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Karla Boyse

***Board of Directors**

Lodge will meet on
the 2nd Thursday &
4th Thursday in
August

13th & 27th
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August 13th
7pm Balloting,
August 27th
6pm Orientation &
Initiations 7pm.

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If you're applicant is
being initiated please
plan to attend.

Thank you!



EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

Summer activities are in full swing. July was an especially busy month, beginning with our 4th of July BBQ, where we sold about 600 plates. We hope to sell just as many on Labor Day, as our BBQs are our biggest fundraisers. Achieving that goal takes a lot of help. Please pick up a Labor Day BBQ sign if you can and place it in your yard or around town to help promote sales.



Marian Tucker and I attended the National Convention in Chicago, and it was a lot of fun. We brought back new ideas and information for our youth activities committees. I hope a few people will help me make our committees more active. If you are willing to help with any committee, please contact me. Community service needs to be our first priority.

We are continuing to add meals and events to our schedule, and we hope you will attend the ones you enjoy. We would also like to hear what everyone would like to see at the lodge. If you would like to join a cooking team, we would love to have you. If you have a specialty dish you would like to cook for the lodge, we would be happy to add it to the schedule.

Our renovation project will begin soon. We have reached our first goal. Please be patient once it begins. We are sure to have minor inconveniences as we progress thru these projects. We are a volunteer run organization so help with lawn care, pool area clean-up and lodge room cleanup is always needed. I would love to get a group together to mop the lodge room once a month.

Our new Grand Exalted Ruler is Tim Jaeger from Napa, CA Lodge #832. His Theme for the year is: **READY ELKS—LET'S GO!**

Here is the link to the official GER Rally Song and Slide show from the 2026 Grand Lodge Convention:

<https://youtu.be/ASwh1wsuW3k?is=Xnp4HG5WuuYqRCR3>



Let's make this year even better than last year!

Sherry Amerson
251-680-0979

Elks Care, Elks Share



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	Timothy	Douglas	19	Ray	Coken
04	Brian	Lorenzato	19	Patty	Ginder
04	Larmon	Smith	19	Clynton	Hogan
05	Charles	Herrin	21	Rachel	Cowles
06	Helen	Trachsler	21	William	Prendergast
07	Herbert	Cole	23	Christopher	Duncan
07	Daryl	Elliff	23	Rebecca	Ricks
07	Donald	Hoffren Jr.	24	Donna	Hogan
07	Harper	Hollis	25	Linda	Lemmon
08	Thomas	Abel	25	Meagan	Talbert
08	Summer	Cooper	25	Piper	Uhlrig
08	Brandi	Parker	26	Terry	Garner
08	Joanne	Vicich	26	John	Liggett
08	Anthony	Wonsick	26	James	Vogel
09	Johnny	Cahoon	27	Margaret	Hacker
09	James	Jackson	27	Robert	Wiederhold
09	Clifton	Taylor	28	Harriet	Cain
11	Jeff	Clark	29	Thomas	Massuch
14	Andrew	Barnhill	29	Milin	Vira
14	James	Carnley	30	Brian	Davies
14	Tracey	Goens	30	Danny	Hawke
14	James	Kennerson	30	Rebecca	Marshall
14	Walter	Sabin	30	Daniel	Sullivan Jr.

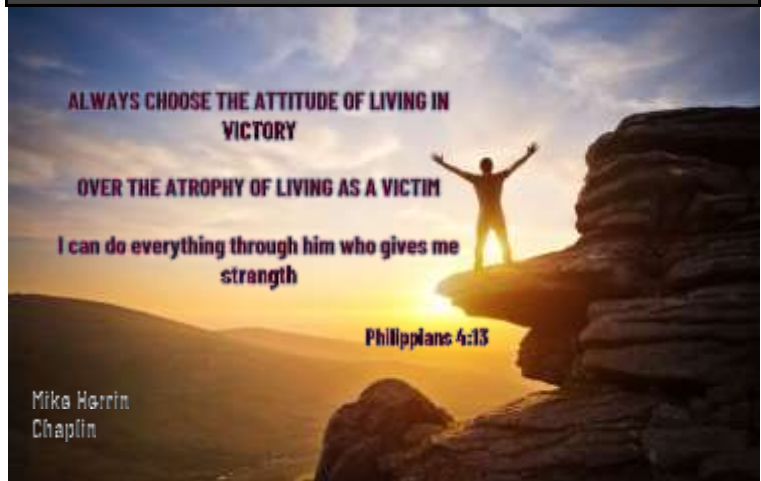
Waiting Initiation	
<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Mark Caraher	Jennifer Phipps
Steven Guynn	Gretchen Morrow
Stacy LeBlanc	Ted Leiser
Evan Myrick	Britney Turk
Heather Nicole Olmstead	Krissa Mull
Jean Poche	Mel Cosgrove
John Scott	Harold Harris · Lodge #0019
Wesley Brown Sullivan	Debra Weaver
Andrew Walsh	Jennifer Phipps
Robert Ward	Miranda Baker
Caleb Wilson	Debra Weaver

