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

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March 13th, 7pm
Balloting

March 27th, 6pm
Orientations,
7pm Initiations.

If your applicant is
being initiated
please plan to
attend.

Thank you!



EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

The 2024/2025 Elks year is winding down already. The new Elks year begins on April 1st, and I will return to Member status while the new Officers take their positions. What a year it has been! Although we had a little too much excitement at times – like when the roof peeled back during the storm in May, the couple of interior floods we had due to plumbing and roof issues, and the uprooting of the tree in front of the lodge in February - we still were able to get a new roof and perform many repairs on the aging building, improve the sound system and upgrade the TV's, on top of performing charitable acts of kindness in the community.

Thank You to all of the volunteers for their hard work this past year. Your service is very much appreciated! I look forward to volunteering this upcoming year where my schedule will allow.

February was an exciting month and held nominations and voting for the Officer positions. Your willingness to serve the members of our lodge is much appreciated. *Congratulations* to all and I look forward to seeing you around the lodge. The newly elected ER will need to appoint Chairpersons for multiple committees. If you are interested in participating in any of the committees, please reach out. Some examples include: Activities Committee, Americanism Committee, Auditing & Accounting Committee, House Committee, Fraternal Committee, Accident



Prevention Committee, Public Relations Committee, Drug Awareness Committee, Scholarship Committee, Elks National Foundation (ENF) Chairman or Grants. *It takes a team!*

In February, the Gratitude Grant was successfully wrapped up by providing snacks to 16 local schools. Additionally, the grant

helped fulfill various needs through the Neighborhood Bridges program requests. This initiative not only supported the local schools but also addressed specific community needs, making a positive impact on the lives of many individuals. When there is an opportunity to volunteer for the lodge, members are encouraged to take advantage of it. It is a great feeling to help fellow Elks and the local community.

Please remember to submit a charity report to document time and mileage when you spend time as an Elk member performing charity in the community. The purpose and importance of this helps ensure that the Elks maintain their 501(c)(3) non-profit tax status and that our lodge maintains its 501(c)(8) status. Blank Charity Report forms are in the hallway near the restrooms.

See you at the next meeting!

Elks Care, Elks Share!

God bless you and together we can do more 🙏

Exalted Ruler, Patty Ginder



01	Michael	Dodd
03	Todd	Myers
04	Arthur	Anderson
04	Les	Lagerstrom
04	Allyson	Marshall
04	Peggy	Sullivan
07	Kevin	Olmstead
08	Leonard	Lyndall
08	John (JRay)	Ray
10	Isabel	Witucki
13	Thomas	Burns
14	William	Brantley
14	John	Fleming
14	Robert	Hartson
14	Jacqueline	Lee
14	Harry	McLemore
16	Caitlan	Schott
16	Walter	Zaykowski Jr.
17	Elaine	Grounds

Transfer Dimit Requests	
<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Location, Elks Lodge</u>
Johnny Herron	Hattiesburg, MS #0599
Jerry Travis	Slidell, LA #2321

17	Ryan	Loes
17	Clayton (Joe)	Terry
19	Mary	Crowe
20	Jason (Racq)	Jordan
20	Christa	Pindzig
21	Gordon	Bell
23	William (Bill)	Crutcher
23	Jean Ann	Seals
25	Robert (Bob)	White
27	Lorri	Johnson
27	Stephen	Strong
28	Walter	Anacker
28	Edward	Forbess
29	Jennifer	Parnell
30	Cori	DeBlaey
30	Anthony	Troyke
30	Donald	White
31	Steven	Coward
31	Franco	Pirello

02-13-2025 Initiates

Welcome to 1879!

Members, be sure to give a WARM wELKome to:
**Phillip Warren, Cherea Schellhase, Donald Fore,
 Ronald Mattingly & Melanie Harber**



Waiting Initiation	
<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Lance Fay	Nancy Dupre
Memorie Marinez	Larry Odom
Randy Adams	Bailey Boyse
Gerald Purser	Jimmie Weems
Jane Sandy	Verne Whitlock
Grant Schellhase	Beverly Bradley
Herbert Cole	Mark Sansone
Patrick Chrisman	Gerald Portman
Matt Pressler	Christopher Moore
Mark Cantey	Christopher Moore

New Member Applicants	
<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Rock King	Piper Uhlig
Lee Walker	Brooks Wise
David Black	Les Lagerstrom
Jennifer Phipps	Bonnie Corner
Dawn Egan	James West
Joseph Roberts	Les Lagerstrom

A note from the Secretary ...

