



Elk Call

November 2023

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity

Navasota Lodge #2888

P. O. Box 1451, Navasota, Texas 77868



TIME FOR THE TESA FALL CONFERENCE

Friday, November 3, 2023, thru Sunday, November 5, 2023

Click here for more information and to get registered. **REGISTER TODAY!**

At the MARRIOTT SAN ANTONIO AIRPORT

77 NE Interstate 410 Loop, San Antonio Texas 78216

Board meetings and Opening Ceremony will be Friday, November 3, 2023 with business sessions on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Workshops will be on Saturday afternoon.

The banquet and "An Evening at the Casino Royale" will be Saturday evening, November 4, 2023.



In honor of all Veterans, and this coming Veterans Day, the Navasota Elks Lodge #2888, together 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 kalmscook@bellsouth.net if you'd like to volunteer to serve, donate, provide food, (salad, bread, desserts) or just be a part of the celebration and thank our Veterans!



LODGE MEETINGS

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, we will have one meeting this month on

November 9

with Social Hour at 6 p.m., followed by meeting at 7 p.m.

Stay active in your Lodge!



11/3	David Cooper
11/5	Karen Cook
11/10	Adam Krantz
11/10	Nancy Vidotto
11/26	Felix Salazar

Elks Care - Elks Share

October has been a busy month with our lodge working the Haunted House every weekend. On October 31st the members once again man a booth at the Treats on the Streets event in Navasota. This is something we started doing two years ago as a Proposed Lodge. Elroy is always a hit during this event and making connections in our community.

Fall conference is being held Nov. 3-5th, in San Antonio. It's a great time to network and make new Elk friends from all over the state.

As we move into November we have lots to look forward to and be grateful for. One of those things is the local VFW Post 4006. The VFW allows us to meet all during the month in their facility and we are so thankful for their support. On November 8th at 6 pm we will host a Spaghetti Meal to honor all Veterans. We owe each one of these fine men and women our respect and gratitude. On Veteran's Day there are lots of activities going on from bands, food and a parade. Navasota Lodge 2888 will have a float displaying all the flags that we recognize on Flag Day.

Last but, not least is Thanksgiving. It's a time to remember where we came from, reflect on the present and thank God for all of his many blessings! Navasota Lodge #2888 wishes you a Blessed Thanksgiving.

Karen Cook
Esteemed Loyal Knight
Navasota Elks #2888



My name is Jeff Hampton, and I serve as Esteemed Lecturing Knight and Membership chair for Navasota Elks Lodge 2888. I'd like to talk about Elks membership and its importance to our little community. Whether you absolutely love to help out in and around our community or you just like to hang out and socialize with your fellow townies, we have a place for you in our great organization. No matter how big or small your contribution every little bit helps. So if you, or **someone you know** has any sort of passion to help out in our great little town, invite them to come by and see us so we can get to know them and see how and where they could fit in. You can find us every 2nd and 4th Thursday (with the exception of November & December) of every month at the Navasota VFW Post 4006 starting around 6:00pm. Invite them to come on by and meet others in your community just like them that just want to help out and have a good time doing it as well. And who knows? They might just wanna stick around and join us and this great organization. So grab your friends and family and come see us; I just know you would like to show them what we do in and around our little town.

Sincerely in Elkdom,
Jeff Hampton
Esteemed Lecturing Knight
Navasota Elks #2888



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



Other Upcoming Events:

November 11th, the Navasota VFW Post 4006, will be having a Veterans Day celebration with live music, food and Parade scheduled to line up at 10 a.m. and proceed at 11 a.m.

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”



Don't forget to get your lodge Challenge Coins available for \$20 each. Coins can be shipped.



We are also having a Truck Raffle for a 2024 Ram 1500 Lone Star Edition pick up. Tickets are 1 for \$10 or 3 tickets for \$20. See Calandra Van Dell to get yours!

Proceeds go to the Texas Elks Children's Camp for children with special needs. For more information, contact Calandra Van Dell at cvandell48@gmail.com



Due to Fall Conference falling on the first weekend, we will not have Karaoke Night on the first Friday of November. Please stay tuned for a reschedule date. We will resume with Karaoke in December on the first Friday.



The Elks Drug Awareness Program (DAP) has so much information on all the different illegal substances, stress, bullying, and more. Elks Lodge #2888 member, Hope Lohse, was able to share knowledge to approximately 500 students at High Point Elementary this past week during Red Ribbon Week.



THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT YOUR NAME IN THE NAISMITH MEMORIAL BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME.

HOSTED BY: Navasota Elks Lodge #2888

WHEN: Saturday, December 2, 2023

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Old Rock Gym, 203 Brosig Ave., Navasota, TX

WHO: All boys and girls ages 8 to 13 as of April 1, 2024
(Parent must be in attendance)

QUESTIONS: Evonne B. - 979-204-2661 or Nancy V. - 979-822-4390

The Elks Hoop Shoot, funded by the Elks National Foundation, is a free throw contest for children ages 8 to 13. Age group is determined by contestant's age as of April 1, 2024. For more information, contact Lodge Elks Hoop Shoot Director listed above or visit elks.org/hoopshoot.



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TEXAS ELKS

Fellow Texas Elks,

The time now **NOW** to start volunteering for the 2024 Grand Lodge Convention in Austin Texas. We are seeking 400 to 500 volunteers to assure this the **BEST** Grand Lodge Convention ever !!

