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Lodge will meet on
Thursdays, August
14th & 28th

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August 14th, 7pm
Balloting

August 28th, 6pm
Orientations,
7pm Initiations.

If your applicant is
being initiated
please plan to
attend.

Thank you!



EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

These past four months have been a journey—full of unexpected challenges, deep lessons, and even deeper blessings. Through it all, I've been surrounded by a community of incredible support, and I want to take a moment to say thank you.

To those who stepped up with helping hands, kind words, and unwavering encouragement: your presence has meant more than I can put into words. You've helped carry me through, and I'm genuinely grateful.

We've been making progress, adjusting, and growing—and I'm excited to share some updates on what's ahead. If you haven't been by the lodge take a moment and come by and see the new fence surrounding the pool. We are currently working on plans to remodel and upgrade both restrooms. None of this would be possible without our members generous physical and financial support.

Our new Treasurer and I attended the National convention in Kansas City. We learned about how other lodges operate and we traded ideas with them. We have just learned that our lodge is tied for the largest growth in membership in the state so far this year.



I would like give a big thank you to everyone who helped with our 4th of July BBQ. It was our largest BBQ in history. We sold a total of 554 plates. We hope to beat this number on Labor Day.

On Aug. 2nd we are having a fundraiser for the daughter of one of our members, who was the victim of a horrific attack. We are selling smoked Boston Butts at the lodge.

See Karla for details. Please keep this family in your prayers. They need our love and support during this time.

At our last meeting in June, The Emblem Club gave us a large donation to help us with the new roof. We appreciate everything that they do for us. Our Legacy scholarship winner, Annaleise Schneider (Granddaughter of Terry Garner) was presented with a certificate for \$4000 (\$1000 per year) to help with college.

Come by the lodge and see old friends and meet new ones. As we grow, we still want to feel like a family. So come by and join in our family activities. See you soon at the Lodge.

Sherry Amerson, Exalted Ruler

251-680-0979



On June 26, 2025, Joyce Allison ~ Past Supreme President, Kathy Walley ~ State 3rd Vice President | Club Vice President | Treasurer, and Gail Walley ~ Financial Secretary presented Sherry Amerson ~ Exalted Ruler and the Fairhope Elks Lodge No. 1879 with a Disaster Relief monetary donation to help recuperate some of the cost that the Lodge incurred while replacing the roof due to major storm damage in 2024. This generosity, from the Emblems enables the Lodge to allocate more funds towards core programs and services.

Emblems, we REALLY appreciate your thoughtfulness and cannot thank you



August Birthdays

01	Crystal	Vogt	15	Jimmy	Parnell
02	Terri	Loftin	17	Kirk	Dye
03	Lorrie	Cadwell	17	Michael	McPeak
04	Gregory	Bruce	17	Brooks	Wise
04	Travis	Coleman	19	Patty	Ginder
04	Timothy	Douglas	21	Rachel	Cowles
04	Brian	Lorenzato	23	Christopher	Duncan
04	Larmon	Smith	23	Rebecca	Ricks
05	Charles	Herrin	23	Phillip	Stuckey
06	Helen	Trachsler	24	Donna	Hogan
07	Herbert	Cole	25	Linda	Lemmon
07	Daryl	Elliff	25	Meagan	Talbert
07	Harper	Hollis	25	Piper	Uhlig
08	Thomas	Abel	26	Terry	Garner
08	Summer	Cooper	26	John	Liggett
08	Brandi	Parker	26	James	Vogel
08	Anthony	Wonsick	26	Phillip	Warren
09	Johnny	Cahoon	27	Margaret	Hacker
09	James	Jackson	27	Robert	Wiederhold
09	Clifton	Taylor	28	Harriet	Cain
10	Stanley	Wilson	29	Thomas	Massuch
11	Jeff	Clark	29	Milin	Vira
14	Andrew	Barnhill	30	Brian	Davies
14	James	Carnley	30	Danny	Hawke
14	James	Kennerson	30	Rebecca	Marshall
15	Patricia	Atzman	30	Daniel	Sullivan



sympathy



We are deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Sherry Amer-son's sister **Leeann McMullen**. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sherry's Family and Friends.

