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Lodge will meet on
the 2nd Thursday &
4th Thursday in May
14th & 28th

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May 14th
7pm Balloting,
May 28th
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 it is already May and summer is around the corner. I first want to thank everyone for allowing me to serve as your Exalted Ruler. I am very grateful for everyone's support. The pool is open and many members are already taking advantage of April's warm days. We have been very busy in April working on this year's committees, budget, and calendar. If you would like to help with any of our committees, please reach out to me. We need more members to participate on our many committees.

April started out with a Breakfast with Bunny Buffet on the 4th followed by an adult Easter Egg Hunt on the 5th. The Easter Bunny made a surprise appearance at the hunt also. We ended the month with our District Meeting in Foley with 6 officers attending. We also hosted the Jill Hall Golf tournament awards presentation on the 26th.

May should be a fun month. We are having a potluck party for the Kentucky Derby on the 2nd. Wear your fancy hats and bring a dish. We will have a Breakfast buffet on Sunday the 3rd from 10-2. On Mother's Day we will have snacks, flowers, and champagne for everyone to celebrate their mother.

Memorial Day BBQ is one of our big fundraisers. Please tell your friends, family, and neighbors to pick up a plate. We have yard signs available for



anyone who would like to help us advertise this event. We always need help with serving and cleaning up. We will end the month with a crawfish/shrimp boil on the 30th.

The mailing of our newsletter is one of our largest expenses every year.

Postage just keeps increasing. At our meeting in April, we voted to stop mailing and only email the newsletter after June. We will have copies available at the lodge. If you are unable to receive the newsletter via email please contact me.

Upcoming Conventions:

State Convention in Decatur – June 5th – 7th.
Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago – July 5th – 8th.
We have information available for both conventions at the lodge.

As OUR lodge continues to grow, we will try to make changes and adjustments to accommodate increased numbers. Parking will always be a problem, so please be patient and allow other members to park behind you. The lodge is now open on Tuesdays to add an extra day to come down and relax, enjoy and meet new people. We are raising funds to upgrade our facilities and are halfway to our goal. Please consider making a donation to our project.

See you at the lodge,

Sherry Amerson, Exalted Ruler
251-680-0979



01	Yvonne	Brenner
01	Dawson	Morgan
01	David	Phillips
02	Theodore	Alvis
02	Ronald	Holyfield
03	Allison	Adams
03	Dean	Behnken
03	Juanita	Coleman
03	Tena	Kilgore
04	Melanie	Harber
04	Gayner	Hartley
04	Leigh	Peters
05	Brian	Roach
09	Shawn	Boyse
09	Robert	Shaver
10	Bob	McArthur Jr.
10	Linda	Phillips
11	Andrew	Carlisle
11	Gary	Langswager
12	Breece	Barley
12	Charles	Wolf
13	Ann	Bishop

16	Julie	Andrzejewski
16	William	Wedderburn
17	Henry	Cummings Jr.
17	Amy	Friar
17	Robert	Trachsler
18	Randall	Svitak
18	Sandra	Turner
20	Douglas	Saunders
21	Karen	Darring
21	Keith	Pasztor
23	Billy	Griffis
25	Deborah	Quintal
28	Robert	Amerson
28	Jeana	Chandler
28	Rock	King
28	Johnny	Langenbach
28	Patsy	Miles
28	David	Murchison
30	John	Macpherson
30	Jeffrey	Moule
30	John	O'Brien
31	John	Blanchard



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

Waiting Initiation	
Applicant	Proposer
Alan Dozier	Betty Riley
Lucretia Little	Bonnie Corner
Lee Manson	Jerie Smith
Charles "Scott" Noss	Gretchen Morrow
Amy Rice	William Hill Jr.
Jacob Hill	Gretchen Morrow
John Juliano	Karla Boyse
Dirk Flad	Krissa Mull
Russell Griffis	Gretchen Morrow / Amber Carrier
Kathy Whitaker	Miranda Baker
Dena Haywood	Prissy Leavins
Richard Lulling	Emmy May
Sue Ann Lulling	Emmy May
Lauria Salter	Ann Bishop
Gary Thomas	Mel Cosgrove
Deborah Terrell	Larry DiAmco
Mike Finesilver	Mel Cosgrove
Douglas Stewart	Mel Cosgrove

