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Scott Erb*

Loyal Knight
Karla Boyse*

Lecturing Knight
Mike Anderson*

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Gretchen Morrow*

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JeanAnn Seals

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5 Gordon Bell*
4 Randy Svitek*
3 Patrick Seals*
2 Danny Pulliam*
1 Larry Greene*

Grant Coordinator
Patty Ginder

***Board of Directors**

Lodge will meet on
the 2nd Thursday &
4th Thursday in
April
9th & 23rd
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April 9th
7pm Balloting,
April 23rd
6pm Orientation &
Initiations 7pm.
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If you're applicant is
being initiated please
plan to attend.
Thank you!



Volume
93
Number
04

EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

April Fool's Day marks the beginning of the Elk's year. We are actively organizing committees, planning events, and establishing budgets. Members interested in joining a committee are encouraged to contact me, as volunteer participation is essential.

Our objective is to achieve further improvements this year.

We extend a warm welcome to our new and returning officers and look forward to continued success as a lodge. Contributions are still being sought to support upgrades to our facility, and we have currently reached half of our fundraising target. Please feel free to visit and observe some of the enhancements made to the front of the lodge. I wish to express my gratitude to everyone whose efforts behind the scenes have facilitated these improvements.

In March, we hosted a successful Sunday Brunch on the first, and inaugurated Tuesday openings with a St. Patrick's Party featuring food and a scavenger hunt. Over 100 members and guests attended, enjoying the meal and Pot of Gold. The month concluded with an Elk Appreciation Dinner, during which awards were presented to distinguished members.

April features Breakfast with Bunny on Saturday, April 4th, followed by an Adult Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 5th. Numerous events are planned for the coming months; please consult



your newsletter and follow us on Facebook for updates. We encourage attendance at our meetings, which are held twice monthly—on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7 pm. The initial meeting focuses on business matters, while the second includes initiation. Your ideas and feedback are welcome.

A district meeting will take place on April 25th at the Gulf Coast Lodge in Foley, and all members are invited to participate. A group from our lodge will be attending, and additional participants are welcome. The Summer State Convention will be held June 4th–7th in Decatur, AL, with room rates at \$135 per night and registration at \$60 if paid in advance. I encourage members to join us for these opportunities to network and engage with Elks from across the state.

I want to thank everyone for their continued support.

Sherry Amerson, Exalted Ruler
251-680-0979

Wednesday, April 15

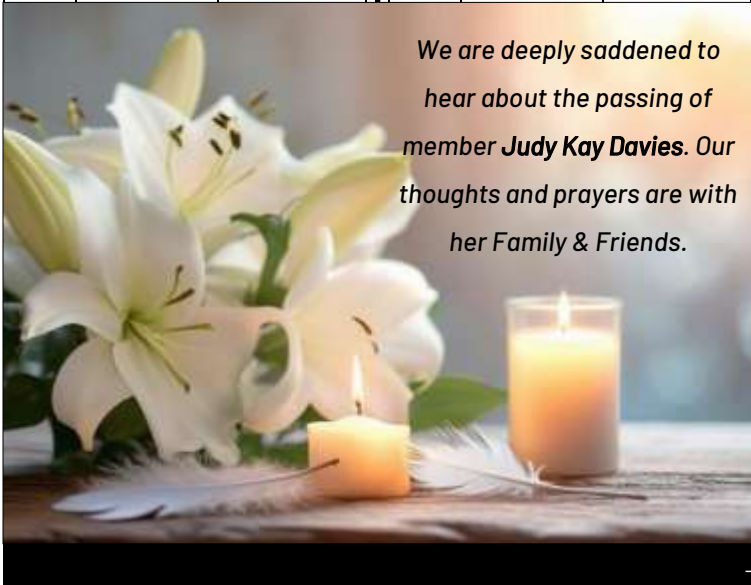


HAPPY TAX DAY!



