

## OFFICERS OF 1879

**Exalted Ruler**  
Sherry Amerson\*

**Leading Knight**  
James Carnley\*

**Loyal Knight**  
Karla Boyse\*

**Lecturing Knight**  
Frank Bishop\*

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Gretchen Morrow\*

**Treasurer**  
Marian Tucker\*

**Esquire**  
Donnie Ryals

**Chaplain**  
Mike Herrin

**Tiler**  
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Jim Trainer

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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

September  
11th & 25th and on  
Sunday 28th  
\* \* \*

September 11th  
7pm Balloting,  
September 25th  
7pm Regular Meeting,  
September 28th  
3pm Initiations.  
If you're applicant is  
being initiated please  
plan to attend.

Thank you!



## EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

Now that summer is winding down, exciting opportunities are opening for everyone to get involved with our lodge. We are seeking enthusiastic members to join our Drug Awareness and Youth Activities committees. If you are interested, your support is vital to our success—please reach out to me directly or attend any of our upcoming committee meetings (dates will be posted soon). Thank you in advance to everyone who considers lending their time and energy; together, we make a meaningful difference.

Our lodge is experiencing wonderful growth, and we are planning a large initiation ceremony for new members on Sunday, September 28th at 3 p.m., followed by a potluck dinner. All members, new and old, are warmly invited to attend and share in welcoming the latest additions to our Elk family. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

We recently held a fundraiser for Cait Schott, and thanks to the generosity of our members and the community, we will be presenting her with a check for \$4,000 to assist with living expenses. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed—your compassion truly embodies the spirit of our lodge, and we wish Cait all the best.

Special appreciation goes out to Ann Corcoran and Tabithia Kinnaman for stepping up to help with the last-minute meatloaf dinner, as well as to everyone who purchased a plate. Every contribution, big or small, strengthens our community - Thank you all!



On August 7th, we had the pleasure of presenting Chris Moore with an Elk's Gold watch from the Grand Exalted Ruler, in recognition of proposing 11 new members in a single year. Chris's dedication to recruiting and encouraging involvement has helped our lodge thrive, and we are deeply grateful for those

efforts.

We're proud to announce our involvement in the upcoming Bike Ride for MS, where we'll be staffing the lunch stop at Mullet Point on Saturday, September 27th. We need at least 12 volunteers—everyone is welcome, and every helping hand makes a difference. If you can assist, please sign up at the lodge, or get in touch with me. Thank you in advance to everyone who signs up to help—we couldn't do it without your generosity and teamwork!

On the evening of September 20th, we will host a Mystery Dinner—a much-anticipated and always entertaining event. To reserve your spot or learn more about the evening, please contact Karla or sign up at the lodge. We hope you'll join us for a night of food, fun, and friendship!

Hope to see you at the lodge soon.

Sherry Amerson, Exalted Ruler  
251-680-0979



01	John	Kehl	18	Randy	Greene
01	Ron	Krane	18	James	Guffy Jr.
02	Paul	Gafford	19	Van	Morgan
02	Lester	Powell	20	Jonathan	Elam
02	John	Riggins	20	Daniel	Haddox
03	Mark	Pittman	21	Timothy	Barnes
04	Andrea	Osika	21	John	Crim
04	Heidi	Schneekloth	21	Peter	Flammini
07	Melanie	Dormeus	21	Gerald	Steenbergen
07	William	Howell	22	Bonnie	Corner
07	Theresa	Sims	22	Melody	Moran
09	Joanne	Dotson	25	David	Brush
10	Phillip	Greer	26	Eleanor	Beck
11	Alice	Ferrill	28	Emmy	May
12	Wayne	Barley	29	Sherry	Amerson
13	Jane	Sandy	29	Rebecca	Saunders
14	Patricia	Price	30	Garry	Bosso
15	Justin	Crabtree	30	Valerie	Keith

"It's simple. The more members we have, the more people we can help. A stronger membership base will result in stronger communities."

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 ( <i>Lodge No.2194</i> )

New Member Applicants	
<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Proposer</u>
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 MeNefee	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

## A note from the Secretary ...

I hope that you've had a great summer, but now Football season is here!!! We will have both College and NFL Football broadcasting all season long over our many Tv's, there isn't a bad seat in the Lounge. So, grab some friends, come on down on game day to cheer on your favorite team with us! If football isn't your thing – don't fret, we have so many new and exciting things going on here for all to enjoy!

