



Elk Call

January 2024

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity

Navasota Lodge #2888

P. O. Box 1451, Navasota, Texas 77868



Happy New Year Navasota Elks 2888!!!

This year we have accomplished so much. We were instituted and became a lodge March 25, 2023, we had our first meetings as an actual lodge, and we were so busy in the community. We've also forged new friendships and gained new family members. When I look back on the calendar from this year and see the parades, the community activities, the travel, the amazing work from our Sweet Heart raising funds for the Children's camp and all the fun events we've been able to participate in, I can't help but be proud of all of the things that we've done. Our work is just beginning though. We have a lot of things coming up. We have many more karaoke nights with the added bonus of being able to help our veterans. We also have our district events such as hoop shoot, Inter-Lodge and a district wide training for the officers that will step up beginning April 1st. In addition, we have some grants that we've been blessed with to help give back to our kids and special

needs friends within the community of Navasota. All of these things have been made possible because of our work as a team. However, there are so much more that we can do, but that is going to require each and everyone of you to invite your friends, your family, and reach out to those in the community to join us in our efforts. Membership is an important part of our lodge's ability to grow. So let's share our excitement about what we are doing and extend an invitation to those around us to join in our fun.

I cannot wait to see what lies ahead for Navasota Elks 2888!!!
Happy New Year and May God Bless you and yours in the years to come.

Kaisha Baughman
Exalted Ruler
Navasota Elks Lodge 2888

LODGE MEETINGS

will be held this month on
January 11 and January 25
with Social Hour at 6 p.m.,
followed by meeting at 7 p.m.

Stay active in your Lodge!
Please make every effort to attend!



1/01	Jennifer Pratho
1/08	John Walicek
1/09	Sam Cook
1/16	Kaisha Baughman
1/19	Sonya Lakes
1/22	Amanda Baria
1/27	Dominique Dierlam
1/31	Christene Hayter



Navasota Elks Lodge 2888
Sweetheart event
(3 dates)

January 5th, February 2nd
& March 1st

6pm-11pm?

@VFW Post 4006

KARAOKE & DANCING


BRING YOUR CASH


50/50 drawing supports
Texas Elks Childrens Camp
for Children with Special needs



VFW will be having thier
Queen of Hearts drawing
to support the Post

Veterans Dinner 

 Elks will be providing a
FREE meal for Veterans,
all others welcome with a donation

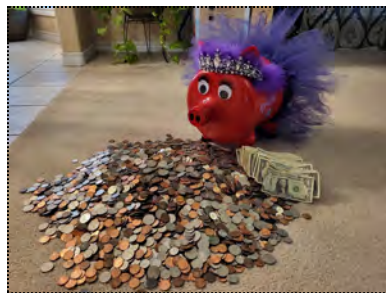
 Veterans will also recieve
a bag of groceries to take
home while supplies last

Beer, set-ups & water available
(may bring your own bottle)



**A Message from
Miss Prissy...**

This quarter your Red Pig is
due for turn in on January 25.
All other cash donations are
welcomed as well!



TEXAS ELKS STATE ASSOCIATION 

ALONG WITH
PATTERSON
www.PATTERSONofMARSHALL.com CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP RAM

Funding Summer Camp and Special Needs Grants for Kids

~ Drawing ~
GRAND PRIZE
2024 RAM 1500 LONE STAR EDITION
(Winner responsible for all applicable taxes, title, fees and license requirements)

~ To Be Held ~
JUNE 8, 2024
Need not be present to win!

~ Donation ~
TICKETS \$10 EACH OR 3 FOR \$20
For ticket info, contact:
Calandra VanDell at cvandell48@gmail.com

  
TEXAS ELKS CAMP

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for
the Truck Raffle for a 2024 Ram 1500
Lone Star Edition pick up.
Tickets are 1 for \$10 or 3 tickets for \$20.



AND, get your lodge Challenge Coins
available for \$20 each.
Coins can be shipped if needed.

See Calandra Van Dell to get yours!

**Proceeds go to the Texas Elks
Children's Camp for children with
special needs. For more information,
contact Calandra Van Dell at
cvandell48@gmail.com**



We had 11 students from our area apply for the Elks Scholarships. Six of those students have advanced to the District Level! This is a good showing for our first year to have this program. Our local Hoop Shoot went well and several advanced to the District Hoop Shoot at the Liberty Lodge in January.

We will have elections for the following positions within Elkdom in February and they will take their positions effective April 1, 2024. If you are interested in one of these positions, please let me know so that your name can be placed on the ballot.

Exalted Ruler
Leading Knight
Loyal Knight
Lecturing Knight

Secretary
Treasurer
3 Year Trustee

The following positions are appointed:

Esquire
Inner Guard
Tiler
Chaplain



Seven youth, representing both Navasota and Bryan lodges participated in the Elks Hoop Shoot on December 2. Five of those youth will advance to the District Hoop Shoot in Liberty, Texas on January 20, 2024. Good Luck to all!

Representing Navasota Lodge 2888:

Girls 10-11	Camorie Calhoun
Boys 8-10	Tanner Santana
Boys 10-11	Adam Mason
Boys 10-11	Izaak Ellis (Second place)

Representing Bryan Lodge 859 are:

Girls 10-11	Lillian Holifield
Boys 10-11	Kaeden Baker

Many thanks to Evonne Ellis, Nancy Vidotto, and Mike Callahan for coordinating the event for our lodge.

Texas Elks State Association

along with Tripp's Harley Davidson of Amarillo, Texas

FUND RAISING FOR ELK NATIONAL FOUNDATION

Helping Veterans, Kids and
Community with Grants & Scholarships

Grand Prize 2023 HARLEY DAVIDSON SOFTAIL STANDARD

(Winner responsible for all applicable taxes,
title fees and license requirements.)