Below is a link to our Texas Elks Grand Lodge Volunteer website as well as a QR code on the bottom you can scan and **SHARE** or **POST** in your Lodges and Lodge communications.

<https://app.initlive.com:443/JE/8sx8mbfc5v9se2>

When you click the link you will come to the general information page, please fill this out completely as this is the information necessary to secure your **FREE** registration for the convention. Remember to read and click agree on the Waiver form at the very bottom of the Sign Up page. IF you are signing up a non member spouse or other non member volunteer please use **YOUR** Lodge and **YOUR** membership number for the Guest registration. On the next page are descriptions of the various roles and responsibilities. Please take time to read each one carefully and then you may check as many as you like however you must check at least 1 role in the box to the right to move to the next page. The third page is a calendar where you will select your available days and times that we may schedule your shifts from once they are actually available. You can select various times **OR** just click the available **ALL DAY** on the right. There are several responsibilities that will take place the week before the convention for those coming up early but the main dates to look at are Friday June 28th thru July 3rd. Finally the 4th page is the Completed Registration Page with a general message. Moving forward email will be the primary source of contact and you will be receiving updates starting with an initial acceptance email once your registration has been verified. Actual shifts will be created (probably first quarter 2024) and you will be notified in plenty of time to make you hotel reservations. Feel free to contact me with any specific questions or concerns you may have.

Fraternally
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LSC Chairman
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ELKS GRAND LODGE CONVENTION 2024





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
VACANT

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
Elease Hill

Drug Awareness
Hope Lohse

Elks Memorial Day
Helen Van Dien

Elks National Foundation
Jeff Van Dien

Flag Day
Kaisha Baughman

Fraternal
Jeff Hampton

Grant Coordinator
Jennifer Pratho

Government Relations
Kaisha Baughman

Hoop Shoot
Evonne Bellis

Lodge Activities
Karen Cook

Membership
Jeff Hampton

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VACANT

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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Navasota Elks Lodge #2888

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	
					TESA Fall Conference San Antonio Marriott November 3 - 5	
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends	6	7 ELECTION DAY VFW Bingo 5:30-7:30 pm	8 Veterans Spaghetti Dinner at VFW - 6 pm	9 LODGE MTG 6 pm Social Hr 7pm Meeting	10	11 Veterans Day Parade—VFW 11 am (line up at 10 am)
12	13 Scholarship Applications Due	14 VFW Bingo 5:30-7:30 pm	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 VFW Bingo 5:30-7:30 pm	22	23 	24	25
26	27	28 VFW Bingo 5:30-7:30 pm	29	30		



Working for our businesses.

936-825-6600

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Holiday Season Happenings

November

- Every Friday @ 9:00pm - Trivia Night @ Red Board Tavern & Table
- 11/01 @ 10:30am - Kott's Cafe Appreciation Day
- 11/04 @ 6:00pm - Navasota City Wide Garage Sale
- 11/04 @ 7:00am - St. Mary's Gigantic Annual Fall Rummage Sale
- 11/04 @ 9:00am - Bedia's Arts & Crafts / Garage Sale
- 11/07 @ All Day - Election Day
- 11/07 @ 11:30am - Blood Drive @ First United Methodist Church Navasota
- 11/08 @ 9:00am - Coffee with the Chamber
- 11/08 @ 6:00pm - Veteran's Dinner hosted by: Navasota Elks Lodge
- 11/10 @ 6:00pm - Town of Anderson Concert for Veterans
- 11/11 @ 3:00pm - Red's Wheats & Blues Festival
- 11/16 @ 5:30pm - After Hours Mixer hosted by: First State Bank of Bedia's
- 11/18 @ 10:00am - Wildflower Artisan Market @ Martha's Bloomers
- 11/18 @ 10:00am - Thankful Grateful Local Market @ First Baptist Church Navasota
- 11/19 @ 5:30pm - Christmas Lighting Ceremony Plantersville Town Hall
- 11/25 @ 5:30pm - Christmas Lighting Ceremony Grimes County Historic Courthouse

December

- 12/02 @ 10:00am - Christmas Sip & Shop Downtown Navasota
- 12/02 Turner Pierce & Fultz Tent Sale
- 12/02 - Plantersville Christmas Parade
- 12/02 @ 10:00am - Elks Hoop Shoot free throw contest
- 12/02 - Holidazze at the Honey Farm @ Beeweaver
- 12/02 @ 12:00pm - Wine and Spice and Everything Nice Festival @ Bernhardt Winery
- 12/03 - Anderson VFD 2nd Annual Christmas Parade
- 12/06 @ 7:00am - Grimes County Ag Breakfast
- 12/06 @ 7:00am - Food for Families hosted by: Mid South Electric Co-Op
- 12/07 @ 6:30pm - Holiday Steak Dinner @ Camp Allen
- 12/08 @ 7:00am - Home for the Holidays & Navasota Christmas Parade
- 12/08, 09 @ 6:00pm - Candlelight Christmas Washington on the Brazos
- 12/07, 08, 09, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17 @ 7:00pm - An O. Henry Christmas Navasota Theatre Alliance
- 12/16 @ 8:00am - Bedia's Pancake Breakfast and Christmas Parade
- 12/16 @ 10:00am - Wildflower Artisan Market @ Martha's Bloomers
- 12/16 @ 1:00pm - Winter Solstice Luminary Festival @ Bernhardt Winery



For details about any of the events listed go to navasotagrimeschamber.com