Due to inclement weather back in January we held two separate Initiations in February! Our current member count is at 457, this number does not reflect the February 27th initiates - but, as you can see we are expanding and really could use some help around the lodge. If you are interested in getting more involved please pay attention to page 5 of this newsletter. There are so many different ways to lend out a helping hand!

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 card fee still remains at \$5. If you have not already received your statement from Grand Lodge you should receive it shortly. Also, thank you for those of you that have already submitted your dues payments, I plan to start printing the new membership cards here in the next couple weeks and am aiming to have the key locks updated by mid to late April. If you are unable to gain access into the building just ring the buzzer and one of our lovely bartenders will let you in.

If you have something to include in an upcoming edition, be sure to send me all articles, photos and calendar information for the newsletter by the **20th of March**.

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.

Fraternally,

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

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN ELK?



To be an Elk means to be a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE), a fraternal organization that serves communities. Elks are dedicated to helping others through charitable works, community service, and patriotism.



WHAT ARE THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ELKS?

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity.



OUR MISSION:

is to support Children, Community, Veterans & Friendship.

STRONG COMMUNITIES:

Strong communities are built on strong connections! At the Elks Lodge, we're more than just neighbors - we're a family dedicated to making our town a better place. From youth programs to veterans' support, we're here to serve. Where neighbors connect in friendship and service. Visit YOUR Lodge today and be part of something bigger!

Elks Care... Elks Share...

Appreciation prime rib dinner for Tots for Tots that we provided on February 4th to the Toys for Tots volunteers for our appreciation of their hard work and partnership!



The Lodge Needs Volunteers Like... YOU!

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....



Volunteering at it's finest!
Thank you Les & James!!



Kitchen Help & Meal Preparation

Lend a Helping Hand Today!

- 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.

House Committee

Interested in Joining a 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.

Community Outreach

Can We Interest YOU in Joining an Outreach Group?

- 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.

In need of a 4th Monday Burger Crew

INQUIRE TODAY!

**PROJECT
BURGER**



**SIMPLY COOK RESTAURANT
QUALITY BURGERS**

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.

Grounds Crew

**A LITTLE DIRT
NEVER HURT**

- **Mowing:** Mow lawns and edges
- **Trimming:** Trim small trees, hedges, and shrubs
- **Weeding & Mulching:** Weed landscape beds
- **Pool Area:** Keep area neat & tidy, Empty full garbage cans and place trash in dumpster

Do YOU LOVE BINGO?!

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

Let's Give it a SHOT!

**BINGO CALLER
WANTED**



Here's to some Good Ole' fun....



**Annual Chili Cook Off WINNERS
Congratulations!**

1st Place: Carol Bittner
2nd Place: Leeland Immel

March 20: First Day of Spring

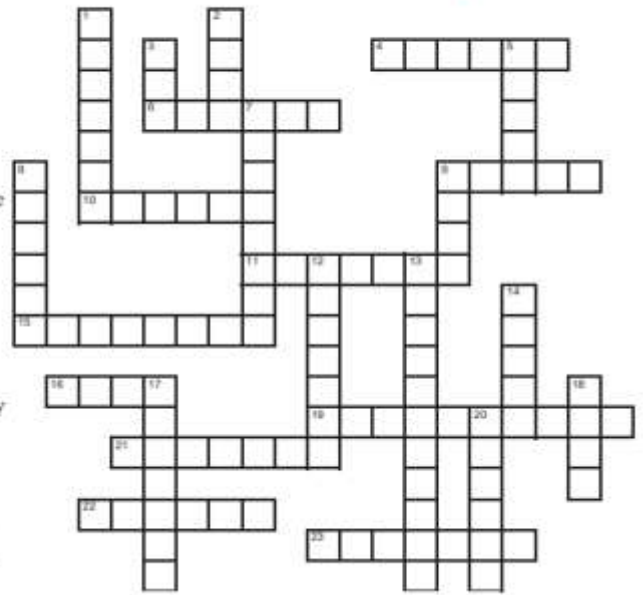
The spring equinox is one of two days in the year when the sun passes directly over the equator, resulting in equal lengths of both day and night. In addition to warmer weather, spring is also when the home buying season heats up.



Saint Patrick's Day

ACROSS

4. Historically important vegetable in Ireland.
6. Native language of Ireland.
9. What color are the hills of Ireland?
10. The Irish flag is green, white and ...
11. St. Patrick is the patron saint of which country?
15. Used by St. Patrick to represent the Christian Holy Trinity.
16. Number of leaves on a lucky piece of clover.
19. A trickster with a pot of gold.
21. If you don't wear green on March 17th, you might get ...
22. Capital city of Ireland.
23. Saint Patrick's birthplace.



