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EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

Christmas season is here — my favorite time of the year. November kept us busy, welcoming 14 new members, and we celebrated with a wonderful potluck after their initiation. Jimmy Carnley and his team organized our annual Hoop Shoot for scholarships, where winners advance to the state level. We wrapped up November with our annual Iron Bowl Party.

All members and families are invited to our Elk Memorial Service, honoring members we have lost. It will be held on Sunday, December 7th at 3pm. This year, we add Bo Joyner, Chad Coleman, and Tim Sullivan — they will be dearly missed.

Karla and the House Committee will host our Dirty Santa Party on December 13th, always a great source of fun. For updates on all our activities, please join our Facebook page. Bingo happens every Wednesday, and Trivia plus Karaoke on Fridays remain popular.

Our largest community project every year is the Christmas Basket program, offering food and toys to local families in need during the holidays. Please bring donations to the lodge so we can help make their Christmas special. We also supported the Baldwin Family Village with their Thanksgiving meal.



Our State Mid-Year convention is coming up in January. It is held in Orange Beach at the Perdido Resort. I encourage everyone to attend and meet Elks from around the state. Information is available at the lodge. Discounted rooms go fast, so if you are interested in a room get reservations as soon as possible.

With many active committees, there's always something happening. If you'd like to get more involved, contact me anytime. We're seeking more members willing to donate \$5 per month to become fidelity members of the Elks National Foundation. To learn more about Elk's activities nationwide, visit elks.org and register as a member.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Do not forget: *Elks Care, Elks Share*

Sherry Amerson, Exalted Ruler
251-680-0979

Lodge will meet
on the 2nd
Thursday in
December 11th
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December 11th
7pm Balloting.
Orientation &
Initiations will
resume
January 2026.
Thank you!



01	William	Beck
01	Christopher	Davis
01	Robert	Hall
01	Frank	Rohe
02	Lee	Adams
03	Nancy	Cava
03	Mark	Dowsey
03	Ronnie	Marshall
04	Gale	Brogden
04	Scott	Clemens Jr.
04	S. Rhodes	Prince IV
06	Robert	Leiser
06	Barry	Swope
07	David	Wyrick
08	Robert	Hodges
09	Frank	Foley
10	Bobby	McArthur III
11	Mark	Cantey
11	Fred	Nolte
12	Beverley	Bradley
12	Ted	Gautney
12	George	Hinds
13	Leeland	Immell
13	Tommy	Odom

13	Lillian	Willis
15	Anil	Vira
16	Frederick	Everhart
17	Fred	Timmons
18	Grant	Amey
18	Jody	Dillon
18	Prissy	Leavins
18	William	Scarboro Jr.
19	Amber	Carrier
20	Don	Benson
21	Carl	Church
22	Michael	Jeffries Jr.
22	John	Siipola
23	Robert	Glasscock
23	Mark	Pulliam
23	Phu	Vuong
25	Ronald	Mattingly
26	Eugene	Penick
27	Curtis	Cooper Jr.
28	James	Ellis Jr.
29	Jeffery	Clemens
29	Dallas	Jones
29	George	Klumpp Jr.
31	Mark	Wolcott

Waiting Initiation	
Applicant	Proposer
Mary Lee Matzenger	Amber Carrier
Stephanie Sandefer	Amber Carrier
Suzy Tucker	William MeNefee
Scott Jackson	William Menefee
Jaella Robbins	Gretchen Morrow
Lisa Catherine Word	Russell Cowles
Randall Lee Word	Russell Cowles
Buddy Hart	Joseph Roberts
Anthony Walker	Seth Arnold
Jennifer Steiniger	Joseph Roberts

Transfer Dimit Requests	
Applicant	Location, Elks Lodge
Douglas Borer	Eatonton, GA #2849

New Member Applicants	
Applicant	Proposer
Mary Lee Matzenger	Amber Carrier
Stephanie Sandefer	Amber Carrier
Suzy Tucker	William MeNefee
Scott Jackson	William MeNefee
Wendy Glaze	Nancy Mooreman
Grayson Glaze	Nancy Mooreman
Lorrie Hanna	Danny Pulliam
Gary Langswager	Donald White
Laura Carter	Bonnie Corner
Daniel McKenzie	Beth Parris
Darrin Swan	Jason DeVane #1887 Dothan, AL



*We are deeply saddened to hear about the passing of member **Tim Sullivan**. Our thoughts and prayers are with his Family & Friends.*

A note from the Secretary ...