June and July seemed to pass in a flash and August has arrived! Here are some fun facts about our last summer month!

THE AUGUST BIRTH MONTH:

- Birthstone is the peridot and sardonyx.
- Flower is the poppy and gladiolus.
- Zodiac signs are Leo and Virgo.

SPECIAL DAYS IN AUGUST 2020:

- Peach Month
- National Eye Exam Month
- Romance Awareness Month
- National Picnic Month
- National Family Fun Month
- National Golf Month
- August 12th: Middle Child Day
- August 21st: World Senior Citizen's Day
- August 26th: International Dog Day
- August 26th: National Women's Equality Day
- August 27th: Global Forgiveness Day

WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS:

- Week 1: National "Simplify your Life" Week
- Week 2: National Smile Week
- Week 3: Friendship Week
- Week 4: "Be Kind to Humankind" Week

THE MONTH OF AUGUST...IN HISTORY:

- August 1, 1876: Colorado became the 38th state of the United States.
- August 1, 1944: Anne Frank wrote her last entry into her well-known diary.
- August 2, 1909: The Lincoln cent (Lincoln penny) was issued by the U.S. Mint.
- August 6, 1945: The first Atomic Bomb was dropped over the center of Hiroshima

Did you know?

The month of August was named after the first emperor of Rome, Caesar Augustus.

What's in season?

Blood oranges	Beets
Fuji Apples	Broccoli
Blueberries	Cabbage
Cantaloupe	Celery
Figs	Corn
Nectarines	Cucumbers
Peaches	Spinach
Strawberries	Tomatoes

SOURCES: dreamstime.com | ducksters.com | wonderopolis.com | historyplace.com | wikipedia.org | famousbirthdays.com

- August 9, 1974: Richard M. Nixon resigned from office as a result of the Watergate scandal making him the first US president to ever do so.
- August 12, 1898: Hawaii was annexed by the United States.
- August 15, 1969: Woodstock began in NY.
- August 28, 1963: Dr. Martin Luther, King, Jr. made his famous "I Have a Dream" speech during the March on Washington.

July New Member Transfers

Welcome to 1879!

Members, be sure to give a WARM wELkome to our new member Transfers from: *Durant, OK 1963 & Marlton, NJ 2514*

Patrica Martin, Charles Vogt Sr. & Crystal Vogt

Waiting Initiation

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Michael Gillispie	Brooks Wise
Judson (Bragg) Jordan	Justin Crabtree
Edmund Bradley	William Howell
Tiler Coley	Christopher Moore

New Member Applicants

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
David M. Phillips	Jennifer Phipps
Linda Phillips	Jennifer Phipps
Bruce Kennedy	Hugh Acosta (Lodge No.2194)

Reinstatement Requests

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Henry Nolte	Dan Sullivan

A note from the Secretary ...

Our member count is at 463 with 56 listed as delinquent, if you have not already done so please be sure to remit payment at your earliest convenience by mail or in person at the Lodge. The new membership key cards for this year are [Blue](#) and are available, ask your friendly bartender during your next visit - your new card is waiting for you!

The membership goal for this Elk year is to have an increase of 10% and we would like to enlist your help - we want to know what we can do or need to do to make #1879 the place to be! A survey has been created and is available in the lounge hallway. So, during your next visit grab one, fill it out or if you rather take it home and then bring it back that is okay too. The survey's can be returned in the basket outside of my office door or you can fold it up and place it inside the red box in the lounge hallway. We want to hear from you! If you do not want to partake in the survey but would like to make a suggestion or have a comment there is also a blue box in the hallway across from the Ladies room specifically for that.

As you plan your next visit to the lodge bring a non-member friend along with you and hand them an application for membership - We have 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 August**.

