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2 Patrick Seals*
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Patty Ginder

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Lodge will meet on the
2nd Thursday, 4th
Sunday & 4th Thursday
in March
12th, 22nd & 26th
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March 12th
7pm Balloting,
March 22nd 4pm
Officer Installations,
March 26th 6pm
Orientation &
Initiations 7pm.
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If you're applicant is
being initiated please
plan to attend.
Thank you!



EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

I cannot believe a year has gone by so quickly. March is the last month of the Elks fiscal year. I want to start out by thanking everyone for their support this past year and hope you continue to support me and all our officers this coming year. We had elections at

our last meeting in February, and we will install our new officers in March. Please plan to attend. We are bringing back most of our officers from last year with only a few changes.

We had a great turn out for both our Superbowl party (The wings were awesome) and our chili contest. 12 teams competed for the best chili.

I believe all of the chili was great and congrats should go to everyone who entered. We continue to have trivia and karaoke on Friday nights and have added Rock and Roll Bingo to our mix.

We have used our grants this year for our Christmas Basket program (helping families with food and toys for Christmas). We also helped a local women's shelter, the humane society and our local Scouting America Council. As well as our continued support of our Veteran's home in Bay Minette. We have many different things going on and would love for more members to get involved.

Any member who would like to get involved with our many different committees or help with entertainment, please reach out to me.



We always need more members to take part and learn what Elkdome is all about.

We have big plans for this year with some upgrades to our lodge.

We are asking for donations to help with these improvements. Please

check out our progress thermometer in the lodge as we try to reach our goal.

We are kicking off March with a Sunday brunch on March 1st. You do not want to miss our St. Patty's Day Scavenger Hunt on Tuesday, March 17th. It is our kick-off opening every Tuesday. Food, Fun and Treasures will be offered to everyone and maybe some green beverages. Mark your calendar for our annual Adult Easter Egg Hunt on April 5th at 4pm.

We will conclude our Elk year with a complimentary appreciation dinner on March 28th. Reservations need to be made at the bar. All Elks and their guests are welcome to attend.

I really enjoy visiting with everyone and meeting new people. It has been a wonderful year, and I hope this next year will be even better. Elks Care, Elks Share. See you at the lodge.

Sherry Amerson, Exalted Ruler
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01	Michael	Dodd
02	John	Nolte
03	Todd	Myers
04	Arthur	Anderson
04	Leslie	Lagerstrom
04	Allyson	Marshall
04	Peggy	Sullivan
06	Miranda	Baker
07	Kevin	Olmstead
08	Leonard	Lyndall
08	John	Ray
10	David	Costales
10	Michael	Drogmiller
10	Misty	Seay
10	Isabel	Witucki
13	Thomas	Burns
14	William	Brantley
14	John	Fleming
14	Robert	Hartson
14	Jacqueline	Lee
14	Harry	McLemore
16	Walter	Zaykowski

17	Elaine	Grounds
17	Ryan	Loes
19	Stephanie	Sandfer
20	Jason	Jordan
20	Christa	Pindzig
21	Alvern	Bell
23	William	Crutcher
23	Jean	Seals
23	Randall	Word
24	Catherine	Parris
25	Robert	White
27	Lorri	Johnson
27	Stephen	Strong
28	Walter	Anacker
28	Edward	Forbess
29	Catherine	Collier
29	Jennifer	Parnell
30	Cori	DeBlaey
30	Anthony	Troyke
30	Donald	White
31	Steven	Coward
31	Francesco	Pirello

Waiting Initiation

Applicant	Proposer
Wendy Glaze	Nancy Mooreman
Grayson Glaze	Nancy Mooreman
Daniel McKenzie	Beth Parris
Darrin Swan	Jason DeVane #1887 Dothan, AL
Erin B. Fleming	Amber Carrier

New Applicants

Applicant	Proposer
Elizabeth Tabb	Amber Carrier
Julie Orosz	Amber Carrier
Joanne Vicich	William Hill
Anton Hutter	John Hamrick
Clynton Hogan	Ted Leiser
James Owen	Robert Leiser
Donald Hoffren	Wayne Hoffren
Donald Hoffren Jr	Wayne Hoffren
Cynthia Hoffren	Wayne Hoffren

Transfer Dimit Requests

Applicant	Proposer
Michael Staicoff	Deep Creek, FL Lodge 2763

Veterans' Services Blog

Join Us for a Veterans Home Tour - March 18

Our commitment to serving veterans continues with a meaningful opportunity at the **William Green Veterans Home in Bay Minette**. On **Tuesday, March 18**, the Home will host members of our Lodge for a guided tour, offering a firsthand look at how our volunteer efforts support the men and women who have served our country.