Its official, December is here!!!

The Lodge along with Santa's elves will be heavily involved in picking and packing all kinds of toys and gifts for those in need this holiday season - It's not too late to bring something special in to donate or to volunteer with packing boxes.

We are currently reporting 511 members for our Fairhope Lodge, 40 of these members are now past due. If you have not already done so, please remit payment at your earliest convenience by mail, over the phone, or drop your payment off at the lodge. Our membership goal for this Elk year was to have an increase of 10% and let me tell you, 1879 is having a record year and we still have 4 more months to go! There will not be any Initiations performed until January 2026 but we are still accepting applications.

The yearly Dues for the 2026—2027 year will be \$141 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 towards ENF - lets make our lodge #1 in the State in 2026!

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 December**.

Thank you,

Gretchen Morrow, Secretary
elks1879secretary@gmail.com

When Elkdom Shines, Elkdom Grows!



Fairhope Emblem #241 News

Merry Christmas Emblem Fam,

Now that your bellies are full from the turkey and fixin's, come enjoy fellowship with friends and family. Dates to remember for December are:

December 3rd Spaghetti Dinner at 6pm
December 3rd Meeting 7pm
December 5th Fairhope Christmas Parade (look for our float)
December 6th Breakfast with Santa and Friends 9am

Hope you have time to come and spend a few minutes with us. It's always a fun time. And, a big Thank You to our Elks who allow us to meet here and raise money for our club every year.

Here's to a Happy New Year,

Gail Walley
Financial Secretary

Membership is Booming

Members, be sure to give a WARM wELKome to our **14** new November Initiates:

Allison Adams, Teddy Alvis, William Ashley, Dan Beasley, Dana Bierman, Brian Chunn, Richard Crnkovich, Michael Drogmiller, Timmy Gelwicks, Melanie Grein, Crystal Ham, Keith Pasztor, Stephanie Reeves, and Misty Seay.



Elks National Hoop Shoot



The Elks Hoop Shoot is a free throw program for youth ages 8-13

On November 15, 2025 the Fairhope Elks Lodge held our annual local Hoop Shoot event at the United Methodist Church. Exalted Ruler Sherry Amerson, Lodge Officers Jimmy Carnley & Donnie Ryals, and Leeland Immel all were in attendance cheering on these these local boys!

The Alabama State HS contest will be held at the Bessemer Recreation Center on February 6, 2026 at 10am (100 14th Street Bessemer, Al. 35020)

The Finals Weekend will be held at the Wintrust Arena in Chicago, IL Thursday, April 16 - Sunday, April 19, 2026

To find more information about the National Hoop Shoot Contest in 2026 go to elks.org/hoopshoot

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:** Prissy Leavins, Donald White, Gordon Bell, Catherine Collier @ **3** new members ea.
- ◇ **1 more to go:** Dawn Egan, Jennifer Phipps, Justin Crabtree, Carolyn Bowen, Piper Uhlig, Chris Moore, Fran Moore, Brooks Wise @ **2** new members ea.
- ◇ **2 more to go:** William Beck, Sarge Sansone, Jim Trainer, Bonnie Corner, Betsy Key, John Hamrick, Dan Sullivan, Les Lagerstrom, Robert Glasscock, Jennifer Striano, John Clarkson, Michael Patrick, Chris Carrier, Gale Brogden, Brian Roach, Jim Tucker, Beverly Bradley, Linda Lemmon, Robert Wiederhold & Walter Zaykowski @ **1** new member ea.

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

- ◇ **5 more to go:** Amber Carrier and Gretchen Morrow @ **6** new members ea.
- ◇ **7 more to go:** Prissy Leavins and Donald White @ **4** new members ea.



