

OFFICERS OF 1879

Exalted Ruler
Patty Ginder*

Leading Knight
James Carnley*

Loyal Knight
Frank Bishop*

Lecturing Knight
Larry Greene*

Secretary
Gretchen Morrow*

Treasurer
Jennifer Pizzotti*

Esquire
Leeland Immel

Chaplain
Donnie Ryals

Tiler
Shawn Boyse

Inner Guard
Randy Svitak

Trustees
5 Danny Pulliam*
4 Brian Lorenzato*
3 Gordon Bell*
2 Andy Willis*
1 Patrick Seals*

Grant Coordinator
Patty Ginder

*Board of Directors

Lodge will meet on
Thursdays, February
13th & 27th

* * *

Feb 13th, 6pm
Orientations.

7pm Balloting &
Initiations.

Feb 27th, 6pm
Orientations,

7pm Initiations. If your
applicant is being initi-
ated please plan to
attend.

Thank you!



EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

January has been a cold one and boy did it fly by quickly! I would like to say thank you to all who attended the state convention January 17 – 19. It was great to see a number of members from the Fairhope lodge in attendance (see inside this bulletin for pictures).

Remember that being part of the Elks means being part of a supportive community that cares and shares. There are always new opportunities to volunteer and make a positive impact. It is important that our members step up and help out where they can, whether it be volunteering to be part of a committee, assisting in the kitchen, helping with building/property maintenance or helping with volunteer opportunities in the community. Reach out and ask where you can help. Let us know if you feel you could be of any help in a particular area that interests you. Any little bit of assistance helps and does not require a large commitment.

February is an important month for the Elks, as nominations are held for the local Officer positions. Holding an officer position is crucial for the lodge's operations and Elksdom overall.

Nominations for Officer positions will be accepted during the first regular meeting in February (02/13/24 @ 7:00pm), and will include the positions of: Exalter Ruler, Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, Lecturing Knight, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee.



I will not be seeking re-election for the Exalted Ruler position for the 2025/2026 Elk year due to increased demands at my full-time job. I will continue to handle the Grant application process and volunteer where I can, and of course, fully support the next ER.

Be sure to attend the 02/13 meeting to submit your nominations. Voting for the officer positions will be held the second regular meeting in February (02/27/24 @ 7PM). Come out and support your lodge.

We are already making a difference for children in need at our local schools in 2025. Many students are going to school hungry and through the Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant funds, we helped the local elementary and middle schools stock their snack closets.

See you at the next meeting!

Elks Care, Elks Share!

God bless you and together we can do more 😊

Exalted Ruler, Patty Ginder



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

01	Jay	Cosgrove	14	Daniel	Sullivan Sr.
02	Mitchell	Damsky	15	Cheryl	Johannesman
02	Thomas	Gibson	15	Christopher	Klein
03	James	Trainer	16	Michael	Kelley
04	Edward	Schnell	18	Anna	Etheridge
04	Jimmie	Weems	19	James	Staudacher
04	Don	Witucki	20	Ola Christine	Bertagnolli
05	Seth	Arnold	20	Charles	Freeman
05	Elizabeth	Birmingham	21	Sean	Chappell
05	Charlie	Rainer	21	Victor	Rohler Jr.
06	Harold	Smith	21	Mark	Vamos
07	Winfred	Helton Jr.	22	Kenneth	Banks
07	Sam	Noble	22	Marsha	Baugh
09	Arthur	Clement	22	Dakota	Johnson
09	Russell	Cowles	24	Peggy	Freeman
09	Rick	Findley	25	Mary	Tidey
12	Willis	Cannon	27	Frederick	Fassbender
12	Anita	Cowles	28	Patrick	Guy
14	Crystal	Eberlein	29	Jeffrey	Hughes