We will depart from the **Fairhope Walmart at 9:00 AM** and travel together, arriving at the Home by **10:00 AM**. This is a great opportunity for all members—and especially new members—to see our service mission in action and learn how your involvement makes a real difference for our nation's veterans.

RSVP:

If you are interested in attending, please contact **Scott Erb** at **(404) 353-4785**

Chaplain's Corner

"So if you have not been trustworthy, in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?"
 Luke 16:11

There is no such thing as a part-time Christian; we are all in full-time ministry. We each need to ask God to take our personal life as well as our vocation and make it a ministry.

Mike Herrin

A note from the Secretary ...

We are currently reporting **526** members for our Fairhope Lodge, **28** of these members are past due and are in danger of being dropped this month on the 30th of March. The full list of delinquent members is posted on the bulletin board in the lounge hallway - If you happen to notice an acquaintance or a friend's name on the list that you haven't seen around lately please to reach out to them, invite them down to the lodge for a meal, to play Bingo or to simply just try to catch back up with them - we have so many exciting things going on!

The yearly Dues for the upcoming 2026 - 2027 year are \$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 to the Elks National Foundation (ENF) - our goal is to make lodge 1879 #1 in the State in the upcoming Elk year! I would like to thank those of you that have already submitted your dues payments, the new membership cards will be purple and will be available at the bar mid to late March. We are aiming to have the key card lock system updated on the main door and the pool gate the first week of April, once the key-lock systems are updated your blue membership card will no longer be active.

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 March**.

Thank you,

When Elkdom Shines, Elkdom Grows!

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

Happy St. Patrick's Day,

Hey Emblem Fam. It's that time of year, your dues are now due. They are \$50 and can be left at the bar labeled Emblem Dues or mailed to 9926 Twin Beach Rd., Fairhope, AL 36532.

Dates this month to remember:

- 4th Spaghetti Dinner at 6pm
- 4th Meeting 7pm
- 27th Pork Chop Night at 6:30pm

You can have the Pork Chop grilled or fried with homemade mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, a roll, and a desert. We do offer gluten free options on all meals. There will not be a Pork Chop Dinner on April 24th, we will be at the State Convention in Tuscaloosa. Our own Kathy Walley will be installed as State 2nd Vice President. Congratulations Kathy!

Please join us for a meal and /or meeting - We would love to talk with you.

In Emblem love,

Gail Walley
Financial Secretary

Membership is Booming

Members, be sure to give a WARM wELKome to our **10** new February Initiates:

Wayne Ehrlich, Debra Gibson, Claire Godwin, Alice Key-Myrick, William Pendergast, Jaela Robbins, Christopher Smith, April Thrasher, Deborah Whitney, Gavin Wohlmacher (not pictured).



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:** Joseph Roberts, Betsy Key, Chris Moore @ **3** new members.
- ◇ **1 more to go:** Dawn Egan, Jennifer Phipps, Justin Crabtree, Carolyn Bowen, Piper Uhlig, Fran Moore, Brooks Wise, Bonnie Corner, Chris Carrier, Russell Cowles @ **2** new members ea.
- ◇ **2 more to go:** William Beck, Sarge Sansone, Jay Cosgrove, Chris Riley, Jim Trainer, John Hamrick, Dan Sullivan, Les Lagerstrom, Robert Glasscock, Jennifer Striano, John Clarkson, Michael Patrick, Gale Brogden, Brian Roach, Jim Tucker, Beverly Bradley, Linda Lemmon, Robert Wiederhold, Danny Pulliam, Seth Arnold and Walter Zaykowski @ **1** new member ea.

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

- ◇ **3 more to go:** Amber Carrier, Gretchen Morrow @ **8** new members.
- ◇ **4 more to go:** Donald White @ **7** new members.
- ◇ **6 more to go:** Catherine Collier @ **5** new members.
- ◇ **7 more to go:** Prissy Leavins @ **4** new members.
- ◇ **8 more to go:** Gordon Bell and Joseph Roberts @ **3** new members ea.



February Highlights



On Tuesday February 10th, many volunteers from the U.S. Marine Corp who help run the eastern shore's Toys for Tots program were invited to enjoy a delicious steak dinner that was prepared by our very own Lodge members as a special thank you for all they do for the community and those in need throughout the year and during the holidays.