Mid-Year AL State Elks National Convention

Thursday January 16, 2026 through Sunday, January 18, 2026

The online link for Hotel reservations is <https://www.perdidobeachresort.com> while the direct number to call for reservations is 1-800-634-8001. If you have any problems making your reservations, please call Gwen Parker at 256-347-1545 as she has direct contact with our sales manager at Perdido. Our Booking id# is 20183, the minimum rate is \$109 but these rooms go early so don't expect to get that rate if you wait till the last minute to book.

The online link for Registration is alabamaelks.regfox.com/alabama-elks-mid-winter-convention. You can also register by mail and pay by check using a printable form when it becomes available to us, If you wish to register this way please make checks payable to Alabama Elks Association and mail check along with registration form to Alabama Elks Convention Registration 15232 Troon Drive Foley AL 36535

This year will be a **LUAU** theme! Don't forget to wear your favorite Luau outfit, bring your leis, and maybe even some extras to share. The theme will be carried throughout the weekend, from the hospitality room to the luncheon.



Registration for Member and Guest Registration received after Dec 15th 2025 is not guaranteed a Banquet Meal

Chaplain's Corner

Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which translated, God with us (*Matthew 1:23*).

Jesus Christ was born into this world not from it. He did not emerge out of history; He came into history from the outside. He is not a man becoming God, but God Incarnate.

Let's all slow down this Christmas season and take time to remember who Christ is and worship Him

Merry Christmas,
Mike Herrin



Elks Care... Elks Share...

Take a Veteran Fishing at Oak Hollow Farms will be held on December 9th, if you are interested in participating or would like more information reach out to Leeland.



Holiday Info

OB CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND DRONE SHOW
THE WHARF | DEC 2ND | 5:30PM

SUMMERDALE'S CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN THE PARK
PIONEER PARK - SUMMERDALE | DECEMBER 2ND | 5:30PM

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS AT SIMS PARK
JOHNNIE SIMS PARK - GULF SHORES | DECEMBER 4TH | 5:30PM

DAPHNE'S ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING
DAPHNE CITY HALL | DEC 4TH | 6PM

ISLAND MOVIE NIGHTS- CHRISTMAS EDITION
DOWNTOWN OWA | DECEMBER 6TH | 3PM

2025 ROBERTSDALE CHRISTMAS PARADE
ROBERTSDALE, AL | DECEMBER 6TH | 6:30PM

MALBIS CHRISTMAS MARKET
HISTORIC MALBIS NURSERY | DECEMBER 7TH | 10AM-4PM

SANTA STORYTIME
221 W 19TH AVE - GULF SHORES | DECEMBER 11TH | 10:30AM

CHRISTMAS NIGHT MARKET
781 FARMERS MARKET LANE - FOLEY, AL | DECEMBER 11TH | 5PM-8PM

BALDWIN POPS CHRISTMAS CONCERT
DAPHNE CIVIC CENTER | DECEMBER 11TH | 6:30PM

THE NORTH POLE | DOWNTOWN OWA
DECEMBER 12TH-14TH | TIMES VARY

DAPHNE SNOW & MOVIE NIGHT IN THE PARK
AL TRIONE SPORTS COMPLEX | DEC 12TH | 4PM

CHRISTMAS MOM & ME PAINT PARTY
25945 SR-181 - DAPHNE | DECEMBER 12TH | 5:30PM-7:30PM

LOXLEY CHRISTMAS PARADE
LOXLEY, AL | DECEMBER 12TH | 6PM

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
ERIE H. MEYER CIVIC CENTER | DECEMBER 13TH | 8AM

