

## OFFICERS OF 1879

**Exalted Ruler**  
Sherry Amerson\*

**Leading Knight**  
James Carnley\*

**Loyal Knight**  
Karla Boyse\*

**Lecturing Knight**  
Frank Bishop\*

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Gretchen Morrow\*

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Jennifer Pizzotti\*

**Esquire**  
Donnie Ryals

**Chaplain**  
Mike Herrin

**Tiler**  
JeanAnn Seals

**Inner Guard**  
Jim Trainer

**Trustees**  
5 Brian Lorenzato\*  
4 Gordon Bell\*  
3 TBD\*  
2 Patrick Seals\*  
1 Danny Pulliam\*

**Grant Coordinator**  
Patty Ginder

**\*Board of Directors**



## EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

I am beyond honored and excited to step into the role of Exalted Ruler for our beloved Lodge. I want to begin by expressing my deepest gratitude to each of you who supported me on this journey — your encouragement, guidance, and belief in me mean more than words can say. This Lodge thrives because of its members, and I'm so grateful to be part of such a strong, compassionate, and dedicated community.



I encourage you to stay engaged, attend meetings and events, and share your thoughts and feedback. Your voice matters, and I want this Lodge to reflect the spirit and dedication of us all.

I need plenty of members to help with our projects and fundraising. Please feel free to reach out to me for any reason, whether it's to volunteer to help with projects, serve on a committee or just to share ideas. My phone number is (251) 680-0979.

Thank you once again for trusting me with this role. I am humbled, grateful, and ready to serve. Let's make this a wonderful year for our Lodge and our community.

With gratitude and excitement,

Sherry Amerson  
Exalted Ruler, Elks Lodge #1879

As I take on this new role, I know I won't be doing it alone. The success of our Lodge depends on the collective efforts of every member, and I will welcome your help, ideas, and support throughout my term. Whether you're a longtime member or new to the Elks, there is a place for your talents and your heart in everything we do. Together, we can continue our mission of charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity — and make an even greater impact.

I'm excited for the work ahead — from our ongoing projects to new opportunities we'll create together.

## March 2025, Newly Appointed Exalted Ruler & Lodge Officers

We are pleased to announce that on March 27, 2025 a new Exalted Ruler and New Officers were Installed at our Lodge. There was a great member turn out for this ceremony! The Officer pictures will be in the next issue of the newsletter, in the meantime be sure to Congratulate them the next time you see them at the Lodge!

**Sherry Amerson, *Exalted Ruler***  
**Karla Boyse, *Esteemed Loyal Knight***  
**Frank Bishop, *Esteemed Lecturing Knight***  
**Donnie Ryals, *Esquire***  
**Mike Herrin, *Chaplain***  
**JeanAnn Seals, *Tiler***  
**Jim Trainer, *Inner Guard***

A very special thank you to all who have served during the 2024 ~ 2025 Elk year. Your efforts made a huge impact here at the Lodge and you have truly made the Fairhope Lodge a better place to be!

Lodge will meet on  
Thursdays, April  
10th & 24th

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April 10th, 7pm Bal-  
loting

April 24th, 6pm  
Orientations,  
7pm Initiations.

If your applicant is  
being initiated  
please plan to  
attend.

Thank you!



**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!**

The birthstone for April  
is the **Diamond**  
symbolising romance  
and enduring love.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

01	Renee	Maradik	15	John	Capers
02	Tabathia	Kinnaman	18	Clifton	Inge
05	Roland	Hedstrom	21	Roylene	Bailey
07	Katrina	Holbein	24	Richard	Spry
08	Gene	Mezick	26	Joan	Sanders
11	Cynthia	Ryder	27	Michael	Patrick
12	John	Jernigan	27	Mike	Sessions
13	Frank	Ehler	28	Rick	Gambino
14	John	Clarkson	29	Christopher	Moore
14	Dennis	Mickelsen	29	Charlotte	Rivenbark
14	Barbara	Wegner	30	Ralph	Grisham



*Members, be sure to give a WARM wELkome to our new February members:*

*Mark Cantey & Jane Sandy*

## Waiting Initiation

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Justin Cullifer	Danny Pulliam
Grant Schellhase	Beverly Bradley

## New Member Applicants

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Paula Wirth	Mike Sessions
William H. Hill Jr.	Mike Sessions

## Transfer Dimit Requests

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Location, Elks Lodge</u>
Jerry Travis	Slidell, LA #2321
Maureen Esposito	Manasquan, NJ #2534
Rebecca Dyess	Littleton, Co #1650
Douglas Saunders	Littleton, Co #1650



*We are deeply saddened to hear about the passing of **McArthur "Mac" Sullivan & Dave Floor**. Our thoughts and prayers are with all their Friends and Families.*

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



*Brandi Parker, Rock King, David Black, Patrick Chrisman, Matt Pressler, Dawn Egan, Lee Walker, Herbert Cole, Joseph Roberts, Jennifer Phipps & Gerald Purser*



Fairhope Lodge will assist a group of Veteran's from the William F. Green State Veterans Home for a fishing outing on Tuesday April 29, 2025.