We are currently reporting 465 members for our Fairhope Lodge, 52 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 very well could be a record month for us; there are 27 candidates waiting for Orientation and Initiation here in September.

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 September**.

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\**



## Fairhope Emblem #241 News

Happy Fall Y'all,

September dates to remember:

Sept 1st: Labor Day Bake Sale @ 10am

Sept 3rd: Spaghetti Night @ 6pm and Emblem meeting @ 7pm

Sept 26th: Pork Chop Night @ 6:30

We hope that you will consider joining us for any function in September.

In Emblem Love & Kindness,

Gail Walley  
Financial Secretary





## What is the ENF Fidelity Club? The ENF Fidelity Club is an individual giving and recognition program.

### MISSION STATEMENT:

*The mission of the ENF is to help Elks build stronger communities. We fulfill this pledge by investing in communities where Elks live and work. We help youth develop lifelong skills, send students to college, meet the needs of today's veterans, support the charitable work of the state Elks associations, and fund projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.*



**Community Investments Program:** Puts grants directly into communities

**State Elks Association Grants:** Supports state association charitable programs

**Scholarship Programs:** Builds relationships w/the next generation of Elks, through 3 scholarships: MVS, Legacy, & EEG

**Elks National Veterans Service Program:** Provides aid & comfort for America's Veterans in need w/initiatives to end Veteran Homelessness

**Elks Hoop Shoot Free Throw Contest:** Unleashes gritty kids through free throw competitions at Lodge, District, State, Region & National Levels

**Elks Memorial Building Maintenance:** Maintains the Elks Veterans Memorial in Chicago

**Elks Drug Awareness Program:** Promotes constructive & collaborative solutions to youth substance abuse

**Starting a recurring gift to the Elks National Foundation is safe, reliable, and allows the ENF to spend less time on administration and more time on our charitable mission. After filling out the form at [enf.elks.org](http://enf.elks.org), the ENF will automatically charge your credit card on a monthly basis for the donation amount you choose. And, you'll be eligible for special recognition in the ENF Fidelity Club!**

### Designate Your Gift

A designated gift directly supports the ENF program you select. You can choose to designate your gift to one program or select all programs and make an immediate difference in the lives of youth, veterans and Elks communities. Selecting the ENF Endowment Fund means your donation will be invested in a permanent fund where its interest will be distributed over time, ensuring the ongoing success of the ENF.

**Our lodge needs to get just 6 more members to sign up in order for us to meet the 2025/2026 goal. This would allow us to earn extra bonuses for helping our community! So please sign up today at [elks.org/ENF/FidelityClub](http://elks.org/ENF/FidelityClub).**

### Why Join the Fidelity Club?

- **Ease:** The ENF Fidelity Club recognizes automatic, regularly scheduled donations through your bank account or credit card. These donations occur monthly (minimum \$5).
- **Eco-Friendly:** Save a tree and save time with paperless donations!
- **Convenience:** No need to purchase stamps or mail a check. It takes just five minutes to sign up, and you're good to go!
- **Flexibility:** You can increase, modify or cancel your gift at any time.
- **Security:** It's safe, reliable and allows the ENF to spend less time on administration and more time on our charitable mission.

### What are the Benefits?

The longer you are a member of the Fidelity Club, the more benefits you'll receive!

- **Fidelity Club Sticker:** Following your first monthly gift, you'll receive a special Fidelity Club sticker for your membership card, and your name will appear in the online [Fidelity Club Honor Roll](#). At the end of each calendar year, you'll receive a new sticker with your annual statement.
- **Fidelity Club Pin:** Once you've made 12 monthly gifts, you'll receive the ENF Fidelity Pin!
- **Pin Attachments:** Each time you reach an additional benchmark—starting at 25 monthly gifts—you'll receive a pin attachment to wear with your Fidelity pin. Additional attachments will be sent at 50 and 100 gifts.
- **Bagels with the Board:** An open-house breakfast at the Elks National Convention exclusively for Fidelity Club Members!

# How is the Elks National Foundation Helping Alabama?

**\*The Fairhope Elks Lodge currently sits at No. 14 in the State @ \$2,517 per-member for the 2025 - 2026 year.**

When you give to the Elks National Foundation, you're doing more than funding the [Elks National Drug Awareness](#) and ["Hoop Shoot"](#) programs. You're doing more than supporting the [Community Investments Program](#) and providing [Emergency Educational Grants](#) to the children of deceased or totally disabled Elks. You're doing more than meeting the needs of [today's veterans](#) and maintaining the [Elks National Memorial](#).