Chili Cook-Off



Judges Vote:
1. Jim Dalley & DeSha Stapleton
2. Catherine Sherman & Betty Riley
3. Mark & Kristel Pittman



Pop Vote:
Catherine Sherman & Betty Riley

MONTHLY
UPDATES FROM
THE HOUSE
COMMITTEE

On The House



What is the "House Committee"?

As stated in section 1-106 of the auditing & accounting manual: The House Committee oversees the operation and management of the Club areas of the Lodge. Club areas are defined as all social areas (Bar, Kitchen, Swimming Pool, etc.) of the Local Lodge. House Committee members are appointed annually by the Exalted Ruler.

2025-2026 House Committee:

Chris Carrier (Committee Chair)

Brooks Wise

Isabel Witucki

Tabathia Kinnaman

Terry Gamer

Reporting to the House Committee:

Karla Boyse (Club Manager)

Jessie Fuernhohr (Bar Staff)

House Committee News & Updates

It is important that members stay informed & aware of what is happening around YOUR lodge! We hope you find this article informative & helpful!

First, we would like to give a huge round of appreciation to all of our members & volunteers that continue to show up and lend a hand in various ways around the lodge, both inside & out. While the House Committee oversees the operation & management of our social areas, it would be impossible to achieve success without all of you pitching in!

We have a lot of exciting & fun things planned for you and your guests over the coming months. Please make sure that you are reading your newsletter, checking the Facebook page, or stopping by the lodge for details each month and if you have any questions feel free to ask at the bar or email Karla for details. (elks1879clubmanager@gmail.com)

2026 is off to a flying start! Soon the time will spring forward and we can all enjoy more sunlight in our days! Please keep your eyes & ears peeled in the coming weeks for an all hands on deck lodge Spring Cleaning day!

I am sure you have noticed the dirt work in preparation for construction on the property just north of our building. A brand new house is in the works and will be going up soon. Please be careful when walking around near the construction and be sure to park in our designated spaces/areas.

We have seen improvement in the number of members using their door card to enter the lodge! THANK YOU!

By now most of you have probably met our newest bartender, Jessie! If not, make plans to stop in, get to now her, and give a warm wELKome as she learns the ropes and settles in!

Make sure you have all of our upcoming events marked on your calendar! Spring is going to be amazing fun and we can't wait to share it with our Elk family!

We are looking forward to what 2026 will bring to the lodge and hope that you are excited as well! Working together we can & will continue to be a warm & welcoming place for our members & their guests!

Elks Care, Elks Share

March Happenings



Join us for our first monthly Sunday Brunch Buffet starting March 1st 11a - 2p, \$15 per person. The Lounge and Bar will be open during the buffet.



Oh, yes you are reading this correctly! WE WILL BE OPEN on St. Patrick's Day Tuesday, March 17th - So put your green on & stop by the lodge for some good



We are holding an Officer Installation Ceremony on Sunday, March 22nd at 4pm with a Potluck to follow.

The BPOE (*Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks*) Installation of officers is a formal, ceremony that is held annually to install new lodge leadership, The ritual involves installing officers like the Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, Lecturing Knight, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustees, who take an oath to support the Constitution and By-Laws. This ceremony is open to members, please join us for this ceremonial event.

Please plan to join us for our 1st Annual Elk Appreciation Dinner.

As a special thank you to our members in good standing a dinner will be provided to you by the lodge on March 28th, reservations are required to attend this event.

All you have to do is sign up at the bar or you can send an email to Karla at:

elks1879clubmanager@gmail.com



Things to Look Forward To.....



BRUNCH WITH THE BUNNY

Bunny Brunch Buffet on Saturday, **April 4th** from 11a - 2p - The Lounge and Bar will be open @ 11a.

Annual Adult Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, **April 5th** event starts @ 4p.



Plan on attending this comedic, fun, lighthearted event on Saturday, **April 18th** you will not be disappointed!



The lodge is hosting a Kentucky Derby Potluck Watch Party on Saturday, **May 2nd**. Stop by and watch these amazing creatures "Run for the Roses" for the 152nd time at Churchill Downs in Louisville Kentucky. You are encouraged wear your best, socialize with friends/fellow members and cheer on your favorite horse as he races towards the finish line!

Join us for a Sunday Brunch Buffet on Sunday, **May 3rd** from 11a - 2p! The Lounge and Bar will be open during the buffet.

