

## OFFICERS OF 1879

**Exalted Ruler**  
Sherry Amerson\*

**Leading Knight**  
James Carnley\*

**Loyal Knight**  
Karla Boyse\*

**Lecturing Knight**  
Frank Bishop\*

**Secretary**  
Gretchen Morrow\*

**Treasurer**  
Marian Tucker\*

**Esquire**  
Donnie Ryals

**Chaplain**  
Mike Herrin

**Tiler**  
JeanAnn Seals

**Inner Guard**  
Jim Trainer

**Trustees**  
5 Brian Lorenzato\*  
4 Gordon Bell\*  
3 Randy Svitak\*  
2 Patrick Seals\*  
1 Danny Pulliam\*

**Grant Coordinator**  
Patty Ginder

### \*Board of Directors

Lodge will meet on  
the 2nd & 4th  
Thursdays in October  
9th & 23rd  
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October 9th  
7pm Balloting,  
October 23rd  
6pm Orientation &  
7pm Initiations.  
If you're applicant is  
being initiated  
please plan to attend.  
Thank you!



## EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

September was a busy month.

We started with our Labor Day BBQ. We sold over 500 plates.

All meals this month have

been well attended. Our

kitchen is operated by

volunteers, so as participation

increases, additional help from

members is needed. I am asking everyone

to be patient as we learn to plan and accommodate our growing numbers.

The Murder Mystery Dinner was a success

with 117 people in attendance. We hosted a

paint and sip party one Saturday and we

offer Mahjong classes 3 Sundays each

month. I would also like to thank the

Fairhope class of 1990 for hosting a

gathering at our lodge. We enjoyed visiting with the attendees.

We used a grant and donations from members to purchase needed supplies for The Baldwin Family Village.

Our Veteran's committee continues to support our local Veteran's home.

Members are encouraged to enroll as Fidelity members for the Elk's National Foundation at a cost as little as \$5 monthly.

You can enroll online at [elks.org](http://elks.org). Everything you would like to know about Elkdom is available on this website.



October is already shaping up to be another busy month.

Football Games on our many

TV's, Bingo Wednesdays,

Trivia & Karaoke Fridays,

Mahjong, and our big

Halloween Party with the

Disco Rednecks.

I encourage everyone to attend the Elk's State mid-winter convention in Orange Beach in January. You will meet Elks from around the state.

Membership is approaching 500, with a large group joining during this month's initiation. Please come down to the lodge and meet all the new members.

Parking remains an ongoing issue; patience is requested while solutions are pursued.

Hope to see you at the lodge soon.

### ***Elks Care, Elks Share!***

Sherry Amerson, Exalted Ruler  
251-680-0979



01	Judy	Davies
01	Elroy (Bubba)	McKenzie III
01	Donnie	Ryals
02	Charles	Mitchell
02	Larry	Odom
03	Jessica	Ellis
03	Larry	Greene
03	Betty	Riley
07	Maxine	Harrison
07	William	Hill Jr.
07	Timothy	Kant
07	John	Kocur III
07	Billy	Middleton
08	Jeffery	Adamson
08	Christine	Stacey
09	Brian	McCaffrey
09	David	Phillips
10	Jerry	Richardson
10	Brenda	Sommer
10	Wallace	Swanson
11	Stephen	Allen
12	James	Darby

13	William (Bo)	Joyner
13	John	Milner
15	Walter	Muller Jr.
15	Brian	Norris
15	Patrick	Seals
16	Scott	Prewitt
17	William	Nitteberg
17	Joseph	Pearson
19	Maclin	Smith
23	Shawn	Gautney
23	William	Oeding
24	Christopher	Carrier
24	Andrew	Schellhase
24	Marjorie	Wegner
25	John	McInnis
27	Robert	Hans
27	Gerald	Purser
29	Robert	Wegner
30	Barbara	Hoerz
30	Juan	Rojas
31	Robert	McMinn Jr.

**Reinstatement Applicants**

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Michael "Todd" Crook	Gordon Bell

**Waiting Initiation**

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Edmund Bradley	William Howell
Michael Gillispie	Brooks Wise
David M. Phillips	Jennifer Phipps
Linda Phillips	Jennifer Phipps
Tiler Coley	Christopher Moore
Bruce Kennedy	Hugh Acosta (Lodge No.2194)
Kelleigh Cassity	Amber Carrier
Donna DiMartino	Amber Carrier
Krissa Mull	Amber Carrier
Kristen Seay	Amber Carrier
Catherine Thomas	Amber Carrier
Sydney Rhodes Prince IV	Carolyn Bowen
Jennifer Satriano	Carolyn Bowen
William McNeFee	Catherine Collier
Miranda Baker	Catherine Collier
Alan Busto Jr	Robert Wiederhold
Betsy Key	Amber Carrier
Ray Coken	Chris Carrier
David Murchison	Piper Uhlig
Grant Amey	John Clarkson
Sandra Turner	Michael Patrick
Jeremy Hovater	Brooks Wise
William Ashley	Gordon Bell
Deborah Hood	Frances Moore
Michael Kirchoff	Gale Brogden
Carl Clayton Church	Justin Crabtree