Reinstatement Applications	
Applicant	Proposer
Donald Debourge	Gretchen Morrow / Amber Carrier
Ryan L. Pope	Gretchen Morrow / Amber Carrier
Christopher Smith	Jerie Smith

Transfer Dimit Requests	
Applicant	Proposer
Michael Staicoff	Deep Creek, FL Lodge 2763
Irene Laverty	Tarpon Springs, FL Lodge 1719

DROPPED March 31, 2026	
John N Adams	Kathryn S Ferlisi
Arthur R Anderson	Robert M Hall
Patricia Atzman	Robert J Hodges
Todd A Baker	Cheryl Johannesman
Marsha Baugh	Valerie Keith
James Bobby Bishop	Corey MacDonald
William Michael Brantley	John J McInnis
John Randall Capers	Evelyn Neal
Arthur Pete Clement	Kay Overstreet
Dale Joseph Courville	Jane A Sandy
Mitchell H Damsky	Harold Smith
James Duffy	Stanley Wilson
Frederick A Everhart	

A note from the Secretary ...

We are currently reporting **517** members for our Fairhope Lodge, of those 100 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 or simply by check via USPS. I would like to thank those of you that have already submitted your dues payments, the new membership cards are purple and are available at the bar - you will no longer be able to gain access to the Lodge with your blue card.

At the end of the 2025/2026 Elk year 25 delinquent members were dropped on March 31st for non-payment, there is a 60 day grace period to Reinstate without penalty. The full list of dropped members is posted on the bulletin board in the lounge hallway as well as on page 2 of this newsletter. Please know, if you have been dropped for non-payment, you will not be allowed to enter any lodge or enjoy any lodge activities or amenities - as you are considered delinquent and not in good standing.

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 May**.

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



Fairhope Emblem #241 News

Welcome Summer

Summer is closing in on us. Warmer weather brings Spring cleaning, Barbeques, and Emblem Dues. Dues are due! They are \$50 for the year. You can mail to 9926 Twin Beach Rd, Fairhope, you can leave the payment at the bar in an envelope marked Emblem Dues, or call Kathy at 377-6014 for a Venmo option.

Dates to remember for May:

- 6th Spaghetti Dinner at 6pm
- 6th Meeting 7 pm
- 22nd Pork Chop Dinner at 6:30 pm
- 24th Memorial Day Bake Sale at 10:30 am

We look forward to seeing you soon,

In Emblem love,

Gail Walley
Financial Secretary

Membership is Booming

Members, be sure to give a WARM wELKome to our **8** new April Initiates:

*Andrea Farrell, Britney Turk, Mary Wilsford, Frank Laverty, Kevin Snell, Stanley Posey,
Susan Robinson and Dede O'Dell.*



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 “Be The Difference” Award Pin:

- ◇ **Award achieved:** Bonnie Corner and Fran Moore @ **3** new members.
- ◇ **1 more to go:** Nancy Moorman, Dawn Egan, Jennifer Phipps, John Hamrick, Justin Crabtree, Carolyn Bowen, Piper Uhlig, Brooks Wise, Chris Carrier, Russell Cowles @ **2** new members ea.
- ◇ **2 more to go:** Beth Parris, William Hill Jr., Robert Leiser, Theodore Leiser, William Beck, Sarge Sansone, Jay Cosgrove, Chris Riley, Jim Trainer, Jessica Wagner, Miranda Baker, David Philips, 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, Gordon Bell and Walter Zaykowski @ **1** new member ea.

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

- ◇ **1 more to go:** Amber Carrier and Gretchen Morrow @ **10** new members ea.



Veterans' Services Blog



Elks in Action - William Green Veterans Home visit April 2026

On April 17th our lodge members made a special visit to the Veterans Home in Bay Minette.

We planted Tomatoes, Cucumbers, 3 different Hot Peppers, Onions, Squash, 2 fig trees, 2 orange trees, and 2 lemon trees. The veteran that takes care of this particular outdoor space was so thankful. We had a ball and although it was a great deal of work, we know that this space will be a renewed space for reflection and peace for the men and woman that chose to serve.

