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Lodge will meet on

Thursdays, May

8th & 22nd

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May 8th, 7pm

Balloting

May 22nd, 6pm

Orientations,

7pm Initiations.

If your applicant is
being initiated
please plan to
attend.

Thank you!



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EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

It is now May and summer is almost here. I am delighted to inform you that the pool is open and ready for use.

Whether you're ready to take a refreshing swim, soak up the sun, or enjoy a relaxing afternoon with friends and family, now's the perfect time to enjoy our beautiful amenities. April was an incredibly busy month filled with numerous events that brought our community closer.



Upcoming Conventions:
We've got two exciting conventions coming up:

State Convention in Decatur
– First week of June
Grand Lodge Convention in
Kansas City, Missouri – Last
week of June.

We have all the information available for members interested in attending. Let's aim to take a strong group to the State Convention and proudly represent our lodge!

Thank you for your continued support and participation in our community events. Together, we make our lodge a welcoming and vibrant place.

Here's to a fun, active, and sunshine-filled month ahead! See you at the pool and around the lodge!

Sherry Amerson
Exalted Ruler, Elks Lodge #1879

One of the highlights was the Adult Easter Egg Hunt. It was a great success, and we had a wonderful time participating in the festivities. In addition, we initiated a few new members. If you see someone at the lodge whom you do not recognize, please take a moment to introduce yourself and extend a warm welcome to them.

Looking ahead, we are excited to host a Mother's Day brunch, and we hope to see many of you there. It's a great opportunity to connect with fellow members, introduce your families, and enjoy a delicious meal together. Furthermore, we are planning for the Memorial Day BBQ, and your help is always appreciated to make this event a memorable one.

March 2025, Newly Appointed Lodge Officers



Karla Boyse, Esteemed Loyal Knight; Mike Herrin, Chaplain; JeanAnn Seals, Tiler; Jim Trainer, Inner Guard



01	Dawson	Morgan	17	Henry	Cummings Jr.
02	Ronald	Holyfield	17	Amy	Friar
02	Kara	Winberg	17	Robert	Trachsler
03	Dean	Behnken	18	Randall	Svitak
03	Juanita	Coleman	20	Douglas	Saunders
03	Tena	Kilgore	21	Karen	Darring
04	Melanie	Harber	23	Billy	Griffis Jr.
04	Gayner	Hartley	25	Deborah	Quintal
04	Leigh	Peters	26	Tim	Sullivan
05	Brian	Roach	28	Robert	Amerson
08	Linda	Anderson	28	Jeana	Chandler
09	Shawn	Boyse	28	Rock	King
09	Robert	Shaver	28	Johnny	Langenbach
10	Bob	McArthur Jr.	28	Patsy	Miles
12	Charles	Wolf	30	John	Macpherson
13	Ann	Bishop	30	Jeffrey	Moule
14	Corey	MacDonald	30	John	O'Brien
16	Julie	Andrzejewski	31	John	Blanchard
16	William	Wedderburn			

MAY BIRTH FLOWER: The birth flower for May is the lily of the valley. The lily of the valley is a symbol of sweetness & purity.....

April New Member Initiates

Members, be sure to give a WARM wELKome to:
William (Bill) Hill Jr. & Paula Wirth



April New Member Transfers

Welcome to 1879!

Members, be sure to give a WARM wELKome to our new member Transfers from Slidell, LA #2321, Manasquan, NJ #2534 and Littleton, CO #1650:

Jerry Travis (LA), Maureen Esposito (NJ), Rebecca Dyess-Saunders (CO) & Douglas Saunders (CO)

Waiting Initiation

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Justin Cullifer	Danny Pulliam
Christopher Corbett	Christopher Moore
Grant Schellhase	Beverly Bradley

New Member Applicants

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
William Christopher Morrison	James Trainer
Judson (Bragg) Jordan	Justin Crabtree
Lewis Harold Bryant	Katherine Barton

Transfer Dimit Requests

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Location, Elks Lodge</u>

A note from the Secretary ...

By now you should have received the Dues Statement for the 2025 - 2026 Elk year from Grand Lodge, please be sure to remit payment at your earliest convenience by mail or in person at the Lodge. The new membership key cards are [Blue](#) and are available, ask your friendly bartender during your next visit - your new card is waiting for you!

Our current member count is at **439**, you may notice a slight / significant decrease in the total of members reported in this edition of the Mullet Wrapper, do not be alarmed, the cause of this is that a number of delinquents were removed from our roster. With that said, I do hope by receipt of the monthly newsletters you have paid your annual dues for the 2024-2025 year. If you have not and are one of the 34 remaining Elks that still have not sent in your dues payment, your membership has been dropped due to being 12 or more months delinquent. Please know that the 60-day reinstatement period runs from April 1st through May 31st and that all members that were dropped on March 31st for nonpayment can be reinstated without a fee or interruption of service - You still have time, YOU ARE VERY Important to us! Just reach out to me, we do not want to see you go!