Oak Hollow Farm will host this fishing trip. Boyd Little and his staff will also have a luncheon for the Vets following the fishing outing.

Any of our Elk volunteers wishing to help out with our "Take a Vet Fishing" outing are asked to meet at Oak Hollow Farm at 9:30 am.

Are you a proud Parent, Grandparent, Aunt or Uncle of a High School Senior? Would you like to brag about and / or honor your HS Senior to your fellow Elks in the next edition of the Newsletter (May 2025)?

All you have to do is send in a photo, provide the students name, High School and a brief statement to [elks1879secretary@gmail.com](mailto:elks1879secretary@gmail.com) by April 20th



## **Jill Hall 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Golf Tournament**

*Providing scholarships to deserving young people throughout Baldwin County*

**Sunday April 27, 2025**

**1pm Shotgun Start**

**Qual Creek Golf Club, Fairhope**

**Food & Awards Presentation to follow at Elks Lodge**

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## A note from the Secretary ...

By now you should have received the Dues Statement for the 2025 - 2026 Elk year from Grand Lodge, please be sure to remit payment at your earliest convenience by mail or in person at the Lodge. The new membership key cards are **Blue** and will be available shortly, ask your friendly bartender during your next visit if your card is ready! \* *Reminder, the new key cards will be active mid-April* \*

Our current member count is at **465**, you may notice a slight / significant decrease in the total of members reported in the next issue of the newsletter, do not be alarmed, the cause of this is that a number of delinquents will be removed from our roster. With that said, I do hope by receipt of the monthly newsletters you have paid your annual dues for the 2024-2025 year. If you have not and are one of the 35 remaining Elks that still have not sent in your dues payment, your membership may be dropped due to being 12 or more months delinquent. Please know that the 60-day reinstatement period runs from April 1st through May 31st and that all members dropped on March 31st, for nonpayment can be reinstated without a fee or interruption of service – Just reach out to me, we do not want to see you go!

The membership goal for this Elk's year is to have an increase of 10%, so bring a friend along during your next visit! There are so many new and exciting things going on here for all to enjoy!

I am usually in the office on Mondays 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 newsletter by the **20th of April**.

Thank you,

Gretchen Morrow, Secretary  
elks1879secretary@gmail.com



## Fairhope Emblem #241 News

Hey Emblem Family,

Happy Easter! Our line-up for April is as follows:

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Spaghetti Dinner at 6pm & Meeting at 7pm

April 12<sup>th</sup> – Installation of Officers at 2pm

April 25<sup>th</sup> ~ 27<sup>th</sup> – Alabama State Association Convention. Our very own Past President Kathy Walley will be Installed as the State 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President.

\*4<sup>th</sup> Friday Pork Chop dinner will not be held this month as we will be at the State Convention supporting Kathy. If you would like to go, contact Heather.

Dues are now due, Dues are \$50. Dues payments can be left at the bar, you can mail your payment to 9926 Twin Beach Road, Fairhope, AL36532 or, we also accept Venmo @Kathy-Walley-1 (*text Kathy Walley @ 251-377-6014 to confirm receipt*).

You are vital to this organization and we really want to see your face!

Thank you,

Gail Walley, Financial Secretary

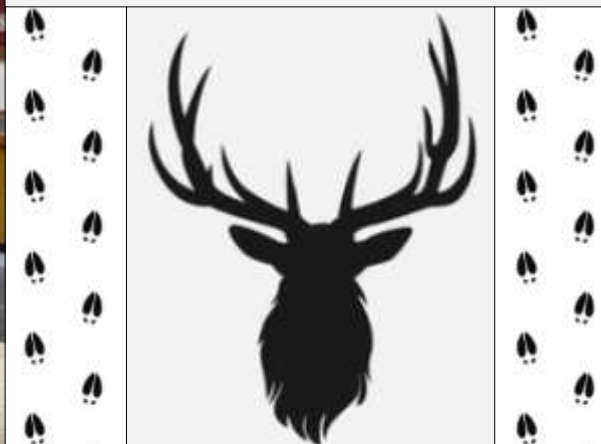
## Elks Care... Elks Share...