New Member Applications	
<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Brian Keating	Theresa Sims
Charles Ray Brown	William Menefee
John Boyd Douglas Jr.	Mike Herrin
Carol Eppes	Donna DiMartino
Michael Job	Billy Griffis
Darrell Roberts	Mike Jeffries

Reinstatement Applications	
<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Lodge Name, Lodge No.</u>
Ralph Grisham	Karla Boyse
Jame R Allen	Karla Boyse

Transfer Dimit Requests	
<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Lodge Name, Lodge No.</u>
Joseph Dannibale	Groton, CT Lodge 2163
Frances Young	Groton, CT Lodge 2163
Michael Staicoff	Deep Creek, FL Lodge 2763

Chaplain's Corner



A note from the Secretary ...

Elks Lodges support veterans, award scholarships, and strengthen communities every single day. Your membership helps make that possible! We are currently reporting **556** members for our Fairhope Lodge, of those **57** are delinquent. The yearly Dues for this year are \$141 (12 month) / \$91 (6 month) per Member and \$66 per Life Member. If you have not done so, please remit payment at your earliest convenience, payments can be made in person at the bar, online or simply by check via USPS. Remember - if you have been dropped for non-payment or if you are delinquent, you are not allowed to enter any lodge or enjoy any lodge activities or amenities - as you are considered delinquent and not in good standing.

The membership goal for this Elk year is to gain 100 New Members, Transfers and/or Reinstatements - so with that said, 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 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 August**.

Thank you,

Gretchen Morrow, Secretary
elks1879secretary@gmail.com

When Elkdom Shines, Elkdom Grows!

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



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Renew Today. Strengthen Your Lodge.



Renew Online!
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Community. Friendship. Charity.

These are not just words. They are the foundation of everything Elks do.

Renew your dues today and help continue the work that makes a difference across America.

Scan the QR code to renew now or contact your Lodge Secretary today.



Checks can be mailed to: PO Box 548, Fairhope, AL 36533

Membership is Booming

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

Langdon Broughton, Daniel Eckart, Tracy Fridley, William Hagendorfer, Sheryl Lott, Tari Mitcheff, Julia Oyler, Michael Schroff, Mary Sitterly, Mary (Tess) Wacker, Thomas West, and George Wilson Jr.



Making a Difference in Our Community

Thanks to funding provided through the Alabama State Elks Trust Fund Grant, Fairhope Elks Lodge #1879 was proud to donate over \$1,000 in supplies to support the staff and participants of the Exceptional Foundation Gulf Coast and their summer day program

The Exceptional Foundation Gulf Coast provides meaningful programs and opportunities for individuals with special needs, and we are honored to play a small part in helping make their summer activities a success.

At Fairhope Elks Lodge #1879, supporting our community and investing in programs that enrich the lives of others is at the heart of what we do. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with the Exceptional Foundation Gulf Coast and are thankful for the incredible work that they do every day!



*Pictured L: Daisy (Director of Services),
Renie (Program Assistant)*



*Pictured R: Daisy (Director of Services),
Renie (Program Assistant), EFCG participants:
Barret, Trenton, Micaela,
Lodge #1879 Members: Karla Boyse &
Jean Ann Seales*

Elks Care, Elks Share ...

Veterans' Services Blog

Our friends over in Foley at the Gulf Coast Lodge hosted a Veteran's Appreciation and Education event at their lodge on July 25th. We had great representation from our lodge - Thank you!



If you would like to get involved, feel free to reach out:

Email: scott.erb@gmail.com

Phone: 404-353-4785

ARE YOU A VETERAN?

We want to make sure that your records here are accurate and indicate that you are a Veteran! Reach out to Scott Erb or Gretchen Morrow via email or you can drop a message in the Red Secretary box here in the Lounge hallway. Our veteran count is up to **13** since the last newsletter - Thank you!



