



Elk Call

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity

Navasota Lodge #2888

P. O. Box 1451, Navasota, Texas 77868

October 2023

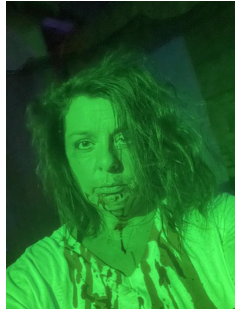


A Message from your ER

Kaisha Baughman

Hello Navasota Elks!!!

The spooky season of October is upon us and we have yet again another opportunity to raise funds for our Lodge at the Navasota City Morgue. This event will be going on each Friday and Saturday evenings during the month of October as well as Halloween night, October 31st. You will see below the sign up link for the Circus Freak Show Haunted House, so join in the fun and sign up for a night or 3! To get signed up, click or copy and paste the link below to your browser or use the QR code.



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Thank you for your continued support of the Navasota 2888 Elks Lodge. Your help continues to help us grow and make a larger impact on our community.



Fraternally,
Kaisha Baughman, ER



**Navasota Elks 2888
and
Navasota VFW Post 4006
teaming up again for a
fun filled night of
KARAOKE & DANCING!!**

**October 6th
7PM - 11PM??**

**BRING YOUR CASH
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**50/50 goes to Navasota
Elks Sweetheart Fund
supporting special
needs children**

**Queen of Hearts
supports the
VFW**



*** Beer, set-ups & water will be
available for purchase @POST
May bring your bottles.**

**HOW TO GET A
NEW MEMBER?**

ASK!

**[https://www.elks.org/
membership/join.cfm](https://www.elks.org/membership/join.cfm)**

LODGE MEETINGS

will be held this month on
October 12 and October 26
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!*

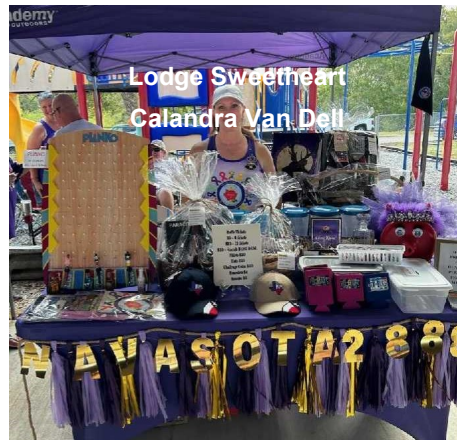


Over the weekend of September 15-16, we had our annual Homecoming at Texas Elks Children's Camp. It's always fun to get together to love on your people throughout the state and raise money for our kids.

We've been waiting on the final numbers. Are you ready for it??? Our total over all was **\$127,000** and \$77,000 of that was on live auctions alone! Y'all, \$127,000!! Way to go all Texas Elks Sweethearts and all who helped to make it happen with your generous donations. All the money the Sweethearts raise throughout Texas goes to Texas Elks Children's Services, a summer camp for special needs and foster children. Each year, some the money raised comes back to our community in the form of grants. The grants can help with several different things such as hearing aids, glasses, cranial helmets, and other items that insurance or Medicaid can't or doesn't cover fully. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me at cvandell48@gmail.com, Darrin L. Van Dell or an officer of our lodge.

Again way to go to all of BEAUTIFUL SWEETHEARTS. We have about 7 months left for our year, so we all look forward to your continued support in and out of our Lodges. A BIG thank you to all the workers at Homecoming #1 our sweet Director Loretta; the ones that set up, tear down, clean-up cook, the speakers, music people/ DJ'S, and auctioneers that make this all happen. We are grateful to you all! Can't wait until next year!! Some exciting things are being talked about for next year that I believe will be AMAZING!!!

Calandra Van Dell
Navasota 2888
Sweetheart ❤️



A Message from Miss Prissy...

Remember to fill your red pig! This quarter the pigs are due for turn in on October 26.

B.P.O. Elks, Friend to the Veteran!



February 16, 1968, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was established to be an enduring organization that serves those who are destitute and in need. It wasn't long before we recognized that there was a growing need for the care of our nations Veterans. The Elks established a hospital to serve the needs of our Veterans, supplied it with equipment, doctors, and nurses, then eventually donated it to the U.S. Government, which in turn became the VA system. Our relationship with our Veterans, and the services and programs we provide, ensures that our Veterans will always have the support, care, and recognition they deserve. The Elks were, are, and will forever be a Friend to the Veteran.

Our Declaration of Independence, written in 1776, states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness." These are the ideals with which we ignited the American Revolution. A war that lasted eight long, brutal years and earned America its independence.

Since that time, America has fought in 12 different wars, and many smaller conflicts, all to protect these same ideals. Our Veterans are as crucial now as they were then, to life as we know it today. They protected our freedoms, placed themselves in harm's way for people whom they'd never met, and some made the ultimate sacrifice. They also provide us with valuable history lessons should we care to listen and take heed, so as not to return to tyranny.