Thank you,

Gretchen Morrow, Secretary
elks1879secretary@gmail.com

****Have you recently moved? Has your phone number or email address changed? Reach out to me so we can update your records****



Fairhope Emblem #241 News

Dear Emblem Family,

As Summer comes to a close, I hope you are ready for Fall. I know I'm ready to be done with the heat. Can I get an Amen? Our August adventures are as follows: :

August 6th: Spaghetti @6pm and meeting @7pm July 4th - Bake Sale at 10:30am
August 22nd: Fiesta Friday will be taco salad with rice and beans @6:30
August 23-30: Supreme Convention in Cleveland
September 1: Labor Day Bake Sale

Please come join us for a meal or a meeting. It won't disappoint!

In Emblem love,

Gail Walley
Financial Secretary

Elks Care... Elks Share...

Members, be sure to give a WARM wELKome to our June Initiates: *(pictured below)*

Timothy Harrison, James Dailey, Brian Norris, Justin Cullifer, Frances Moore & Elizabeth Miller



Members, be sure to give a WARM wELKome to our July Initiates: *(pictured below)*

Buddy Wooldridge, John Milner, Robert DeNeefe, Nicholas Lees, Jeffery Adamson, Thomas Massuch, Gale Brogden, Cheryl Tew & Heidi Schneekloth



Annaleise Schneider *(granddaughter of Terry & Amy Garner)* is 1 out of 353 students throughout the United States that received the ENF 2025 Legacy Scholarship Award - WAY TO GO!

We wish you great success in College Annaleise!

Pictured is Sherry Amerson ~ Exalted Ruler and Patty Ginder ~ PER presenting Annaleise with the Legacy Award on June 26, 2025

Elks Care... Elks Share...

Have you noticed the new fence?!

Larry DiAmco generously donated money to replace the fencing around the pool area, which Danny Pulliam and his crew including Curtis Cooper have been working hard picket by picket to complete the project. So the next time you are at the Lodge and you see Larry, Danny and Curtis - Be sure to tell them how AWESOME they are!



Thank You!
FOR YOUR DONATION

The Club staff was thrilled to receive this upright freezer. They did not waste any time setting it up and loading it up with frozen pizzas - Yes, you guessed it, of course Karla has each shelf assigned by pizza topping type! There will be no more diving in and digging through that old and cold freezer chest in search for that one pepperoni pizza!

Thank you **Donna Hogan** for the very generous donation!



4th of July BBQ



Crabby Sip-n-Paint



The general consensus was that the Crabby Sip -n- Paint was a fun and worthwhile activity !

"Stay tuned for our next sip 'n' paint event" People interested in attending should keep an eye out for updates on our Facebook page.



Chaplain's Corner

Many of you know that I love the game of golf and like to read golf articles and books. One of my favorite books is *Golf is not a Game of Perfect* by sports psychologist Bob Rotella. One of his suggestions is to remember the acronym SFT, See Feel Trust. Meaning before you execute each shot see it, feel it, trust it.

I decided to write SFT on my golf ball as a reminder before I make each swing. This has a very calming effect especially under pressure situations during a match.

If we apply SFT to our daily life think how much pressure relief we will have during tough times. See the Lord, Feel his presence, and Trust in Him



Until next time, Take care.
Mke Herrin

Elks.org

Fairhope, AL No. 1879 Elks page:

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 members.

Newsletters, Calendars, Facility Information, By-Laws (*new revision waiting for approval*), Elks National Foundation (ENF), Veterans Services, 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.

So if you want to be in the "know" about our Lodge but do not have a Facebook account?

All you have to do is scan this QR Code with your mobile device and it will take you directly to our 1879 Elks page.



Upcoming Events in August

Are you looking for a fun social activity that promotes interaction and mental stimulation?

Lodge member Julie Andrzejewski from the Mahjong Magnolias will be hosting a tile-based game to learn called Mahjong right here at the Lodge on Saturday August 10th!