You're doing all that, *and* you're supporting Elksdom in *your* state.

During the 2024-25 Lodge year, the Elks of Alabama donated \$48,924.88 to the Elks National Foundation. This year, the Foundation will give back the following:



These grants support [your state's major charitable project](#), as well as other philanthropic projects. Portions of these grants will also support your state's Drug Awareness Program, Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot and educational programs.

State Charities Grant: **\$30,990.00**  
Special Projects Grant: **\$25,340.00**  
Bonus Grant: **\$7,070.00**



We will award a total of 3 Most Valuable Student scholarships to high school seniors from your state. ([Click here](#) to check out your recipients.) In addition, we will award up to 3 Legacy scholarships to children, grandchildren and stepchildren of Elks. ([Click here](#) to check out your recipients.)

Most Valuable Student: **\$12,000.00**  
Legacy Award: **\$12,000.00**



We also provide the Elks National Veterans Service Commission with funding to support its volunteers working in veterans hospitals and medical centers.

Funding for VAVS Volunteers: **\$15,600.00**

That's a ratio of **2.105** for every dollar the Foundation received from your state last year. And that doesn't even include the money Lodges in your state will get back through our [Community Investments Program](#).

**Grand Total: \$103,000.00**

For the 2024-25 fiscal year, for example, we awarded a total of **\$173,500.00** to 21 Alabama Lodges.

For more information about the Elks National Foundation, contact your local chairman or write us at Elks National Foundation, 2750 N. Lakeview Ave., Chicago, IL 60614, [enf@elks.org](mailto:enf@elks.org).



# Grand Exalted Ruler Membership Award

On August 7, 2025 the Fairhope Elks Lodge had the honor of presenting Christopher Moore, our top member recruiter for 2024/2025 Elks year with a new men's Elks USA watch. Chris brought in (11+) new members into our Lodge last year qualifying him for this prestigious award! The next time that you are at the Lodge and you see Chris be sure to congratulate him on this outstanding achievement!



If you are interested in receiving a Membership award and/or would like to join Chris with his elite status, pick up a few applications and invite your family and friends to join this AWESOME organization!



The **Elks** Membership **Awards** listed below can be earned for sponsoring any combination of new or reinstated Members between **July 3, 2025 ~ June 12, 2026**

- Members initiating or reinstating **3** members into the Order will receive the prestigious GER pin award
- Members initiating or reinstating **11** or more members into the Order will receive the prestigious and attractive Elks watch (male or female sizes available)
- Members initiating or reinstating **33** or more members into the Order will receive the prestigious and attractive Elks desk clock



# Seafood Night at the Lodge





## App-alooza at the Lodge



The App-alooza Game Day Appetizer Contest was a HUGE success!

We had 10 teams kick-off the college football season and they all thought that their appetizers were the best... Here are the results:

Judge's Favorite 1st Place: Shawn Boyse, Conecuh Burnt Ends

2nd Place: JeanAnn & Patrick Seals, Garlic Butter Steak Bites

Most Spirit: James & Melody Semsey

Spectator's Choice: JeanAnn Seals

Go ahead and start planning for next year folks!! A fun time was had by all and we will definitely be doing this again next year!





# Mahjong at the Lodge





# Upcoming Events in September



SEPTEMBER  
**13 SAT**  
4PM



SIGN UP HERE

**\$35**

## PAINT PARTY!

### Honey the Highlander

LOCATION:  
Elks Lodge  
Scenic Rt 98  
Fairhope, AL

HOST:  
Desert Rose Paint & Sip  
251-278-5531  
homeinfairhope@gmail.com  
Facebook.comhomeinfairhope



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## Mobile Mystery Dinners

Presents

### UnHappy Hour

A Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre



Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup>

The Elks Lodge  
Dinner at 6PM

\$25 per Person Dinner and Theatre Included

## MAHJONG

September 2025

Sunday 7th, 14th, & 21st

4 to 6 pm

\*must be pre-registered\*



## Chaplain's Corner

I'M GLAD WE ARE SAVED BY GRACE, NOT BY GOOD  
WORKS. BECAUSE I DON'T WANNA SIT IN HEAVEN  
AND LISTEN TO EVERYBODY BRAG FOR ETERNITY OF  
HOW THEY GOT THERE.

D.L. Moody.

"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he  
will lift you up."

James 4:10

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?