According to the United States Veterans Administration, there are about 19 million United States Veterans in our country today, and over 41 million have served over the course of our nation's history. That's 41 million people who have fought to protect the core ideals of our country, those established by our Founding Fathers. Our Veterans are to be regaled and respected, as they fought to protect the freedom our ancestors fought for 247 years ago. As Americans, we wake up every morning with the ability to dress how we want, say what we want, have relationships with people we choose, decide what career we want to pursue, as well as many, many more freedoms. All because of our Veterans!

What is Veterans Day and why is it always on November 11?

November 11th was first observed as Armistice Day in 1919, in honor of the first anniversary of the end of World War I, which officially ended on the "Eleventh hour of the Eleventh day of the Eleventh month" in 1918. At the urging of major U.S. Veteran organizations, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954. Veterans Day is a day of celebration, recognition, and remembrance of the selfless contributions of our U.S. Armed Forces to secure, defend and preserve the freedoms that we enjoy today, and that so many of us take for granted. The Elks Pledge that, **"So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will NEVER FORGET them"!**

In honor of Veterans, and this coming Veterans Day, the Navasota Elks Lodge #2888, coupled with the local VFW Post 4006, will be serving a Spaghetti Dinner starting at 6:00pm on Wednesday, November 8th. All Are Welcome! Veterans dine free, and donations are accepted for non-veterans. Please reach out to Karen Cook at kalmcook@bellsouth.net if you'd like to volunteer to serve, donate, provide food, or just be a part of the celebration and thank our Veterans!

Darrin L. Van Dell
Esteemed Leading Knight
Navasota Elks #2888
"Elks Care, Elks Share"





Other Upcoming Events:

November 11th, the Navasota VFW Post 4006, will be having a Veterans Day celebration with live music, food and possibly an afternoon Parade. Please stay tuned as the details are still being worked out, **so more info to come.**

Good of the Order:

November 9th, I, as Navasota Elks #2888 Esteemed Leading Knight, will have the Honor and Privilege to represent our lodge and TESA, as the State Vocalist, and as a member of the Trinity Veterans Network, by performing the National Anthem at a Veterans Day Ceremony at the TrinityRail headquarters in Dallas, TX. This will also be the first step towards building a relationship between our Texas Elks, TrinityRail, and the many Veterans that work and contribute to TrinityRail's success.

TrinityRail is a Texas based fortune 500 company that donates greatly to charities and volunteers many hours of service across its home state, as well as other states where they have facilities. TrinityRail could prove to be a valuable partner for TESA and our overall mission, which is:

"To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity"



**Elks
National
Foundation**

October is ENF Awareness Month

With a successful Sweetheart Homecoming behind us, I would like to draw attention to our fundraising efforts for the ENF. The ENF funds all of the national efforts of the Elks. These include Hoop Shoot, Grants, Veterans, and Drug Awareness. These programs provide the funding to bring changes to our community.

Much of our success as a lodge is based on our fundraising efforts to support ENF and our performance administering these programs. Not only is the dollar amount important, BUT the percent of members giving per lodge can qualify us for additional grants. Following is the link to sign up for the Fidelity Club <http://enf.elks.org/recurring>. Please consider signing up today. You can get started with as little as \$5.00 per month.

Jeff Van Dien

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION (ENF) Committee Chair

Navasota Elks #2888



HOOP SHOOT

FREE THROW PROGRAM FOR YOUTH AGES 8-13



Nothing but Net

Bounce, bounce, bounce. Inhale. Exhale. Swish.

The 2023-24 Hoop Shoot season is now under way! Lodges across the country are hosting their local competitions, and kids across the country are dreaming of being in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. Whether they leave with a trophy or not, Hoop Shoot kids take home an essential trait: grit. Grit is the ability to push toward a goal.

More info coming soon on how and where to participate here locally.



10/21	Katherine Boone
10/22	Helen Van Dien
10/26	Bert Miller
10/26	Trevor Santana
10/30	Jo Kelley



**OCTOBER
BREAST
CANCER
AWARENESS
MONTH**

Early detection is the key!

Schedule your mammogram today!

**First Presbyterian
Navasota
Pumpkin
Patch**

**October
8th-31st** | Open Daily
2-6
CLOSED
SUNDAYS

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT
THE LOCAL FOOD PANTRY & FPC MINISTRIES!**
PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE
FOOD ITEM TO HELP!

**FALL FEST OCT
21ST 10-2**

Located at the corner of Holland and LaSalle
Call 936-218-3858 for Special Times

Volunteers are needed to help unload pumpkins on October 6 at 4pm.

Please help if you are able.

Dear Members,

Each year the Elks contribute millions of dollars worth of time and money - as well as goods and services - to hundreds of worthwhile programs throughout the nation. Tracking this generosity is one of the key ways we maintain our 501(c)(8) tax exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service. Each charitable event must be submitted individually. Be sure to submit every charitable event sponsored by our lodge within seven days of the event date. Charitable reporting is one of the keys to the very survival of our great Order.

The Government Relations charity statistics, once compiled, represent the only tangible, documented proof of the total dollar value of all charitable work of Elks nationwide. This gives us leverage with our elected officials.