Be sure to include your Full Name, Military Branch, and your Discharge Type



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So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.

The Elks National Veterans Service Commission takes this pledge one step further, promising service to our nation's veterans and military members with a special focus on service to those in need.

To learn more about all the ways the ENVSC serves our nation's veterans, visit www.elks.org/vets/



What is the ENF Fidelity Club?

The ENF Fidelity Club is an individual giving and recognition program.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the ENF is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We help youth develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.



Community Investments Program: Puts grants directly into communities

State Elks Association Grants: Supports state association charitable programs

Scholarship Programs: Builds relationships w/the next generation of Elks, through 3 scholarships: MVS, Legacy, & EEG

Elks National Veterans Service Program: Provides aid & comfort for America's Veterans in need w/initiatives to end Veteran Homelessness

Elks Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest: Unleashes gritty kids through free throw competitions at Lodge, District, State, Region & National Levels

Elks Memorial Building Maintenance: Maintains the Elks Veterans Memorial in Chicago

Elks Drug Awareness Program: Promotes constructive & collaborative solutions to youth substance abuse

Starting a recurring gift to the Elks National Foundation is safe, reliable, and allows the ENF to spend less time on administration and more time on our charitable mission. After filling out the form at enf.elks.org, the ENF will automatically charge your credit card on a monthly basis for the donation amount you choose. And, you'll be eligible for special recognition in the ENF Fidelity Club!

Designate Your Gift

A designated gift directly supports the ENF program you select. You can choose to designate your gift to one program or select all programs and make an immediate difference in the lives of youth, veterans and Elks communities. Selecting the ENF Endowment Fund means your donation will be invested in a permanent fund where its interest will be distributed over time, ensuring the ongoing success of the ENF.

Our lodge needs to get just **6** more members to sign up in order for us to meet the 2026/2027 goal. This would allow us to earn extra bonuses for helping our community! So please sign up today at elks.org/ENF/FidelityClub.

Why Join the Fidelity Club?

- **Ease:** The ENF Fidelity Club recognizes automatic, regularly scheduled donations through your bank account or credit card. These donations occur monthly (minimum \$5).
- **Eco-Friendly:** Save a tree and save time with paperless donations!
- **Convenience:** No need to purchase stamps or mail a check. It takes just five minutes to sign up, and you're good to go!
- **Flexibility:** You can increase, modify or cancel your gift at any time.
- **Security:** It's safe, reliable and allows the ENF to spend less time on administration and more time on our charitable mission.

What are the Benefits?

The longer you are a member of the Fidelity Club, the more benefits you'll receive!

- **Fidelity Club Sticker:** Following your first monthly gift, you'll receive a special Fidelity Club sticker for your membership card, and your name will appear in the online [Fidelity Club Honor Roll](#). At the end of each calendar year, you'll receive a new sticker with your annual statement.
- **Fidelity Club Pin:** Once you've made 12 monthly gifts, you'll receive the ENF Fidelity Pin!
- **Pin Attachments:** Each time you reach an additional benchmark—starting at 25 monthly gifts—you'll receive a pin attachment to wear with your Fidelity pin. Additional attachments will be sent at 50 and 100 gifts.
- **Bagels with the Board:** An open-house breakfast at the Elks National Convention exclusively for Fidelity Club Members!



Elks
National
Foundation

It's almost scholarship season! Applications for the Most Valuable Student scholarship open on August 1.

If you know any incoming high school seniors, encourage them to apply! No relation to the Elks is necessary to win one of these scholarships, which range from \$1,000 to \$7,500 per year.

Learn more at <https://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/MVS.cfm>

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 lounge TV, on our social media accounts as well as on our Elks.org lodge page.

Fairhope Emblem #241 News

Hope that you had a great summer!

Dates to remember this month:

August 5th - Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert **A gluten free option is available**

August 5th - Meeting at/around 7p

August 28th - Pork Chop (*grilled or fried*), Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll and Dessert **A gluten free option is available**

Dues are delinquent, if you haven't paid - please do so ASAP.

Come see us and taste our food - sometimes it is dinner and a show.

In Emblem love,

Gail Walley
Financial Secretary

To our awesome
ELK MEMBERS
Please remember!

- You have a **SUGGESTION**, please get involved in a **COMMITTEE!**
- You have a **COMPLAINT**, please go to a **MEETING** or contact the correct person
(you can always private message on Facebook and we can point you in the right direction)
- Do you have ideas that could help make our lodge even **STRONGER**? Consider **RUNNING** for a **LEADERSHIP POSITION** where your passion and dedication can make a positive **DIFFERENCE!**

➤ NEGATIVITY will NEVER solve issues!