01	Melanie	Grein
01	Renee	Maradik
02	Tabathia	Kinnaman
02	Jaela	Robbins
02	Jennifer	Steiniger
04	Harry	Kaufman
04	William	Morrison
04	April	Thrasher
05	Roland	Hedstrom
07	Katrina	Holbein
08	Gene	Mezick
11	Cynthia	Ryder
12	John	Jernigan
13	Frank	Ehler
13	Lorrie	Hanna
14	John	Clarkson

14	Dennis	Mickelsen
14	Barbara	Wegner
15	John	Capers
15	Alice	Key-Myrick
15	Catherine	Thomas
18	Clifton	Inge
21	Roylene	Bailey
24	Richard	Spry
26	Joan	Sanders
27	Michael	Patrick
27	Mike	Sessions
28	Rick	Gambino
28	Jerry	Travis
29	Chris	Moore
29	Charlotte	Rivenbark



Waiting Initiation	
Applicant	Proposer
Darrin Swan	Jason DeVane #1887 Dothan, AL
Alan Dozier	Betty Riley
Lucretia Little	Bonnie Corner
Mary Wilsford	Bonnie Corner
Lee Manson	Jerie Smith
Charles "Scott" Noss	Gretchen Morrow
Kevin Snell	Jessica Wagner
Amy Rice	William Hill Jr.
Andrea Farrell	Miranda Baker
Stanley Posey	David W, Phillips
Jacob Hill	Gretchen Morrow
Susan Robinson	Fran Moore
Frank Laverty	Sherry Amerson
John Juliano	Karla Boyse
Dede O'Dell	Gordon Bell
Britney Turk	Gretchen Morrow

Transfer Dimit Requests	
Applicant	Proposer
Michael Staicoff	Deep Creek, FL Lodge 2763
Irene Laverty	Tarpon Springs, FL Lodge 1719

DROPPED March 31, 2026	
John N Adams	Kathryn S Ferlisi
Arthur R Anderson	Robert M Hall
Patricia Atzman	Robert J Hodges
Todd A Baker	Cheryl Johannesman
Marsha Baugh	Valerie Keith
James Bobby Bishop	Corey MacDonald
William Michael Brantley	John J McInnis
John Randall Capers	Evelyn Neal
Arthur Pete Clement	Kay Overstreet
Dale Joseph Courville	Jane A Sandy
Mitchell H Damsky	Harold Smith
James Duffy	Stanley Wilson
Frederick A Everhart	

A note from the Secretary ...

We are currently reporting **513** members for our Fairhope Lodge, the yearly Dues starting April 1, 2026 are \$141 (12 month) / \$91 (6 month) per Member and \$66 per Life Member. We are asking members to please consider donating an additional \$10 at the time of your dues payment to the Elks National Foundation (ENF) - our goal is to make lodge 1879 #1 in the State in the upcoming Elk year! I would like to thank those of you that have already submitted your dues payments, the new membership cards are purple and are available at the bar, we have swapped out the key card lock systems on both the main door and the pool gate - you will no longer be able to gain access to the Lodge with your blue card.

At the end of the 2025/2026 Elk year we were reporting **538** members, 27 of those members were past due and as of March 31st - 25 of those have been dropped for non-payment, there is a 60 day grace period to Reinstate without penalty. The full list of dropped members is posted on the bulletin board in the lounge hallway as well as on page 2 of this newsletter. Please know, if you have been dropped for non-payment, you will not be allowed to enter any lodge or enjoy any lodge activities or amenities - as you are considered delinquent and not in good standing.

I plan to be in the office on Tuesdays and on meeting nights. Do not hesitate to reach out to me if you need assistance with anything - I can be reached by phone, via email, or you can always drop a note in the "red mailbox" in the hall.

As always, if you have something to include in an upcoming edition, please send me all articles, photos and calendar information for the next newsletter by the **20th of April**.

Thank you,

Gretchen Morrow, Secretary
elks1879secretary@gmail.com

When Elkdom Shines, Elkdom Grows!



Fairhope Emblem #241 News

Happy Easter and Happy Spring,

Here are our important dates for April:

1st Spaghetti Dinner at 6pm
1st Meeting 7pm
24th - 26th Alabama State Association of Emblem Clubs Convention

There will be no Fiesta Friday this month, this is not an April Fools joke. The cooking crew will be Tuscaloosa. Our own Kathy Walley will become the State 2nd Vice President. Congratulations Kathy!