The membership goal for this Elk's year is to have an increase of 10%, so bring a friend along during your next visit! There are 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.

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 June**.

Thank you,

Gretchen Morrow, Secretary
elks1879secretary@gmail.com



Fairhope Emblem #241 News

Happy May Y'all,

Our Spaghetti night is the bomb! Come join us for Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and dessert. We also offer a gluten free option.

May 7th - Spaghetti Dinner at 6pm & Emblem Meeting at 7pm

May 23rd - Pork Chop Dinner at 6:30 pm

May 26th - Bake Sale

Pork Chop night is back - fried or grilled Pork Chops, homemade mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, dinner roll and dessert. A gluten free option is also available.

We have a Memorial Day Bake Sale on May 26, 2025. We hope to see you there!

Dues are now due, they are \$50. Dues payments can be left at the bar, you can mail your payment to 9926 Twin Beach Road, Fairhope, AL36532 or, we also accept Venmo if you call Kathy Walley @ 251-377-6014.

In Emblem love,

Gail Walley, Financial Secretary

May Happenings at No. 1879



Member Brag Board



Annaleise Schneider (granddaughter of Terry and Amy Garner) is an International Baccalaureate (IB) student who will graduate Summa Cum Laude from Daphne High School on May 21, 2025. She will be attending Auburn University in the Fall, majoring in Public Relations. Annaleise is the 2025 ENF Legacy Award recipient!



Set your clock and be ready for the best BBQ plates you ever had! Our annual Memorial Day BBQ will be held on Monday May 26th at 10:30am. We are offering your choice of plates: Ribs, Chicken, or Pulled Pork plus sides! Feel free to grab your plate, sit in the A/C, and visit OR get yours to-go!

The Emblem ladies will be there with goodies in their bake sale also!

Don't want to get out of the car? Not a problem! We will have a drive-thru crew out back! (turn behind the lodge by Gambino's)

Whatever you decide, get here early...we almost always sell out!



Please know that Burger Night will not be held on Memorial Day.

Trustee News

We are pleased to announce that on April 24th, Randy Svitak was appointed as Trustee.



Randy will be taking over Andy Willis's remaining term and will be Installed at our next meeting in May!

In the 2024/2025 Elk year Randy served as Inner Guard and he was also on the Auditing Committee. He is very familiar with the Lodges operations and his view points are in-line with the Elks organization.

Members be sure to congratulate Randy on his new role here at the Lodge!

Trustees are the volunteers who lead charities and decide how they are run. You may have heard them called board members or the board. Trusteeship is a great way of contributing to causes you care about and developing strategic and leadership skills at the same time.

Elks Care... Elks Share...

Thank you Andy Willis for taking the time to do this. It means a lot to see that Flag flying properly again! It's important to keep our flags in good condition, and we appreciate you maintaining that respect!

The flag is so important that its history tells the story of America itself. It represents the freedom, dignity, and true meaning of being an American. It has been with us through our war times, our sad times, but also in times of our greatest joys and triumphs.



Ragged Old Flag - Song by Johnny Cash 1974

I walked through a county courthouse square
On a park bench an old man was sitting there
I said, your old courthouse is kinda run down
He said, naw, it'll do for our little town
I said, your old flagpole has leaned a little bit
And that's a ragged old flag you got hanging on it

He said, have a seat, and I sat down
Is this the first time you've been to our little town?
I said, I think it is
He said, I don't like to brag
But we're kinda proud of that ragged old flag

You see, we got a little hole in that flag there when
Washington took it across the Delaware
And it got powder-burned the night Francis Scott Key
Sat watching it writing say can you see
And it got a bad rip in New Orleans
With Packinham and Jackson tuggin' at its seams

And it almost fell at the Alamo
Beside the Texas flag, but she waved on though
She got cut with a sword at Chancellorsville
And she got cut again at Shiloh Hill
There was Robert E. Lee, Beauregard, and Bragg
And the south wind blew hard on that ragged old flag

On Flanders field in World War one
She got a big hole from a Bertha gun
She turned blood red in World War Two
She hung limp and low a time or two
She was in Korea and Vietnam
She went where she was sent by Uncle Sam

She waved from our ships upon the Briny foam
And now they've about quit waving her back here at home
In her own good land here she's been abused
She's been burned, dishonored, denied, and refused

And the government for which she stands
Is scandalized throughout the land
And she's getting threadbare and wearing thin
But she's in good shape for the shape she's in
'Cause she's been through the fire before
And I believe she can take a whole lot more

So we raise her up every morning
We take her down every night
We don't let her touch the ground and we fold her up right
On second thought, I do like to brag
'Cause I'm mighty proud of that ragged old flag