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
25722 PERDIDO BEACH BLVD - ORANGE BEACH | DECEMBER 13TH | 9AM-11AM

SANTA SATURDAY
FAIRHOPE MUSEUM OF HISTORY | DECEMBER 13TH | 10:30PM-12PM

PEPSI PRESENTS JINGLE BELL MOVIE BASH
PORTSIDE ON MAIN- THE WHARF | DECEMBER 13TH | 11AM

CHRISTMAS AT THE FORT
THE FORT | DEC 13TH | 11AM TO 3PM

SUMMERDALE CHRISTMAS PARADE & MARKET
PIONEER PARK - SUMMERDALE | DECEMBER 13TH | 1PM

ISLAND MOVIE NIGHTS- CHRISTMAS EDITION
DOWNTOWN OWA | DECEMBER 13TH | 3PM

ALL IS BRIGHT
EASTERN SHORE CENTRE | DEC 13TH | 6PM

SPANISH FORT CHRISTMAS PARADE
30500 AL-181, SPANISH FORT, AL | DECEMBER 13TH | 6PM-7:30PM

SANTA PAWS
DOWNTOWN OWA | DECEMBER 14TH

BRUNCH WITH SANTA & MRS. CLAUS
27842 CANAL ROAD - ORANGE BEACH | DECEMBER 14TH | 10AM

43RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FEST
BLACKBURN PARK - BAY MINETTE | DECEMBER 5TH & 6TH | 11AM

FOLEY'S CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK
HERITAGE PARK | DEC 5TH | 6PM

SMALLTOWN CHRISTMAS
15965 SILVERHILL AVENUE, SILVERHILL AL | DECEMBER 5TH | 6:30PM

FAIRHOPE'S MAGICAL CHRISTMAS PARADE
DOWNTOWN FAIRHOPE | DECEMBER 5TH | 6:30PM-9PM

THE NORTH POLE
DOWNTOWN OWA | DECEMBER 5TH-7TH | TIMES VARY

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
FAIRHOPE ELKS LODGE NO. 1879 | DECEMBER 6TH | 9AM-11AM

PANCAKES WITH SANTA
LOXLEY CHURCH OF GRACE | DECEMBER 6TH | 9AM-11AM

THE FOLEY CHRISTMAS PARADE
HERITAGE PARK - FOLEY | DECEMBER 6TH | 10AM-11AM

SANTA SATURDAY
FAIRHOPE MUSEUM OF HISTORY | DECEMBER 6TH | 10:30AM-12PM

SANTA DROP
FLORA-BAMA LOUNGE & PACKAGE | DECEMBER 6TH | 11AM

DAPHNE CHRISTMAS PARADE
DOWNTOWN DAPHNE | DEC 6TH | 11AM

SANTA PHOTOS
THE WHARF STORE, SUITE D118 | NOVEMBER 14TH-DECEMBER 24TH | TIMES VARY

CHRISTMAS TALES READING
BASS PRO SPANISH FORT | EVERY TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18TH - DECEMBER 23RD | 5PM-5:45PM

PHOTOS WITH SANTA
EASTERN SHORE CENTER | NOVEMBER 22ND - DECEMBER 24TH | TIMES VARY

3RD ANNUAL GRAND HOLIDAY STROLL
THE GRAND HOTEL | NOV 29TH - JAN 1 | 5PM - 8PM

CHRISTMAS AT BICENTENNIAL PARK/DRIVE THRU LIGHT DISPLAY
DECEMBER 2ND - DECEMBER 23RD | 5PM-9PM

SKATING WITH SANTA
DAPHNE CIVIC CENTER | DEC 18TH AND 19TH | 4PM TO 8PM

THE NORTH POLE | DOWNTOWN OWA
DECEMBER 19TH-23RD | TIMES VARY

HOLIDAY MARKET & FAMILY DAY
JORDAN BEECH FARMS | DEC 20TH | 11AM TO 3PM

ELF ACADEMY
DOWNTOWN OWA | DECEMBER 20TH

ISLAND MOVIE NIGHTS- CHRISTMAS EDITION
DOWNTOWN OWA | DECEMBER 20TH | 3PM

ISLAND MOVIE NIGHTS- CHRISTMAS EDITION
DOWNTOWN OWA | DECEMBER 22ND | 3PM

KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY
FOLEY CIVIC CENTER | DECEMBER 22 | 5:30P.M.