Meals will resume in May as usual, and we thank you for your patronage - come join us for a meal. Your Emblem dues are now due and are \$50. You can leave your payment at the bar labeled Emblem Dues, they can be mailed to 9926 Twin Beach Rd., Fairhope, AL 36532 or you can contact Kathy Walley for a Venmo option.

In Emblem love,

Gail Walley
Financial Secretary

Membership is Booming

Members, be sure to give a WARM wELKome to our **12** new March Initiates:

Erin Fleming, Grayson Glaze, Wemdy Glaze, Cynthia Hoffren, Donald Hoffren, Donald Hoffren Jr., Clyton Hogan, Anton Hunter, James Owen, Elizabeth Tabb and Joanne Vicich.



Grand Exalted Ruler Membership Award Standings

Elks Membership Awards are earned for sponsoring any combination of New or Reinstated Members Initiated into our great order between **July 3, 2025 ~ June 12, 2026**

Here are the current Member Standings for the Grand Exalted Ruler PIN Award:



- ◇ **Award achieved:** Wayne Hoffren @ **3** new members.
- ◇ **1 more to go:** Nancy Moorman, Dawn Egan, Jennifer Phipps, John Hamrick, Justin Crabtree, Carolyn Bowen, Piper Uhlig, Fran Moore, Brooks Wise, Bonnie Corner, Chris Carrier, Russell Cowles @ **2** new members ea.
- ◇ **2 more to go:** Beth Parris, William Hill Jr., Robert Leiser, Theodore Leiser, William Beck, Sarge Sansone, Jay Cosgrove, Chris Riley, Jim Trainer, Dan Sullivan, Les Lagerstrom, Robert Glasscock, Jennifer Striano, John Clarkson, Michael Patrick, Gale Brogden, Brian Roach, Jim Tucker, Beverly Bradley, Linda Lemmon, Robert Wiederhold, Danny Pulliam, Seth Arnold and Walter Zaykowski @ **1** new member ea.

Here are the current Member Standings for the Grand Exalted Ruler WRIST WATCH Award:

- ◇ **1 more to go:** Amber Carrier @ **10** new members.
- ◇ **3 more to go:** Gretchen Morrow @ **8** new members.
- ◇ **4 more to go:** Donald White @ **7** new members.
- ◇ **6 more to go:** Catherine Collier @ **5** new members.
- ◇ **7 more to go:** Prissy Leavins @ **4** new members.
- ◇ **8 more to go:** Wayne Hoffren, Joseph Roberts, Betsy Key, Chris Moore, Gordon Bell and Joseph Roberts @ **3** new members ea.



2026-2027 Officer Installations



Exalted Ruler-Sherry Amerson, Esteemed Leading Knight-Scott Erb, Esteemed Loyal Knight-Karla Boyse, Esteemed Lecturing Knight-Mike Anderson, Secretary-Gretchen Morrow, Treasurer-Marian Tucker



The BPOE (*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks*) Installation of officers is a formal, ceremony that is held annually to install new lodge leadership.

On March 22 our 2026-2027 officers were installed and took the oath to support the Constitution & By-Laws.



Veterans' Services Blog

Elks in Action - William Green Veterans Home visit March 2026

Our commitment to serving veterans continues with a meaningful opportunity at the **William Green Veterans Home in Bay Minette.**

The Director of the facility expressed his sincere appreciation for our ongoing support of the bingo program and our recent financial contribution of \$150.

To prepare for our upcoming service project on the morning of April 17th, we received clarity on the specific types of plants, vegetables, and soil materials required to refresh the courtyard. Those materials will be purchased over the next few weeks.

If you have any questions or require further details, I can be reached at 404.353.4785 or scott.erb@gmail.com.

Please mark April 17th at 9am on your calendar for a departure from Wal-Mart and a day's work at the facility in Bay Minette.