Best regards,
Scott Erb



Chaplain's Corner

**KNOWLEDGE CAN BE LEARNED ONE DAY AT A TIME,
BUT WISDOM IS EARNED ONE DAY AT A TIME.**

**If you need wisdom,
Ask our generous God,
And HE will give it to you.
James 1:5**

-Mike Herrin

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 social media accounts as well as our lodge page.

If you want to be in the "know" about our Lodge but do not have a Facebook account - Simply scan this QR Code with your mobile device and it will take you directly to our 1879 Elks page.



Elk Appreciation Dinner

Grand Lodge 2025-2026 Award Presentation:

Elk of the Year-Ann Concoran, Officer of the Year-Gretchen Morrow, Citizen of the Year-David Black, Making a Difference Special Citation-Scott Erb,
Outstanding Service Commendation Karla Boyse & Marian Tucker



Grand Exalted Ruler "Be The Difference" Award Pin Presentation:

Amber Carrier, Gordon Bell, Donald White, Gretchen Morrow, Wayne Hoffren, *not pictured: Chris Moore, Betsy Key, Catherine Collier, Prissy Leavins, & Joseph Roberts.*

The "Be The Difference" pins were earned for sponsoring any combination of 3 or more New or Reinstated Members Initiated into our great order between
July 3, 2025 ~ June 12, 2026



Special Shout Out Goes To Our Kitchen Volunteers

Thank you for making this event a huge success! Chris Carrier, Sarge Sansone, Summer Cooper, Curtis Cooper, Patrick Seals, JeanAnn Seals, Karla Boyse,
PJ and Michael DiMartino



Comic Corner



Best of Bad Jokes & Puns

Q: What did one eye say to the other?

A: Between us, something smells.



Your Choice Burger | Cheese Burger \$6

Your choice Fries or Onion Rings \$3

Cinco De Mayo Meal

5th - 1st Tuesday, Taco Fiesta

Wednesday Night Meals

6th - Emblem Spaghetti & Jackpot BINGO

13th - Beef Tips & Jackpot BINGO

20th - Country Fried Steak & Jackpot BINGO

27th - Chicken Sammiches & Jackpot BINGO

Friday Night Meals

1st - 1st Friday, Steak Dinner

8th - 2nd Friday, Fried Chicken Dinner

15th - 3rd Friday, Seafood Dinner

22nd - 4th Friday, Emblem Pork Chops

29th - 5th Friday, TBD

Sunday Meal

3rd - 1st Sunday, Brunch 10a-1p \$18

Monthly Extra's

Match Game

Can you match the landmark to the country in which it's located?

Angkor Wat	France
Mont-Saint-Michel	Istanbul
The Grand Palace	Jordan
Blue Mosque	Cambodia
Petra	Thailand

Fashion Forward

What was the name of the fitted, bell-shaped hat popular during the 1920's?

- Fedora
- Newsboy
- Cloche
- Boater

Word Unscramble

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May 2026



Sun 2pm—close	Mon 5pm—close	Tue 5pm—close	Wed 5pm—close	Thu 5pm—close	Fri 4pm—close	Sat 2pm—close
					1 Steak Dinner Music Trivia & Karaoke	2 Derby Day
3 SUNDAY BRUNCH	4 Burger Night	5 CINCO DE MAYO Fiesta	6 Emblem Spaghetti Jackpot BINGO	7	8 Fried Chicken Dinner Music Trivia & Karaoke	9
10	11 Burger Night	12	13 Beef Tips & Rice Jackpot BINGO	14 Lodge Meeting at 7pm	15 Seafood Dinner Music Trivia & Karaoke	16
17	18 Burger Night	19	20 Country Fried Steak Jackpot BINGO	21	22 Emblem Pork Chops Music Trivia & Karaoke	23
24	25 MEMORIAL DAY BBQ No Burger Night	26	27 Chicken Sammies Jackpot BINGO	28 Lodge Meeting at 7pm	29 Meal is TBD Music Trivia & Karaoke	30 LET THE Good Times BOIL
31						