DOWN

1. This city dyes its river green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.
2. Color originally associated with St. Patrick's Day.
3. Name for the leprechaun's dance.
5. Number of leaves on a shamrock.
7. A funny poem with five lines.

8. According to legend, St. Patrick chased these out of Ireland.



9. It is the pot at the end of a rainbow.
12. Ireland nickname: The ____ Isle.
13. Saint Patrick's Cathedral location.
14. Month in which we celebrate Saint Patrick's Day.
17. Arch of colors in the sky.
18. Good fortune.
20. Ancient culture of Ireland.

Did you know....

Devine Feline: In ancient Egypt, when a cherished cat passed away, the owners shaved their own eyebrows in mourning. These sacred pets were even mummified with mice and milk, prepared for a comfortable journey to the afterlife.

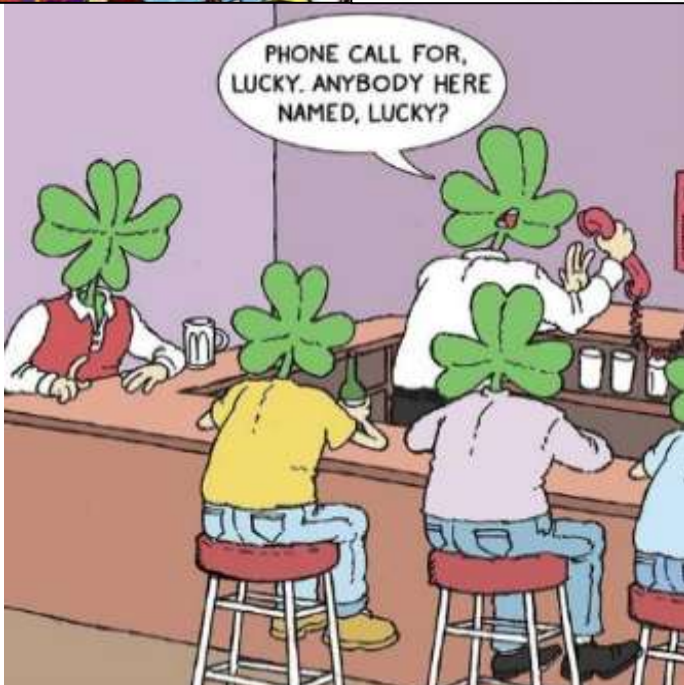
Flamboyance: Flamingos are already pretty fancy with their pink feathers, but did you know that a group of them is called a "flamboyance"? It's a fitting name for such flashy and fabulous birds!

Trivia

1. What color name is derived from the old German word *brun*?
2. Scavenging for treasure along a riverbank is sometimes called this?
3. A xylographer engraves wood, marble, or steel?
4. In what country was the first paper currency used?
5. Heliology is the study of helicopters, hieroglyphics, or the Sun?

(Turn to page ~ 7 ~ for the answers)

Comic Corner



Your Choice Burger | Cheese Burger \$6

Your choice Fries or Onion Rings. \$3

Wednesday Night Meals

5th - Emblem Spaghetti

12th - Beef Tips over Rice & Jackpot BINGO

19th - Country Fried Steak

26th - Crispy Chicken Sandwiches & Jackpot BINGO

Friday Night Meals

7th - First Friday, Fried Chicken

14th - 2nd Friday, Steak Dinner

21st - 3rd Friday, Pastalaya (Jambalaya w/Pasta)

28th - 4th Friday, Emblem Pork Chops



Monthly Meal Crews: 4th Monday's (burgers) & 2nd (anything) Wednesday's

1. Brown. 2. Mudlarking. 3. Wood. 4. China. 5. The

Trivia Answers:

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March 2025

Sun 2pm—close	Mon 5pm—close	Tue Closed	Wed 5pm—close	Thu 5pm—close	Fri 4pm—close	Sat 2pm—close
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2	3 Burger Night	4 	5 Emblem Spaghetti	6	7 Fried Chicken + Music Trivia & Karaoke	8
9	10 Burger Night	11	12 Beef Tips + Jackpot Bingo	13 Meeting at 7pm	14 Steak Dinner + Music Trivia & Karaoke	15
16	17 	18	19 Country Fried Steak	20	21 Pastalaya Dinner + Music Trivia & Karaoke	22
23	24 Burger Night	25	26 Crispy Chicken Sand- wiches + Jackpot Bingo	27 Meeting at 7pm	28 Emblem Pork Chops + Music Trivia & Karaoke	29
30	31 Burger Night					

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