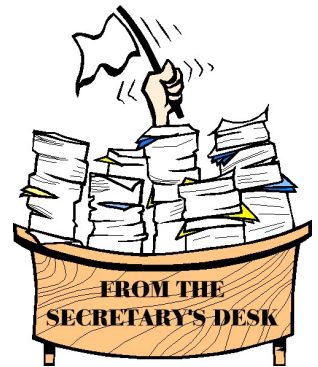
All meetings should be reported — Grand Lodge, state conferences, Local Lodge meetings, District Deputy meetings, committee meetings! That would include time and mileage to and from the meeting. along with money donated for charity.

Report those charitable hours. Let others in our Lodge know of the charitable programs available so they too can become involved. And let our community know about the charitable programs we have available, and our desire to share. We as Elks hold the answer in our hands—it's called charity. And as Elks, we choose to be charitable.

Please send the charity information to me at secretary@navasotaelks.org so that I can submit them in a timely manner. Thank you for your time and attention.

Nancy Vidotto
Lodge Secretary

Remember
Elks Care -Elks Share



To all Texas Lodges and Members:



In the past several months there have been a number of issues which have caused a great deal of concern. These incidents fall into two categories, weapons and overserving of alcohol.

The Weapons issue has centered around Members either carrying weapons into Lodges or threatening to go to their vehicle or their home, retrieve a weapon, and return to the Lodge and “shoot the place or individuals up”. **THIS WILL STOP NOW.**

In the future, anyone that threatens a Lodge or a Member(s) with violence of any kind with a weapon, will face immediate expulsion, as well as the involvement of local Law enforcement. It is time to start acting like adults and stop acting like spoiled children who don't get their way.

The second issue, overserving of alcohol, ties into the first. Practically all of the weapon's issues have been the result of overserving. **THIS TOO MUST STOP.**

There are currently several Lodges around the country being sued as a result of accidents involving overservice. One of these suits is in Texas. Several Lodges have received extremely high insurance bills this year. Part of the reason for these increases are due to these incidents. In the future, any Lodges having a lawsuit due to overservice and is found negligent, will immediately be placed on Probation. This means you will no longer be making your own decisions. A Special Representative will be in charge of **ALL** aspects of your Lodge.

In addition, all paid and volunteer bartenders should be TABC Certified. In addition, most if not, all of the House Committee members should also be TABC Certified. Proper training can help curb these types of incidents. While we enjoy the socialization, we must be aware of the responsibilities that go along with that enjoyment. A Lodge should be a safe place for our Members, their families, and their guests. It is up to all of us to accomplish these goals.

Hon. John Atwood
SDGER Texas Elks



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

Accident Prevention
Mike Kelley

Activities
Karen Cook

Americanism
Karen Cook

Audit and Accounting
Robert Miller

Community Projects
Elise Hill

Drug Awareness
Hope Lohse

Elks Memorial Day
Helen Van Dien

**Elks National
Foundation**
Jeff Van Dien

Flag Day
Kaisha Baughman

Fraternal
Jeff Hampton

Government Relations
Kaisha Baughman

Hoop Shoot
Cristene Hayter

Lodge Activities
Karen Cook

Membership
Jeff Hampton

PER Association
Larry Baughman

Public Relations
Jonathan Kern

Ritualistic
Mike Hobbs

Soccer Shoot
Evonne Bellis

State Major Projects
Calandra Van Dell

Veterans Service
Darrin Van Dell

Youth Activities
Kaisha Baughman



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October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 VFW Bingo 5:30-7:30 pm	4	5	6 VFW/ELKS Karaoke Night 7-11 pm Haunted House 6pm-10pm	7 Haunted House 6pm-10pm
<div> Texas Elks Veterans Retreat Camp Ottine October 6 thru 8 </div> <div> Anderson VFD BBQ Cook-off October 6 & 7 </div>						
8	9	10 VFW Bingo 5:30-7:30 pm	11 Chamber Coffee 9-10 am	12 LODGE MTG 6 pm Social Hr 7pm Meeting District Deputy Visit	13 Haunted House 6pm-10pm	14 Farmer's Market 9am-1pm Haunted House 6pm-10pm
15	16	17 VFW Bingo 5:30-7:30 pm Community Non-Profit Fair 5-7 pm @ Navasota Library	18 BOD Meeting 6:30 pm	19	20 Haunted House 6pm-10pm	21 Haunted House 6pm-10pm — Bedias VFD Fish Fry 9am-1pm — Festival of the Wolves
22	23	24 VFW Bingo 5:30-7:30 pm	25	26 LODGE MTG 6 pm Social Hr 7pm Meeting Navasota Examiner Mixer 5:30 - 7pm	27 Haunted House 6pm-10pm	28 Haunted House 6pm-10pm Howl Night Wolf Sanctuary 5:30 pm Bedias Trunk or Treat Anderson Trunk or Treat
29	30	31 VFW Bingo 5:30-7:30 pm Haunted House 6pm-10pm Navasota Treats on the Street				

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