Elks
National
Foundation



1/1 Custom Brotherly Love Elk Bike

DONATION
\$10 each or
3 for \$25

DRAWING TO BE HELD
OCTOBER 26TH, 2024

Need not be present to win.

Drawing Rules: The Texas Elks State Association is sponsoring this drawing. Proceeds will be used to further the charitable projects of this non-profit organization.

Entries and Eligibility: You may enter as many times as you wish.
Total ticket sales determine the odds of winning. You must be 16 years of age to purchase a ticket. All entries must be received by Oct. 26th, 2024. Not responsible for lost or misdirected tickets. All applicable taxes are the responsibility of the winners. Name/Address of agent for the Texas Elks
State Association is Orville Weiss, Secretary, TESA, 2733 Big Oaks Dr., Garland, Texas.
VOID WHERE PROHIBITED.

For more info and to purchase tickets, contact Jeff Van Dien at jtvandien@gmail.com or (940) 230-1446.

Elks National Foundation (ENF) Committee Chair
Navasota Elks #2888

TEXAS ELKS

Fellow Texas Elks,

The time now **NOW** to start volunteering for the 2024 Grand Lodge Convention in Austin Texas. We are seeking 400 to 500 volunteers to assure this the **BEST** Grand Lodge Convention ever !!

Below is a link to our Texas Elks Grand Lodge Volunteer website as well as a QR code on the bottom you can scan and **SHARE** or **POST** in your Lodges and Lodge communications.

<https://app.initlive.com:443/JE/8sx8mbfc5v9se2>

When you click the link you will come to the general information page, please fill this out completely as this is the information necessary to secure your **FREE** registration for the convention. Remember to read and click agree on the Waiver form at the very bottom of the Sign Up page. IF you are signing up a non member spouse or other non member volunteer please use **YOUR** Lodge and **YOUR** membership number for the Guest registration. On the next page are descriptions of the various roles and responsibilities. Please take time to read each one carefully and then you may check as many as you like however you must check at least 1 role in the box to the right to move to the next page. The third page is a calendar where you will select your available days and times that we may schedule your shifts from once they are actually available. You can select various times **OR** just click the available **ALL DAY** on the right. There are several responsibilities that will take place the week before the convention for those coming up early but the main dates to look at are Friday June 28th thru July 3rd. Finally the 4th page is the Completed Registration Page with a general message. Moving forward email will be the primary source of contact and you will be receiving updates starting with an initial acceptance email once your registration has been verified. Actual shifts will be created (probably first quarter 2024) and you will be notified in plenty of time to make you hotel reservations. Feel free to contact me with any specific questions or concerns you may have.

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LSC Chairman
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ELKS GRAND LODGE CONVENTION 2024





**2023-2024
Lodge Officers**

- Exalted Ruler**
Kaisha Baughman
- Leading Knight**
Darrin Van Dell
- Loyal Knight**
Karen Cook
- Lecturing Knight**
Jeff Hampton
- 1 Year Trustee**
Jeff Van Dien
- 2 Year Trustee**
Mike Kelley
- 3 Year Trustee**
Robert Kilpatrick
- Secretary**
Nancy Vidotto
- Treasurer**
Helen Van Dien
- Esquire**
Evonne Ellis
- Chaplain**
Adam Krantz
- Inner Guard**
Jonathan Kern
- Tiler**
Louis Vidotto



**2023-2024
Committee Chairs**

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|---|---|
| Accident Prevention
<i>Mike Kelley</i> | Government Relations
<i>Kaisha Baughman</i> |
| Activities
<i>Karen Cook</i> | Hoop Shoot
<i>Evonne Bellis</i> |
| Americanism
<i>Karen Cook</i> | Lodge Activities
<i>Karen Cook</i> |
| Audit and Accounting
<i>Robert Miller</i> | Membership
<i>Jeff Hampton</i> |
| Community Projects
<i>Elease Hill</i> | PER Association
VACANT |
| Drug Awareness
<i>Hope Lohse</i> | Public Relations
<i>Jonathan Kern</i> |
| Elks Memorial Day
<i>Helen Van Dien</i> | Ritualistic
<i>Mike Hobbs</i> |
| Elks National Foundation
<i>Jeff Van Dien</i> | Soccer Shoot
<i>Evonne Bellis</i> |
| Flag Day
<i>Kaisha Baughman</i> | State Major Projects
<i>Calandra Van Dell</i> |
| Fraternal
<i>Jeff Hampton</i> | Veterans Service
<i>Darrin Van Dell</i> |
| Grant Coordinator
<i>Jennifer Pratho</i> | Youth Activities
<i>Kaisha Baughman</i> |



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Navasota Elks Lodge #2888

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/221595737089774>



JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 VFW/ELKS Karaoke Night & Veterans Dinner	6
7	8	9 VFW Bingo 5:30-7:30 pm	10	11 LODGE MTG 6 pm Social Hr 7pm Meeting	12	13 Interlodge at Bryan Lodge #859
14	15	16 VFW Bingo 5:30-7:30 pm	17 Lodge BOD Meeting 6:30 pm	18	19	20 District Hoop Shoot at Liberty Lodge #2019
21	22	23 VFW Bingo 5:30-7:30 pm	24	25 LODGE MTG 6 pm Social Hr 7pm Meeting	26	27
28	29	30 VFW Bingo 5:30-7:30 pm	31			



Working for our businesses.

936-825-6600

navasotagrimeschamber.com

Find the Grimes County Chamber calendar of events at their website.