Waiting Initiation

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Lance Fay	Nancy Dupre
Memorie Marinez	Larry Odom
Randy Adams	Bailey Boyse
Katy Cherea Schellhase	Piper Uhlig
Gerald Purser	Jimmie Weems
Paul O'Hara Hude	Teddy Winstead
Jane Sandy	Verne Whitlock
Grant Schellhase	Beverly Bradley
Ronald Mattingly	Michael Patrick
Melanie Harber	Jennifer Pizzotti
Herbert Cole	Mark Sansone
Donald I Fore	Jason Brewer
Phillip G Warren	Todd Myers

New Member Applicants

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Patrick Chrisman	Gerald Portman
Matt Pressler	Christopher Moore
Mark Cantey	Christopher Moore
Rock King	Piper Uhig
Lee Walker	Brooks Wise
Dawn Egan	James West

Transfer Dimit Requests

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Location, Elks Lodge</u>
Clive Arlington	Huntsville, AL #1648
Christopher Davis	Murrells Inlet, SC #2797
Barbara Hoerz	Foley, AL #2782
Johnny Herron	Hattiesburg, MS #0599

A note from the Secretary ...

Due to inclement weather Initiations were not performed in January, so Initiations will resume this month and we will have 22 applicants that are eligible to become new members this month! I do want to remind you that the upcoming 2025-2026 year dues have slightly increased from \$137 per member to \$140 per member, and the spouse cards will remain at \$5.

Our current member count is at 449 with 42 listed as delinquent - We are getting really close to our new member goal for the Elk year and 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.

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 February**.

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

Alabama Elks Mid-Year Convention in Orange Beach was held January 16th ~ 19th. There was a great group turnout from the Fairhope Elks Lodge No. 1879, we were also joined by Chris Stacey, Ann Bishop and Marty Lynch, but missed the picture opportunity with them. Needless to say, a great time was had by all and we enjoyed seeing everyone!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Fairhope Elks Lodge's charitable efforts are made possible by the many members who generously give their time. There are many opportunities to help, from setting up tables and serving food at lodge events to cooking on food nights to chairing a committee and the list goes on....

Interested in Joining a Committee?

House Committee

- Attend regular meetings to discuss and oversee Lodge operations and activities.
- Provide input and make decisions on event planning, budgeting, and other key Lodge matters.
- Oversee the pool and kitchen to ensure smooth operations and maintenance.
- Work with fellow committee members to improve the Lodge experience and support its mission.



Can We Interest YOU in Joining an Outreach Group?

Community Outreach

- Help distribute grant awards, such as providing snacks for schools, first responders, or filling food boxes.
- Assist with delivering drug awareness information to local schools.
- Support seasonal initiatives like preparing and delivering Christmas baskets.
- Organize materials and coordinate with community partners to ensure successful programs.
- Represent the Lodge positively and supportively in all community efforts.

The Lodge Needs Volunteers Like... YOU!

Lend a Helping Hand Today!

Kitchen Help & Meal Preparation

- Assist with cooking meals, including chopping, mixing, plating food, and preparing full meals for events or members (*menus can be coordinated in advance*).
- Serve meals to members or guests during events.
- Help with cleaning up afterward, such as washing dishes, wiping counters, or tidying the kitchen area.
- Sweep and mop the floors to ensure the kitchen is clean and safe.

How about Joining an Events Group?

Event Help

- Assist with planning events, including coordinating details and schedules.
- Set up decorations, tables, and other event essentials.
- Manage event registrations, check-ins, or seating arrangements.
- Support smooth event operations by assisting guests and managing logistics.
- Help with event teardown and cleanup.



In need of a 4th Monday Burger Crew
INQUIRE TODAY!

Do YOU LOVE BINGO?!

Think YOU Have What it Takes to be our Next Caller?

Let's Give it a SHOT!



Elks Care... Elks Share...