A few of Lodge 1879's very own were recognized & presented with Grand Lodge Awards on March 13, 2025. Pictured L to R: Jennifer Pizzotti ~ Officer of the Year, Karla Boyse ~ Elk of the Year, Gretchen Morrow ~ GER Outstanding Service Commendation, Patty Ginder ~ GER Making a Difference Special Citation, Chris Carrier ~ GER Outstanding Service Commendation, Shawn Boyse ~ Citizen of the Year, and the Fairhope Elks Lodge received the GER "Making A Difference Special Citation" recognition of meritorious participation!



(left) Patty Ginder, presenting Les Lagerstrom with a GER award pin for recruiting 3 new members into our great order on 02-27-25



(right) Patty Ginder, presenting Chris Moore with a GER award pin for recruiting 9 new members into our great order on 03-13-25





# How about some Good Ole' Spring fun!

## IT'S SPRINGTIME!

Everything starts to come back to life in the Spring! From the birth of baby animals to the blooming of vegetation to the rebirth and revitalization of just about everything.

ALLERGY  
BEES  
BLOOM  
BREEZE  
BUTTERFLIES  
CHIRPING  
DAFFODIL  
EARTHWORM  
FERTILIZE  
FRESHNESS  
FROGS  
GARDENING  
GRASS  
GREENERY  
GROWTH  
KITE  
NESTING  
POLLEN  
RENEWAL  
SEEDLING  
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SPROUT  
SUNSHINE  
TULIPS  
VERNAL  
VIBRANT  
WARMTH



## Our Annual Adult Easter Egg Hunt is Back!!



Come join in the fun & Bring a dish to share.  
April 20th @ 4 pm

*\*Must be 21 years to participate\**

## Did you know....

**Scotland's national animal is a unicorn:** In Celtic mythology, the unicorn symbolized purity and power, which is why it's associated with Scotland.

**A chef's hat has 100 pleats.** Apparently, it's meant to represent the 100 ways you can cook an egg.

**Dolphins have names for each other:** These social creatures use unique sounds to identify individual members of their pod. When a dolphin hears their own "name" called to them, they respond.

**Ketchup was once sold as medicine:** In the 1830s, tomato ketchup was prescribed and sold to people suffering from indigestion.

**An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.** This could be why the birds often run around in circles when trying to escape predators.



## Trivia

1. What is the only letter in the alphabet that doesn't appear in any American State name?
2. Who currently holds the most Academy Awards at 26 Oscars?
3. What fruit tastes like chocolate pudding?
4. Are walnuts, hazelnuts or chestnuts the official state nut of Oregon?
5. True or False - Lemons float and Limes sink.
6. True or False - In Japan you can buy square watermelons.
7. True or False - A group of frogs is called an army.

*(Turn to page ~ 7 ~ for the answers)*



## Comic Corner



THE EASTER BUNNY GETS A RUDE AWAKENING.



Your Choice Burger | Cheese Burger \$6

Your choice Fries or Onion Rings. \$3

### Wednesday Night Meals

**2nd** - Emblem Spaghetti & Jackpot BINGO

**9th** - Beef Tips over Rice & Jackpot BINGO

**16th** - Country Fried Steak & Jackpot BINGO

**23rd** - Crispy Chicken Sammies & Jackpot BINGO

**30th** - All you can eat (AYCE) Buffet & Jackpot BINGO

### Friday Night Meals

**4th** - 1st Friday, Fried Chicken

**11th** - 2nd Friday, Steak Night

**18th** - 3rd Friday, Shrimp Pastalaya

**25th** - 4th Friday, No Emblem Meal



**Always Looking for Monthly Meal Crews & Help!**

4th Monday's (burgers) & 2nd (anything) Wednesday's

1. Q 2. Walt Disney 3. Black Sapote 4. Hazelnuts 5. T 6. T 7. T

**Trivia Answers:**

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## April 2025

Sun 2pm—close	Mon 5pm—close	Tue Closed	Wed 5pm—close	Thu 5pm—close	Fri 4pm—close	Sat 2pm—close
		1	2 Emblem Spaghetti & Jackpot BINGO	3	4 Fried Chicken + Music Trivia & Karaoke	5
6	7 Burger Night	8	9 Beef Tips over Rice & Jackpot BINGO	10 Meeting at 7pm	11 Steak Dinner + Music Trivia & Karaoke	12
13	14 Burger Night	15	16 Country Fried Steak & Jackpot BINGO	17	18 Shrimp Pastalaya + Music Trivia & Karaoke	19
20  HAPPY EASTER	21 Burger Night	22	23 Crispy Chicken Sam- mies & Jackpot BINGO	24 Meeting at 7pm	25 Dinner is TBD + Music Trivia & Karaoke	26
27 Jill Hall Golf Tourney	28 TBD - Burger Night	29 Vet's Fishing Trip @ Oak Hollow	30 AYCE Buffet & Jackpot BINGO			

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