so much fun in July that we were invited back to help. Dates and a sign-up link will be coming soon.

I want to take the opportunity to talk about Membership before I close. All the things we have done so far and will do in the future have and will require people. The current Elks in our lodge have worked hard to create our lodge, but many hands make the work so much lighter. In saying that, we need to make sure and tell our friends, family, and anyone we come in contact about the Elks. Invite them to a social, tell them about an event, let them know what we have done and what we do as Elks. Soon we will have a Lodge website and that will give them something to look at locally as well. Our growth now and in the days, weeks, and years to come will keep Navasota Elks Lodge 2888 strong and ensure that we are able to help as many people as possible. Elks Care, Elks Share is our mantra for a reason. So, lets come together and help grow! In the words of our Texas Elks State President, Steven Weatherly, "We are ONE, have some FUN!"



### **LODGE MEETINGS**

will be held this month on  
**September 7** and **September 28**  
with Social Hour at 6 p.m.,  
followed by meeting at 7 p.m.

*Stay active in your Lodge!  
Please make every effort to attend!*

<https://www.elks.org/membership/join.cfm>



Elks National Foundation has kicked off the 2024 scholarship year. Applications submission runs from August 1 through November 23, 2023. Applications can be found at [enf.elks.org/MVS](http://enf.elks.org/MVS) awards.

ENF 500 four-year scholarships are based on academics, leadership, and financial need. The awards range from \$1,000 to \$7,500 per year. The national awards will be announced next April. Information has been given to the high school counselors in Grimes County.

Legacy Awards provide scholarships for children and grandchildren of dues-paying Elk members. The web site for these awards is [enf.elks.org/LEG](http://enf.elks.org/LEG). The Legacy Awards open in September and closes on February 5, 2024.

There are also State Scholarships that are available. This information will be forwarded when the website is updated.

Good Luck with the scholarship submissions! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, [secretary@navasotaelks.org](mailto:secretary@navasotaelks.org)

Nancy Vidotto  
Secretary, Navasota Lodge #2888



Homecoming will be held September 15th and 16th at Texas Elks Children's Camp Ottine, 1963 FM 1586, Gonzales, TX. Everyone is welcome! On Saturday at Homecoming, visit our Lodge Sweethearts table to purchase your chance to win in our big live auction. Some great items are being auctioned, so you don't want to miss out!

On the 1st Friday of each month, join us for a fun evening of karaoke and dancing at the VFW at 7 p.m. with a 50/50 drawing to raise funds for Sweethearts. Our Red Pig adoption is going on, with funds raised each quarter. Other fundraisers are in planning stages, so watch for more information.

Calandra Van Dell  
Lodge Sweetheart



9/03	Evonne Ellis
9/09	Andrew Pendleton
9/09	Courtney Blair
9/16	Brian Slesnick
9/19	Jessica Krouse
9/26	Mike Kelley
9/29	Jeff Van Dien



**2023-2024  
Lodge Officers**

- Exalted Ruler**  
*Kaisha Baughman*
- Leading Knight**  
*Darrin Van Dell*
- Loyal Knight**  
*Karen Cook*
- Lecturing Knight**  
*Jeff Hampton*
- 1 Year Trustee**  
*Jeff Van Dien*
- 2 Year Trustee**  
*Mike Kelley*
- 3 Year Trustee**  
*Larry Baughman*
- Secretary**  
*Nancy Vidotto*
- Treasurer**  
*Helen Van Dien*
- Esquire**  
*Evonne Ellis*
- Chaplain**  
*Adam Krantz*
- Inner Guard**  
*Jonathan Kern*
- Tiler**  
*Louis Vidotto*



**2023-2024  
Committee Chairs**

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|---|---|
| <b>Accident Prevention</b><br><i>Mike Kelley</i>        | <b>Government Relations</b><br><i>Kaisha Baughman</i>   |
| <b>Activities</b><br><i>Karen Cook</i>                  | <b>Hoop Shoot</b><br><i>Cristene Hayter</i>             |
| <b>Americanism</b><br><i>Karen Cook</i>                 | <b>Lodge Activities</b><br><i>Karen Cook</i>            |
| <b>Audit and Accounting</b><br><i>Robert Miller</i>     | <b>Membership</b><br><i>Jeff Hampton</i>                |
| <b>Community Projects</b><br><i>Eleese Hill</i>         | <b>PER Association</b><br><i>Larry Baughman</i>         |
| <b>Drug Awareness</b><br><i>Hope Lohse</i>              | <b>Public Relations</b><br><i>Jonathan Kern</i>         |
| <b>Elks Memorial Day</b><br><i>Helen Van Dien</i>       | <b>Ritualistic</b><br><i>Mike Hobbs</i>                 |
| <b>Elks National Foundation</b><br><i>Jeff Van Dien</i> | <b>Soccer Shoot</b><br><i>Evonne Bellis</i>             |
| <b>Flag Day</b><br><i>Kaisha Baughman</i>               | <b>State Major Projects</b><br><i>Calandra Van Dell</i> |
| <b>Fraternal</b><br><i>Jeff Hampton</i>                 | <b>Veterans Service</b><br><i>Darrin Van Dell</i>       |
|   | <b>Youth Activities</b><br><i>Kaisha Baughman</i>       |



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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/221595737089774>



# September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 VFW/ELKS Karaoke Night 7-11 pm	2
3	4 LABOR DAY	5 VFW Bingo 5:30-7:30 pm	6	7 LODGE MTG 6 pm Social Hr 7pm Meeting  Murder Mystery at Rail & Rye	8 Bob Whitten Golf Tourny	9 Farmer's Market 9am-1pm  Bonnie & Clyde Comedy Brosig 7:30pm
10	11	12 VFW Bingo 5:30-7:30 pm	13 Chamber Coffee 9-10 am	14	15  TECSI Homecoming Camp Ottine Gonzales, TX	16
17	18 Bob Whitten Golf Tourny	19 Fifty-Seven Bloom Ribbon Cutting Main St., Anderson 11.30  VFW Bingo 5:30-7:30 pm	20 BOD Meeting 6:30 pm	21 Mixer at WC Tractor 5:30-7 pm	22	23 Grimes Co. Animal Rescue Anderson 10-2pm  Fall Sip & Shop Navasota
24	25	26 VFW Bingo 5:30-7:30 pm	27 Lunch and Learn @ NAMI 12-1	28 LODGE MTG 6 pm Social Hr 7pm Meeting	29	30

**NOTE:** Events shown in **blue** are sponsored by the Grimes County Chamber of Commerce. Visit the Chamber website at [www.navasotagrimeschamber.com/calendar](http://www.navasotagrimeschamber.com/calendar) for more information on these events.