Memorial Day Fun & Facts

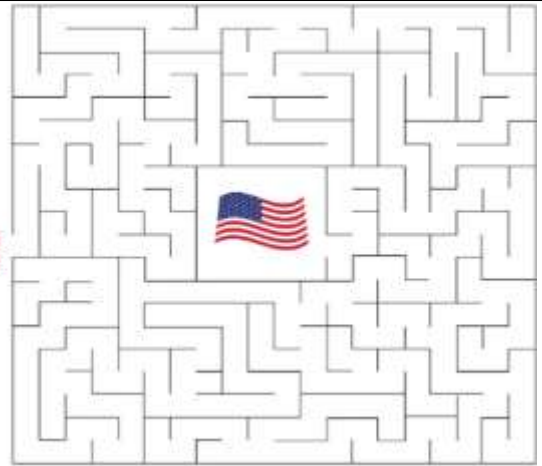
ACROSS

2. Ritual performed to mark a formal occasion.
4. The Stars and Stripes.
6. A 21 gun ____ might be a part of Memorial Day ceremonies.
7. Member of the US Army.
11. US Citizen.
13. Describes a flag's position on the pole as a symbol of mourning.
15. Person who formerly served in the military.
16. Memorial Day was originally called ____ Day.
17. Possible gathering place on Memorial Day.
19. A person idolized for their courage.
20. Flower symbolizing Memorial Day.
21. Something that is created to honor and remember people or events.



DOWN

1. Memorial Day serves as a reminder of the sacrifices made for our ____.
3. Month in which Memorial Day takes place.
4. Describes someone who has died on the battlefield.
5. The Star-Spangled Banner is the US national ____.
6. Nickname for the US flag: Stars and ____.
8. These are often decorated with small American flags on Memorial Day.
9. Devoted to one's country.
10. Time spent in the armed forces.
12. US military cemetery located near Washington DC.
14. Day of the week on which Memorial Day is celebrated.
18. Song played on the bugle at military memorial services.
19. Respect paid to a person for their qualities or actions.



IN FLANDERS FIELDS

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

— Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae —



Did you know....

Memorial Day is held in May - So flowers will be in bloom to decorate soldiers' graves.

Poppies... When there was a shortage of natural poppies in 1924, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania was the first city to manufacture artificial poppies.

"In Flanders Fields" is the poem that inspired the tradition of wearing and planting poppy blossoms for Memorial Day.

Poppy Day is celebrated in countries around the world. The American Legion Family brought National Poppy Day to the United States by asking Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day, as National Poppy Day.

On the Friday before Memorial Day, wear a red poppy to honor the fallen and support the living who have worn our nation's uniform.

Trivia

1. What year was the first official celebration of Memorial Day?
A. 1861, B. 1864, C. 1868 or D. 1865
2. How many hot dogs will Americans eat between Memorial Day and Labor Day? A. 17 millions, B. 170 millions, C. 7 billions, or D. 700 millions
3. What was Memorial Day's original name? A. Commemoration Day, B. Remembrance Day, C. Day of Honor or D. Decoration Day
4. Memorial Day was originally created to honor fallen soldiers of...
A. The War of 1812, B. Civil War, C. The Revolutionary War, or D. World War I
5. True or False - The War in Afghanistan was the longest war that U.S. Soldiers fought.
6. True or False - The Poppy flower is traditionally worn in honor of Memorial Day.
7. True or False - Arlington National Cemetery used to be a plantation belonging to Robert E. Lee.

(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

7th - Emblem Spaghetti & Jackpot BINGO

14th - Beef Tips over Rice & Jackpot BINGO

21st - Country Fried Steak & Jackpot BINGO

28th - Crispy Chicken Sammies & Jackpot BINGO

Friday Night Meals

2nd - 1st Friday, Fried Chicken

9th - 2nd Friday, Steak Night

16th - 3rd Friday, Seafood Dinner

23rd - 4th Friday, Emblem Pork Chop Dinner

30th - 5th Friday, Marry Me Chicken



Always Looking for Monthly Meal Crews & Help!

4th Monday's (burgers) & 2nd (anything) Wednesday's

1. C 2. C 3. D 4. B 5. T 6. T 7. T
Trivia Answers:

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May 2025

Sun 2pm—close	Mon 5pm—close	Tue Closed	Wed 5pm—close	Thu 5pm—close	Fri 4pm—close	Sat 2pm—close
Follow us on Facebook for updates				1	2 Fried Chicken + Music Trivia & Karaoke	3
4	5 Burger Night	6	7 Emblem Spaghetti & Jackpot BINGO	8 Meeting at 7pm	9 Steak Dinner + Music Trivia & Karaoke	10
11 HAPPY Mother's Day	12 Burger Night	13	14 Beef Tips & Jackpot BINGO	15	16 Seafood Dinner + Music Trivia & Karaoke	17
18	19 Burger Night	20	21 Country Fried Steak & Jackpot BINGO	22 Meeting at 7pm	23 Emblem Pork Chops Music Trivia & Karaoke	24
25	26 MEMORIAL DAY	27	28 Crispy Chicken Sammies & Jackpot BINGO	29	30 Marry Me Chicken + Music Trivia & Karaoke	31