ISLAND MOVIE NIGHTS- CHRISTMAS EDITION
DOWNTOWN OWA | DECEMBER 23RD | 3PM

Baldwin County

Holiday Guide

Elks Care... Elks Share...

1879 - Lets Fill those Boxes!

TOYS FOR TOTS HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

This holiday season, you can make a real difference in a child's life by donating a new, unwrapped toy or book to Toys for Tots. Together, we can spread joy and bring hope to children in need throughout our community.



WHAT IS TOYS FOR TOTS?

Toys for Tots is a nationwide program managed by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Its mission is simple but powerful: collect new, unwrapped toys and distribute them to economically disadvantaged children during the holiday season. Through these gifts, the program spreads holiday cheer and sends a powerful message of hope. Every year, Toys for Tots campaigns run from October through mid-December, giving the community a chance to come together and give generously. These toys are sorted by age and gender before being distributed to families in need through local social service agencies, churches, and community organizations.

Toys for Tots welcomes:

- New, unwrapped toys
- Books
- Stocking stuffers
- Homemade toys
- Sporting goods
- Backpacks
- Board games
- Gift sets
- Beauty tools like hair straighteners or curling irons



The Lodge is collecting gift cards and unwrapped toys now through *early ~ mid* December, to distribute to economically disadvantaged children, pre-teens and teens in our area this Christmas!

There are multiple large Toys-For-Tots boxes located in the lounge area for toys ~ if you are donating a gift card, you can hand it to your friendly bartender.

Please donate today to help make a child's wishes & dreams come true during this magical time of the year!

"Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate it by giving the light of love to those who need it most."

Elks Memorial Service

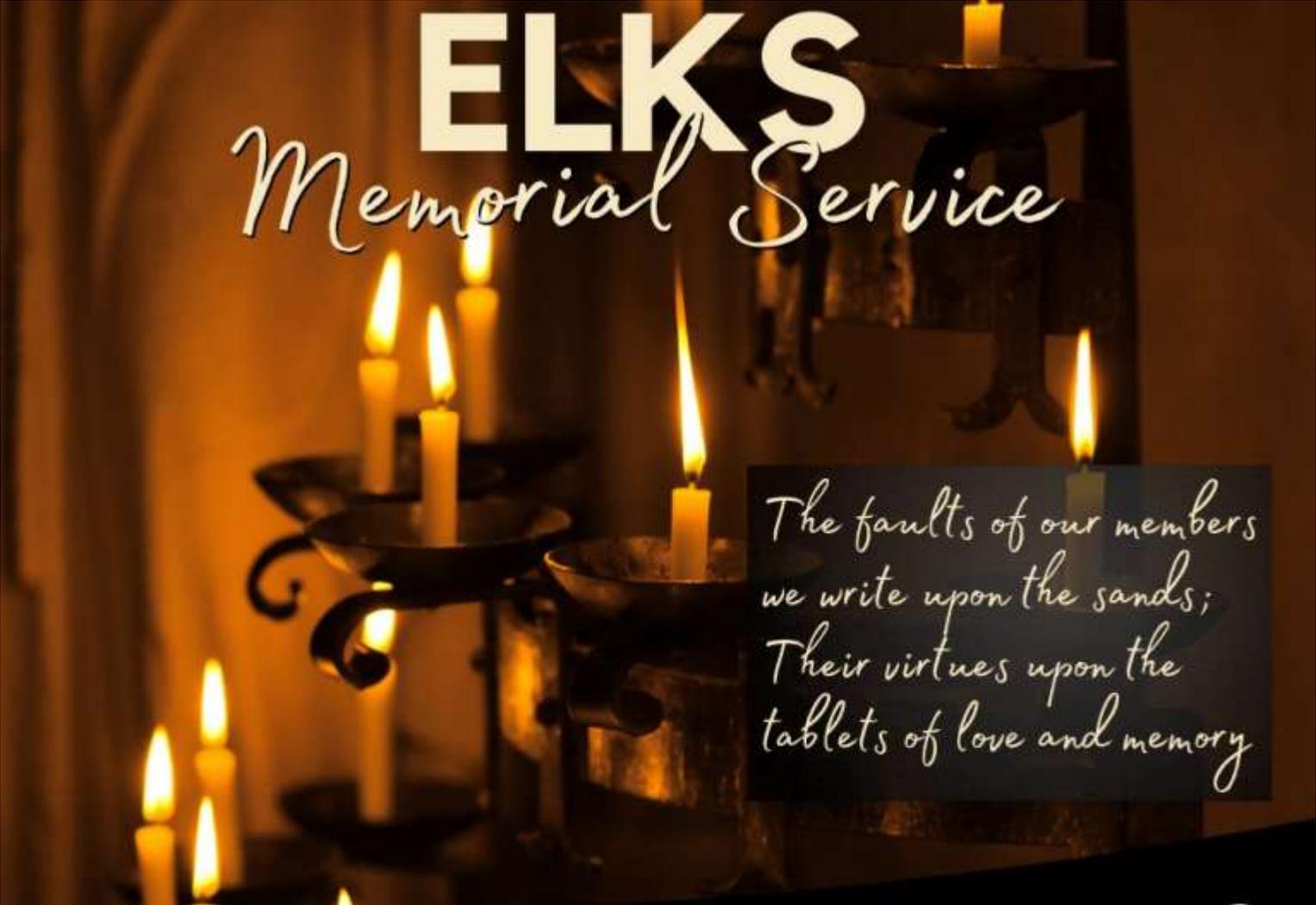
Please join us on Sunday, December 7th at 3pm