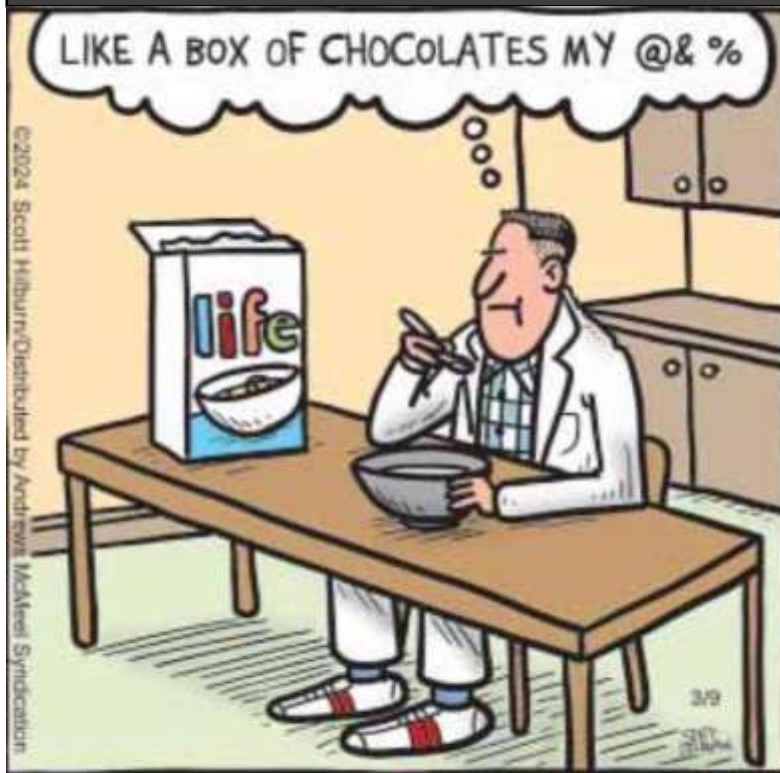
All you have to do is scan this QR Code with your mobile device and it will take you directly to our 1879 Elks page.



SCAN ME



## Comic Corner



IT WAS AT THAT MOMENT THAT FORREST BEGAN TO QUESTION HIS MOTHER'S WISDOM.



... and that is WHY the chicken crossed the road.



Your Choice Burger | Cheese Burger \$6

Your choice Fries or Onion Rings. \$3



## Wednesday Night Meals

**3rd** - Emblem Spaghetti & Jackpot BINGO

**10th** - Beef Tips over Rice & Jackpot BINGO

**17th** - Country Fried Steak & Jackpot BINGO

**24th** - Crispy Chicken Sammies & Jackpot BINGO

*Dinner*  
IS BETTER WHEN  
WE EAT  
*together*

## Friday Night Meals

**5th** - 1st Friday, Fried Chicken

**12th** - 2nd Friday, Steak Dinner

**19th** - 3rd Friday, Seafood Night

**26th** - 4th Friday, Emblem Pork Chops Night

# Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks

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## September 2025

Sun 2pm—close	Mon 5pm—close	Tue Closed	Wed 5pm—close	Thu 5pm—close	Fri 4pm—close	Sat 2pm—close
	1 Labor Day BBQ Emblem Bake Sale <i>*bar opens at 11am*</i>	2	3 Emblem Spaghetti Jackpot BINGO	4	5 Fried Chicken Music Trivia & Karaoke	6
7 Mahjong Series 4pm - 6pm <i>*must be pre-registered*</i>	8 Burger Night	9	10 Beef Tips over Rice Jackpot BINGO	11 Lodge Meeting at 7pm	12 Steak Dinner Music Trivia & Karaoke	13 Paint -n- Sip Party
14 Mahjong Series 4pm - 6pm <i>*must be pre-registered*</i>	15 Burger Night	16	17 Country Fried Steak Jackpot BINGO	18	19 Seafood Dinner Music Trivia & Karaoke	20 Murder Mystery Dinner
21 Mahjong Series 4pm - 6pm <i>*must be pre-registered*</i>	22 Burger Night	23	24 Crispy Chicken Sammich Jackpot BINGO	25 Lodge Meeting at 7pm	26 Emblem Pork Chops Music Trivia & Karaoke	27 MS Bike Tour de Beach @ Mullet Point
28 Member Initiations & Potluck Dinner	29 Burger Night	30				<i>*Follow us on Facebook for updates*</i>