In case you have never heard of Mahjong, it involves skill, strategy, and a bit of luck, and is often compared to card games like poker. The game is played with 144 tiles, each marked with various symbols and characters. The goal is to collect sets of tiles to form specific combinations and be the first to achieve a winning hand, often referred to as "*going mahjong*".

Mahjong Series


**10, 17, 24
AUGUST**

SPECIAL PRICING \$25
MAHJONG 101/102
PER CLASS

4:00PM-6:00PM

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LODGE NO. 1879
561 S. MOBILE STREET

VENMO:
MAHJIMAGNOLIAS
KIM BLACKMON



**Are You ready
for
"App-alooza"?**
A football party
Cook-off featuring
all of Your favorite
game day apps

**Find out if Your
dish is the real
MVP**

**SATURDAY
August
23**



Let the competition begin

**Register at the bar.
Team spaces are
limited!**



Think you have what it takes to be our 1st annual app-alooza winner?

How it works:

- \$10 entry per 2 person team (includes sampling for each team member)
- 1 tailgate spot (table) per team
- Team must be prepared to go all the way and serve 50+ fans a SAMPLE of your dish

How do you win?

- Fan Favorite: decided by popular vote
- Most Spirit: feel free to dress in your team gear and make your tailgate spot your own!
- First Loser: judges 2nd place
- The Real MVP: judges 1st place

Comic Corner

I'M SORRY WE HAVE TO SNEAK AROUND, BUT SO MANY PEOPLE THINK WE DON'T BELONG TOGETHER...



ON THE Menu

Monday Night Burgers

Your Choice: Burger | Cheese Burger \$6

Your choice: Fries or Onion Rings. \$3

Wednesday Night Meals

6th - Emblem Spaghetti & Jackpot BINGO

13th - Beef Tips over Rice & Jackpot BINGO

20th - Country Fried Steak & Jackpot BINGO

27th - Crispy Chicken Sammies & Jackpot BINGO

Friday Night Meals

1st - 1st Friday, Steak Night

8th - 2nd Friday, Fried Chicken

15th - 3rd Friday, Seafood Night

22nd - 4th Friday, Emblem Taco Salad Night

29th - 5th Friday, Wings & Things Night

Fundraiser Event

Boston Butt Fundraiser

to support
Cait & Ollie

AS ELKS WE ARE CALLED TO HELP OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN NEED. NOW IS THE TIME TO RALLY BEHIND ONE OF OUR OWN AS WE HELP ALLYSON MARSHALL AND HER FAMILY CARE FOR CAIT AND OLLIE DURING THEIR RECOVERY AND TRANSITION.

SLOW SMOKED BOSTON BUTTS
\$35/EACH

PICK-UP WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM ON
SATURDAY AUGUST 2, 2025

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August 2025

Sun 2pm—close	Mon 5pm—close	Tue Closed	Wed 5pm—close	Thu 5pm—close	Fri 4pm—close	Sat 2pm—close
					1 Steak Dinner Music Trivia & Karaoke	2 Cait & Ollie Boston Butt Fundraiser
3	4 Burger Night	5	6 Emblem Spaghetti Jackpot BINGO	7	8 Fried Chicken Music Trivia & Karaoke	9
10 Mahjong Series 4pm - 6pm	11 Burger Night	12	13 Beef Tips over Rice Jackpot BINGO	14 Lodge Meeting at 7pm	15 Seafood Dinner Music Trivia & Karaoke	16
17 Mahjong Series 4pm - 6pm	18 Burger Night	19	20 Country Fried Steak Jackpot BINGO	21	22 Emblem Taco Salad Music Trivia & Karaoke	23 App-alooza Cook-Off
24 Mahjong Series 4pm - 6pm	25 Burger Night	26	27 Crispy Chicken Sammich Jackpot BINGO	28 Orientation at 6pm Lodge Meeting at 7pm	29 Wings & Things Music Trivia & Karaoke	30

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