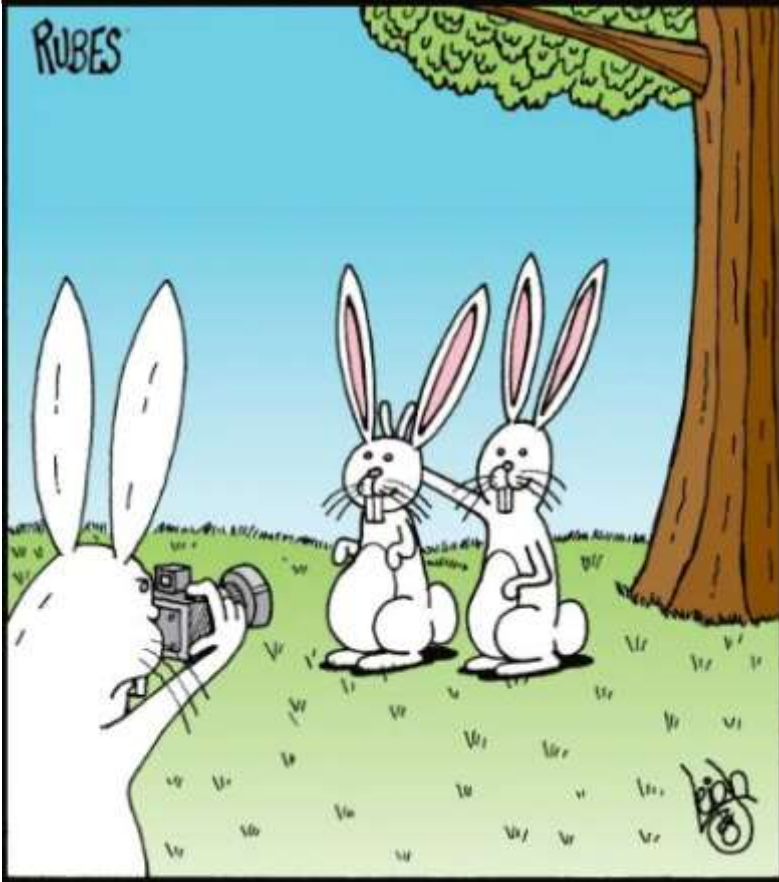


\$15 per person



We are so excited to be open on Tuesdays! Be sure to plan a visit to the lodge on **May 5th** for a fun meal and good times on Cinco de Mayo!

Comic Corner

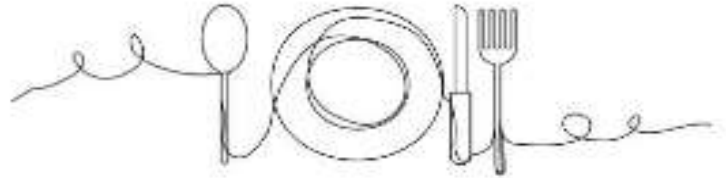


BURGER NIGHT

EVERY MONDAY

Your Choice Burger | Cheese Burger \$6

Your choice Fries or Onion Rings. \$3



Wednesday Night Meals

4th - Emblem Spaghetti & Jackpot BINGO

11th - Beef Tips & Jackpot BINGO

18th - Country Fried Steak & Jackpot BINGO

25th - Chicken Sammiches & Jackpot BINGO

Friday Night Meals

6th - 1st Friday, Steak + a Fish Option for Lent

13th - 2nd Friday, Fried Chicken

20th - 3rd Friday, Seafood Night

27th - 4th Friday, Emblem Pork Chops

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, 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 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.



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March 2026



Sun 2pm—close	Mon 5pm—close	Tue Closed	Wed 5pm—close	Thu 5pm—close	Fri 4pm—close	Sat 2pm—close
1 Sunday Brunch Buffet 11a - 2pm	2 Burger Night	3	4 Emblem Spaghetti Jackpot BINGO	5	6 Steak Dinner* Music Trivia & Karaoke	7
8	9 Burger Night	10	11 Beef Tips & Rice Jackpot BINGO	12 Lodge Meeting at 7pm	13 Fried Chicken Dinner Music Trivia & Karaoke	14
15	16 Burger Night	17 St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt	18 Country Fried Steak Jackpot BINGO	19	20 Seafood Dinner Music Trivia & Karaoke	21
22 Installation of Officers & Potluck @ 4pm	23 Burger Night	24 Lodge Opens @ 5pm	25 Chicken Sammies Jackpot BINGO	26 Lodge Meeting at 7pm	27 Emblem Pork Chops Music Trivia & Karaoke	28 1st Annual Elk Appreciation Banquet
29	30 Burger Night	31 Lodge Opens @ 5pm				