**New Member Applicants**

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
Nancy Moorman	Frances Moore
Harry Kaufman	Donald White
David Costales	Gordon Bell
Catherine Parris	Piper Uhlig
Yvonne Brenner	Linda Lemmon
Dana Bierman	Gretchen Morrow
Jaela Robbins	Gretchen Morrow
Jessica Wagner	James Tucker
Amber Hein	James Trainer

## A note from the Secretary ...

Now that Football season is here!!! We are more excited than ever to announce that the Lodge will have a Potluck every Saturday for College Game Days, the Lodge will also have your favorite NFL team(s) streaming on Sunday's for Sunday Fun-Dayz! So come on down and cheer for your team, or just simply come visit and enjoy all of the new things that the Lodge has to offer!

The Lodge will be hosting its annual Halloween Party on October 25th featuring the Disco Rednecks! There will be prizes for several costume categories - so if you have not already started to think about what you want to dress up as, now would be a good time.

We are currently reporting 465 members (*not including our September new initiates*) for our Fairhope Lodge, 48 of these members are now past due. If you have not already done so, please remit payment at your earliest convenience by mail, over the phone, or drop your payment off at the lodge. With that said, our membership goal for this Elk year is to have an increase of 10% and let me tell you, 1879 is off to an AMAZING start - this is going to be a record year for our club for sure!

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 October**.

Thank you,

Gretchen Morrow, Secretary  
[elks1879secretary@gmail.com](mailto: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\**



## 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: Gretchen Morrow @ 3 new members
- ◇ 1 more to go: Dawn Egan @ 2 new members
- ◇ 2 more to go: Chris Moore, Dan Sullivan, Les Lagerstrom, Robert Glasscock, Justin Crabtree, & Walter Zaykowski Jr., all @ 1 new member ea.



## *Elks Care Elks Share....*

On Friday September 5, 2025, using funds from the Spotlight grant along with member & community donations, Fairhope Elks Lodge # 1879 delivered two truck loads of items over \$2,500 worth that will be used to help support the women & children living at Baldwin Family Village. Items included, bedding, pillows, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, diapers, baby wipes, and a new shelf for their storage room.



Pictured L-R: Jennifer Winstead (BFV) Karla Boyse (Lodge Club Manager) Sherry Amerson (Exalted Ruler) Jean Ann Seals (Lodge Officer) Cathi Parrish (BFV)

The Baldwin Family Village provides 12 months of housing stability and wrap-around services for up to 100 single women and women with children annually. BFV seeks to break the cycle of homelessness and help women and children re-establish and maintain self-sufficiency by focusing on accountability, case management, life skills, and behavior modification. To-date, the BFV has served 171 individuals and has successfully graduated 113 of these women and children into independent housing.

As of 09/05/25 the village is currently home to 12 women and 17 children mostly under the age of 13. We are honored to be able to work with BFV and hope to do so again!

If you would like to read more about the Baldwin Family Village and their program feel free to visit their website: <https://www.dumaswesley.org/baldwinfamilyvillage/>

# Mid-Year AL Elks National Convention

## Perdido Beach Resort - 2026

Thursday January 16th through Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>

The online link for Hotel reservations is <https://www.perdidobeachresort.com> while the direct number to call for reservations is 1-800-634-8001. If you have any problems making your reservations, please call Gwen Parker at 256-347-1545 as she has direct contact with our sales manager at Perdido. Our Booking id# is 20183, the minimum rate is \$109 but these rooms go early so don't expect to get that rate if you wait till the last minute to book.



The online link for Registration is [alabamaelks.regfox.com/alabama-elks-mid-winter-convention](http://alabamaelks.regfox.com/alabama-elks-mid-winter-convention) You can also register by mail and pay by check using a printable form when it becomes available to us, If you wish to register this way please make checks payable to Alabama Elks Association and mail check along with registration form to Alabama Elks Convention Registration  
15232 Troon Drive Foley Al 36535

*\*Registration for Member and Guest Registration received after Dec 15th 2025 is not guaranteed a Banquet Meal\**



### Chaplain's Corner

Now that football season is well under way I thought of a quote from the great coach Vince Lombardi.

**"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather in a lack of will."**

**Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the LORD's will is.** Ephesians 5: 15-17

Until next time, Take care.  
Mike Herrin



### 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 (*new revision is now available*), Elks National Foundation (ENF), Veterans Services, 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.