Pilots for Christ (PFC) is a charitable organization that provides flights for patients needing critical care that cannot afford air transportation and are physically unable to travel by other means. In June of 2024, PFC provided air transport to one of our very own Lodge #1879 members. Bailey Boyse underwent brain surgery with a specialist in Milwaukee, Wisconsin for a condition called Chiari Malformation. After an extended stay in the hospital for recovery, PFC was able to provide private air transport from Milwaukee to H.L. Sonny Calhoun Airport in Fairhope, AL. (less than 3 miles from her home) Being sponsored by PFC for medical care has eased not only the financial burden during her treatment but offered a much needed alternative to traditional travel which can be physically and emotionally taxing for patients.



Their 2024 totals exceeded 800!!! PFC Monroeville celebrated 30 years of service to the Southeastern area of the US in April 2023.

PFC is a non-profit organization and is funded by donations from individuals, churches, civic organizations, & businesses. We are happy to announce that on December 28, 2024, using funds from the Alabama Elks State Trust Grant, Fairhope Elks Lodge # 1879 donated \$1,000 to Pilots for Christ in honor of their service!

If you would like to read more about this **AMAZING** organization and their mission or show

your support through donation you can visit their Facebook page and/or website:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PilotsforChrist>

Website : <https://pilotsforchrist.net/>

Pictured L-R:

Pilots for Christ is based out of Monroeville, AL and reported that in 2023 they had provided 712 trips for patients all over the state of Alabama that are receiving life-altering medical care far from home.

Karla Boyse (1879 Member), **Ashley Pharr** (Donor Relations PFC), **Bailey Boyse** (1879 Member & PFC sponsored patient)



1879's very own presenting a monthly check to William F. Green State Veterans Home for their BINGO program!! JRay, Donnie Ryals, Theresa Sims & Scott Erb



Comic Corner



“Life is better with a little spice & a lot of chili!”



Come join us on February 9th for our Annual Chili Cookoff hosted by Leeland Immel PER! Anyone can participate in this event, your chili can be prepared at home or at the Lodge. So stop on by the Lodge and sign-up ~ the fee to enter the competition is \$5 and the fee to eat will be \$6. The judging will begin at 3pm, winners will be determined by popular vote.



Your Choice Burger | Cheese Burger \$6

Your choice Fries or Onion Rings. \$3



Wednesday Night Meals

5th - Emblem Spaghetti & Jackpot BINGO

12th - Beef Tips over Rice

19th - Country Fried Steak & Jackpot BINGO

26th - Crispy Chicken Sandwiches

Friday Night Meals

7th - First Friday, Fried Chicken, served at 6:30pm.
Tasty Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, roll & dessert.

14th - 2nd Friday, Hamburger Steak

21st - 3rd Friday, Fish, Shrimp & Grits

28th - 4th Friday, Emblem Pork Chops

Monthly Help w/Meals Needed

2nd Wednesday's, 4th Monday's & 3rd Friday's

Due to rising food cost, prices are subject to change without notice

Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks

Fairhope Lodge No. 1879
P.O. Box 548
Fairhope, AL 36533-0548

NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
FAIRHOPE, AL
PERMIT NO. 55


Ph. 251-928-9120 E-mail: elks1879secretary@gmail.com

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



FAIRHOPE ELKS LODGE No. 1879
Like & Follow us on FACEBOOK
<https://www.facebook.com/elkslodge1879>

February 2025

Sun 2pm—close	Mon 5pm—close	Tue Closed	Wed 5pm—close	Thu 5pm—close	Fri 4pm—close	Sat 2pm—close
<i>*Follow us on Facebook for updates*</i>						1
2	3 Burger Night	4	5 Emblem Spaghetti & Jackpot BINGO	6	7 Fried Chicken + Music Trivia & Karaoke	8
9 	10 Burger Night	11	12 Beef Tips	13 Meeting at 7pm	14 Hamburger Steak + Music Trivia & Karaoke	15
16	17 Burger Night	18	19 Country Fried Steak & Jackpot BINGO	20	21 Fish, Shrimp & Grits + Music Trivia & Karaoke	22
23	24 Burger Night	25	26 Crispy Chicken Sandwiches	27 Meeting at 7pm	28 Emblem Pork Chops + Music Trivia & Karaoke	