Best regards,
Scott Erb



Chaplain's Corner

May this Easter inspire you to new hope, happiness, prosperity and abundance all received through God's divine grace.

Mike Herrin



Elks.org -

Did you know that you can log onto Elks.org and search for local lodges? Our lodge page is a work in progress but if you have ever visited the page you know that there's a lot of useful information there for our members.

Newsletters, Calendars, Facility Information, By-Laws, Elks National Foundation (ENF), and so much more!!!

There are times that the calendar of events / meals change after the release of the newsletter, these updates can be found on our social media accounts as well as our lodge page.

If you want to be in the "know" about our Lodge but do not have a Facebook account - Simply scan this QR Code with your mobile device and it will take you directly to our 1879 Elks page.



St. Patrick's Day



Scavenger Hunt & Delicious food March 17th - So much green at the lodge and tons of Good

'Ole Irish fun was had by all! We can't thank everyone enough for last night's successful St. Patty's party to kick off our new schedule that will last through the summer! In addition to a fun time and fabulous food we were also able to raise almost \$400 in donations for our building fund! A huge shoutout goes to all of those that helped make last night a crazy success!! Patrick Seals & Chris Carrier knocked the meal out of the park while Sherry Amerson made sure to take care of our sweet tooth! Chris & Gretchen did an amazing job behind the bar! No one was hungry or thirsty!



MONTHLY
UPDATES FROM
THE HOUSE
COMMITTEE

On The House



House Committee News & Updates

What is the "House Committee"

As stated in section 1-106 of the auditing & accounting manual: The House Committee oversees the operation and management of the Club areas of the Lodge. Club areas are defined as all social areas (Bar, Kitchen, Swimming Pool, etc.) of the Local Lodge. House Committee members are appointed annually by the Exalted Ruler.

2025-2026 House Committee:

Chris Carrier (Committee Chair)

Brooks Wise

Isabel Wilucki

Tabethia Kinnaman

Terry Garner

Reporting to the House Committee:

Karla Boyse (Club Manager)

Jessie Fuernhohr (Bar Staff)

It is hard to believe that we are starting a new year of Elkdom! Those that have been around a while will tell you that time sure does fly when you are having fun!

We are looking forward to warmer weather, longer days, and all of the things that summertime has to offer!

A lot of you are excited to spend time poolside at the lodge! As you enjoy our outdoor space we encourage everyone to be mindful of others and your surroundings. Please pick up after yourself & your guests after each visit and remember absolutely **NO GLASS** is to be taken outside. (this includes the entire outdoor area that is fenced in around the pool). We encourage everyone to bring their family and friends as well as snacks to enjoy. However, all beverages must be purchased from the bar during open hours. Lastly, if you see that the trash cans are getting full please consider taking a moment to tie up the bag and dispose of it in the dumpster around back. This will go a long way in reducing clutter, odor, and critters!

We are not the only ones around town with exciting things going on! With that in mind we ask that our members be mindful of our parking situation at the lodge so that everyone can be included.

When you are the first vehicle to pull into a spot be sure to pull all the way forward so that another person may use the space behind you. Our new car tag system is working well and helps us quickly locate anyone that needs to move their car for you to get out. However, if your vehicle is parked in the lot blocking someone else in and you are not on premises we will have to consider having it towed if necessary.

Soon we will all receive our 26-27 Elk Membership cards. Please make sure that you have them with you at all times and continue to use your door card upon each visit.

Keep an eye on the calendar for upcoming events such as: Brunch with the bunny, Adult Easter Egg hunt, bingo, trivia, Cinco de Mayo celebrations, crawfish boil, and more!

Please make sure that you are reading your newsletter, checking the Facebook page, or stopping by the lodge for details each month and if you have any questions feel free to ask at the bar or email Karla for details. (elks1879clubmanager@gmail.com)

Working together we can & will continue to be a warm & welcoming place for our members & their guests!

Elks Care, Elks Share

April Happenings



BRUNCH WITH THE BUNNY

Bunny Brunch Buffet on Saturday, **April 4th** from 11a - 2p - The Lounge and Bar will be open @ 11a.