Let's stay **POSITIVE** ♥ practice **UNDERSTANDING** ♥
and always just be NICE! ♥

4th of July BBQ



FAIRHOPE ELKS LODGE JULY 4TH BBQ Chicken, Pork, or Ribs



Summer Party & Shrimp Boil



It's shrimp, corn, potatoes & sausage!



Sopapilla Cheesecake is an easy recipe with layers of sweet cream cheese, crescent dough, and a cinnamon sugar layer. The best part is you can eat it warm with ice cream or it's good chilled... your choice.

How to make sopapilla cheesecake

Ingredients:

2 (8oz) packages cream cheese (softened)
2 (8oz) cans refrigerated crescent rolls
3 teaspoons of vanilla extract
1 large egg
2-1/2 teaspoons of ground cinnamon
1-1/2 cups of sugar
1/2 stick butter (melted)
1/2 cup of chopped pecans



Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Unroll one can of crescent roll dough and press it evenly into the bottom of a 9x13 baking dish, pinching the seams together.

Using a hand mixer, beat together the cream cheese, vanilla, egg, 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon and 1-1/4 cups of sugar in a medium bowl on medium speed until smooth and fluffy.

Spread cream cheese mixture evenly over the dough with a rubber spatula.

Unroll the second can of dough and lay it on top of the cream cheese layer. Stretch the dough to cover the cream cheese and pinch the seams to seal.

Pour the melted butter over the top of the dough and spread to coat.

Mix remaining 1/4 cup of sugar and 2 teaspoons of cinnamon together, then sprinkle over the top of the dough to coat.

Sprinkle the chopped pecans over the top of the dough.

Bake until the dough is cooked through and puffed up, about 30-40 minutes.

*Allow to cool for 30 minutes before cutting.

Thank you Fran Moore for sharing this delicious sweet treat with us members!

If you have a recipe that you would like to share and have included in one of the upcoming newsletters - email it to elks1879secretary@gmail.com or place it in the red secretary box in the lounge hallway.

Comic Corner



"Shh—don't talk about that in front of the p-h-o-n-e."



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Your Choice Burger | Cheese Burger \$6

Your choice Fries or Onion Rings \$3

Wednesday Night Meals

5th - Emblem Spaghetti & Jackpot BINGO

12th - Beef Tips & Jackpot BINGO

19th - Country Fried Steak & Jackpot BINGO

26th - Chicken Sammiches & Jackpot BINGO

Friday Night Meals

7th - 1st Friday, Fried Chicken Dinner

14th - 2nd Friday, Steak Dinner

21st - 3rd Friday, Seafood Dinner

28th - 4th Friday, Emblem Pork Chops

Sunday Meal

9th - 2nd Sunday, Brunch 10a-1p \$18

Monthly Extra's

Match Game

Can you match the country to its capital?

Croatia	Beirut
New Zealand	Belmopan
Tanzia	Zagreb
Lebanon	Wellington
Belize	Dodoma

Brain Teasers:

What do an island and the letter "t" have in common?

Interesting August Numerology & The Cosmos :

As the 8th month of the year, August carries the weight of the number 8. In numerology, turning an 8 on its side creates the infinity symbol (∞), representing eternity, symmetry, and the immortal nature of the soul.

Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks



Sun 2pm—close	Mon 5pm—close	Tue 5pm—close	Wed 5pm—close	Thu 5pm—close	Fri 4pm—close	Sat 2pm—close
						1 Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship - Opens Today!
2	3 Burger Night	4	5 Emblem Spaghetti Jackpot BINGO	6	7 Fried Chicken Dinner Music Trivia & Karaoke	8 District Deputy Clinic Dothan, AL
9 Sunday Brunch 10—1p	10 Burger Night	11	12 Beef Tips & Rice Jackpot BINGO	13 Lodge Meeting at 7pm	14 Steak Dinner Music Trivia & Karaoke	15
16	17 Burger Night	18	19 Country Fried Steak Jackpot BINGO	20	21 Seafood Dinner Music Trivia & Karaoke	22
23	24 Burger Night	25	26 Chicken Sammies Jackpot BINGO	27 Lodge Meeting at 7pm	28 Emblem Pork Chops Music Trivia & Karaoke	29
30	31 Burger Night					

Brain Teaser: they are both in the middle of water.

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