On this Sunday, we gather as one in sacred unity, joining Lodges across the nation in a tradition both solemn and deeply meaningful. Together, we honor the cherished Members who have gone before us, embarking on their eternal journey.

On this day, we pause to reflect on a truth that binds us: an Elk is never forgotten, never forsaken. Though our hearts feel the weight of loss, we take comfort in the enduring legacies of those who graced our lives with their kindness, strength, and unwavering fellowship.

These are more than names to be read aloud—they are lives to be celebrated. They were the light in our darkest moments, the voice of encouragement when we faltered, and the steady presence that turned our Lodges into a second home.

As we remember, let us honor them not only in words but in the actions that carry their spirit forward. For in the warmth of our memories and the lives we touch in their name, they live on.



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Memorial Service

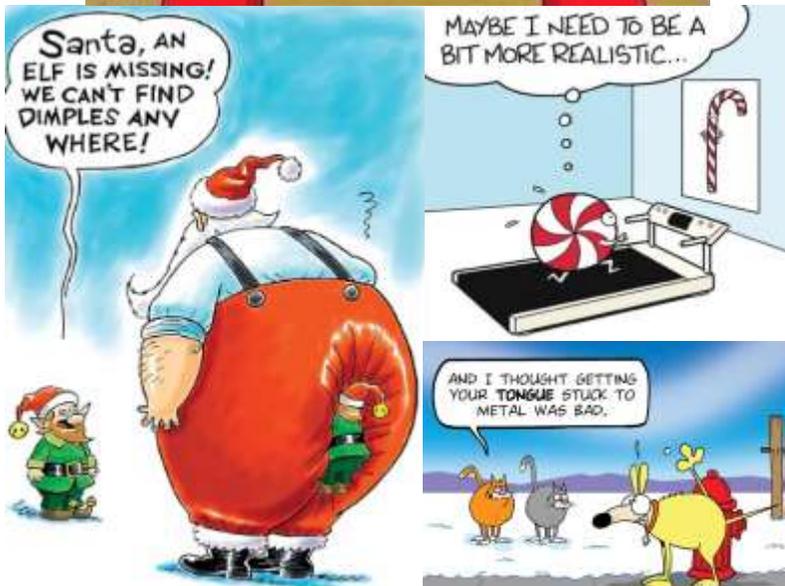
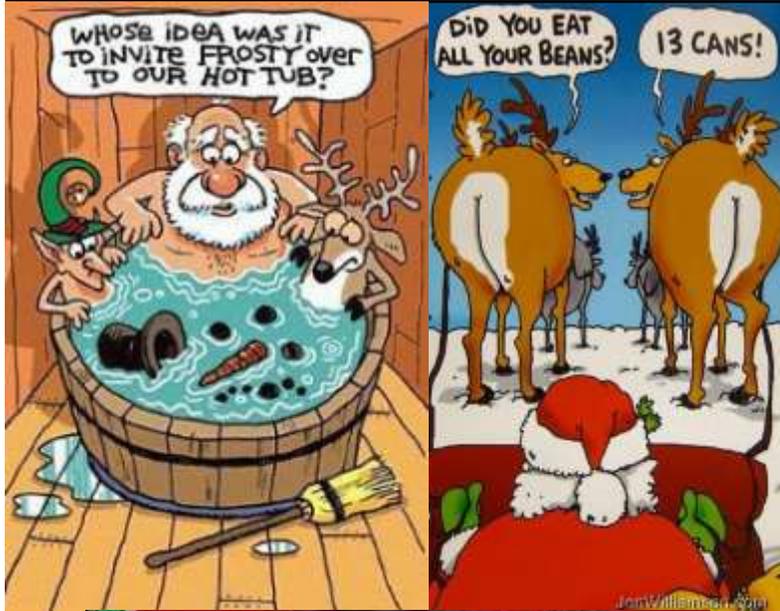
*The faults of our members
we write upon the sands;
Their virtues upon the
tablets of love and memory*