Annual Adult Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, **April 5th** event starts @ 4p.



Things to Look Forward To.....



Join us for our monthly Sunday Brunch Buffet on May 3rd starting at 11a - 2p ~ \$15 per person
The Lounge and Bar will be open

The lodge is hosting a Kentucky Derby Potluck Watch Party on Saturday, **May 2nd**. Stop by and watch these amazing creatures "Run for the Roses" for the 152nd time at Churchill Downs in Louisville Kentucky. You are encouraged wear your best, socialize with friends/fellow members and cheer on your favorite horse as he races towards the finish line!



We are so excited to be open on Tuesdays! Be sure to plan a visit to the lodge on **May 5th** for a fun meal and good times on Cinco de Mayo!



Our annual Memorial Day Barbeque will take place on Monday **May 25th**. Our very own members will volunteer to prepare, cook and serve the community the most amazing BBQ plates in town!



Did you know that May is considered the peak of crawfish season, offering the largest and most abundant crawfish of the year. It is one of the best times for boils - **May 30th** is the date to remember - more details will follow!



Comic Corner



"What a lucky break!
Not only do we FIND the Easter bunny...
BUT we catch him right when he's
making chocolate mini-eggs!"



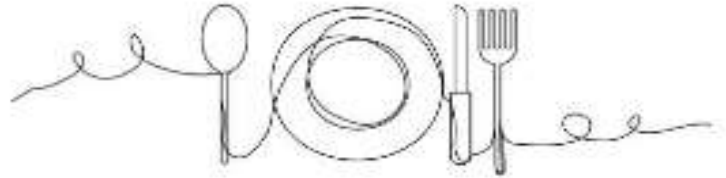
"You overpaid, but it's not enough to cover
the 'Overpayment Surcharge Tax.'"

BURGER NIGHT

EVERY MONDAY

Your Choice Burger | Cheese Burger \$6

Your choice Fries or Onion Rings. \$3



Wednesday Night Meals

1st - Emblem Spaghetti & Jackpot BINGO

8th - Beef Tips & Jackpot BINGO

15th - Country Fried Steak & Jackpot BINGO

22nd - Chicken Sammiches & Jackpot BINGO

29th - Country Buffet & Jackpot BINGO

Friday Night Meals

3rd - 1st Friday, Fried Chicken Dinner

10th - 2nd Friday, Steak Dinner

17th - 3rd Friday, Seafood Dinner

24th - 4th Friday, Swedish Meatballs over Pasta

Monthly Extra's

Match Game

Can you match the couple to the TV show they were in?

David & Patrick

The Office

Randall & Beth

Schitt's Creek

Jim & Pam

Gossip Girl

Blair & Chuck

Modern Family

Mitch & Cam

This is Us

Brainteaser

What makes this number unique: 8,549,176,320

(Answer on pg. 10)

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April 2026



Sun 2pm—close	Mon 5pm—close	Tue 5pm—close	Wed 5pm—close	Thu 5pm—close	Fri 4pm—close	Sat 2pm—close
			1 Emblem Spaghetti Jackpot BINGO	2	3 Fried Chicken Dinner Music Trivia & Karaoke	4 Bunny Brunch Buffet 11a - 2pm
5 Adult Easter Egg Hunt 4pm	6 Burger Night	7	8 Beef Tips & Rice Jackpot BINGO	9 Lodge Meeting at 7pm	10 Steak Dinner Music Trivia & Karaoke	11
12	13 Burger Night	14	15 Country Fried Steak Jackpot BINGO TAX DAY	16	17 Seafood Dinner Music Trivia & Karaoke	18
19	20 Burger Night	21	22 Chicken Sammies Jackpot BINGO	23 Lodge Meeting at 7pm	24 Swedish Meatballs w/ Pasta Music Trivia & Karaoke	25
26	27 Burger Night	28	29 Country Buffet Jackpot BINGO	30		

(Answer to pg. 9 Brainteaser: it has each numeral, zero through nine, listed in alphabetical order.)