# Mystery Dinner at the Lodge

Who killed the owner of Dexter's Bar, turning Happy Hour into Unhappy Hour? Was it karate expert Marshall Hartz? Or Marilyn with the movie star resemblance? What about Willie Crash, the drunk pilot? Or Ivanna Cash or Delores Delgatto, the cocktail waitresses? The killer could be Ginny Tonic, the author. Or perhaps Candi, the prostitute, or Dr. Rita Book, the sex therapist. Even bar manager Phil Muggs is a suspect. Everyone has a possible reason to pull the trigger, and it's up to Fairhope law officer Dewayne Pokum to figure it out. Actors with Mobile Mystery Dinners provide an evening of entertainment and intrigue Saturday for members of the Fairhope Elks Lodge 1879. The suspects make sure that guests find themselves engaged in the mystery, leading to no shortage of smiles and laughter...



# Special Event at the Lodge

Save the date! Let's get together and enjoy an evening of awareness and fun....

Wednesday October 8th is **Pink Out Bingo** night at the lodge sponsored by

**Southern Cancer Center.**

**Bring your friends and let's spread awareness for the fight against breast cancer!**

**Remember the more **Pink** the better!**



The poster features a central pink background with a large pink ribbon graphic. The text "Breast CANCER" is written in a mix of cursive and bold sans-serif fonts, with "PINK OUT BINGO NIGHT" below it. The Southern Cancer Center logo, a white cross with a scalloped edge, is centered within a pink flower-like shape. The word "BINGO" is written vertically on both sides in pink circles. At the bottom, the event details are listed: "WEDNESDAY | OCT 8TH", "FAIRHOPE ELKS LODGE", and "BINGO STARTS @ 6:45 ISH". A small note says "Wear pink to support the fight against breast cancer." and a box at the bottom states "SPONSORED BY SOUTHERN CANCER CENTER".

*Breast*  
**CANCER**  
PINK OUT BINGO NIGHT

SOUTHERN  
CANCER CENTER

**BINGO**

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## Comic Corner

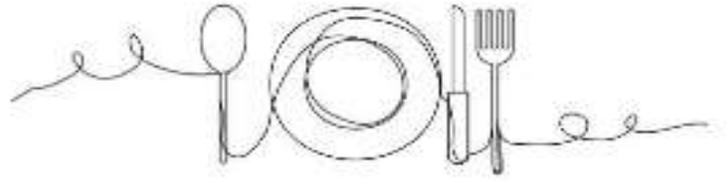


# BURGER NIGHT

## EVERY MONDAY

Your Choice Burger | Cheese Burger \$6

Your choice Fries or Onion Rings. \$3



## Wednesday Night Meals

**1st** - Emblem Spaghetti & Jackpot BINGO

**8th** - Beef Tips over Rice & **Pink Out BINGO**

**15th** - Country Fried Steak & Jackpot BINGO

**22nd** - Crispy Chicken Sammies & Jackpot BINGO

**29th** - TBD Meal & Jackpot BINGO

## Friday Night Meals

**3rd** - 1st Friday, Fried Chicken

**10th** - 2nd Friday, Steak Dinner

**17th** - 3rd Friday, Seafood Night

**24th** - 4th Friday, Emblem Pork Chops Night

**31st** - 5th Friday, TBD

# HALLOWEEN PARTY

The **Disco Rednecks** will be performing again this year, so get your dancing shoes on! Don't forget about the costume category contests, so pick out your costume, coordinate w/your friends - its going to be a Spooktacular event!

**When:** Saturday, Oct. 25 at 7PM - \$10pp  
(Costumes are optional but highly encouraged)

**Where:** 561 S. Mobile Street, Fairhope



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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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<https://www.facebook.com/elkslodge1879>

# October 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 Emblem Spaghetti Jackpot BINGO	2	3 Fried Chicken Music Trivia & Karaoke	4 Potluck Saturday & ALL DAY FOOTBALL
5 Sunday Fun-Day ALL DAY NFL FOOTBALL	6 Burger Night	7	8  Beef Tips over Rice Pink Out BINGO	9 Lodge Meeting at 7pm	10 Steak Dinner Music Trivia & Karaoke	11 Potluck Saturday & ALL DAY FOOTBALL
12 Sunday Fun-Day Mahjong & ALL DAY NFL FOOTBALL	13 Burger Night	14	15 Country Fried Steak Jackpot BINGO	16	17 Seafood Dinner Music Trivia & Karaoke	18 Potluck Saturday & ALL DAY FOOTBALL
19 Sunday Fun-Day Mahjong & ALL DAY NFL FOOTBALL	20 Burger Night	21	22 Crispy Chicken Sammich Jackpot BINGO	23 Lodge Meeting at 7pm	24 Emblem Pork Chops Music Trivia & Karaoke	25 Halloween Party w/Disco Rednecks
26 Sunday Fun-Day Mahjong & ALL DAY NFL FOOTBALL	27 Burger Night	28	29 Meal is TBD Jackpot BINGO	30	31 	