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Comic Corner

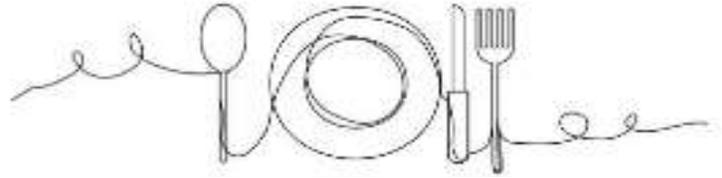


BURGER NIGHT

EVERY MONDAY

Your Choice Burger | Cheese Burger \$6

Your choice Fries or Onion Rings. \$3



Wednesday Night Meals

- 3rd** - Emblem Spaghetti & Jackpot BINGO
- 10th** - Beef Tips over Rice & Jackpot BINGO
- 17th** - Country Fried Steak & Jackpot BINGO
- 24th** - CLOSED, Merry Christmas!

Friday Night Meals

- 5th** - 1st Friday, Steak Dinner
- 12th** - 2nd Friday, Fried Chicken
- 19th** - 3rd Friday, Seafood Night
- 26th** - 4th Friday, TBD

FAIRHOPE ELKS LODGE ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS PARTY

& DIRTY SANTA GIFT EXCHANGE!!!

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DEC 2025
AT 5:00 PM

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF MERRIMENT, MUSIC, AND CHEER AS WE CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON TOGETHER.

BRING A GIFT VALUED @ \$25 TO PLAY DIRTY SANTA

521 S. MOBILE STREET
FAIRHOPE, AL

Bring a dish to share!

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December 2025



Sun 2pm—close	Mon 5pm—close	Tue Closed	Wed 5pm—close	Thu 5pm—close	Fri 4pm—close	Sat 2pm—close
	1 Burger Night	2	3 Emblem Spaghetti Jackpot BINGO	4	5 Steak Dinner Music Trivia & Karaoke	6 Breakfast w/Santa 9a - 11a
7 Elks Memorial Service & Reception	8 Burger Night	9	10 Beef Tips over Rice Jackpot BINGO	11 Lodge Meeting at 7pm	12 Fried Chicken Dinner Music Trivia & Karaoke	13 Lodge Christmas Party Dirty Santa Gift Exchange
14	15 Burger Night	16	17 Country Fried Steak Jackpot BINGO	18	19 Seafood Dinner Music Trivia & Karaoke	20
21	22 Burger Night	23	24 Lodge is Closed MERRY CHRISTMAS	25 Lodge is Closed MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 Meal is TBD Music Trivia & Karaoke	27
28	29 Burger Night	30	31 Crispy Chicken Sammich No BINGO on NYE			

