

November 2024



# Elk Call

*Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity*

**Navasota Lodge #2888**

8949 S Business 6, Navasota, Texas 77868

[www.navasotaelks.org](http://www.navasotaelks.org)



**A Fraternal Organization**



Greetings Navasota Elks,

2024 is just flying by. It feels as if we've just gotten started, yet here we are in November! There has been so much going on this year that it's hard finding the time to stop and remember the things that are most important to us. Time to reflect and be Thankful. November brings with it the perfect times to do just that.

Did you know that Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> is World Sandwich Day? Following the assertion that he invented the sandwich, John Montagu, 4th Earl of Sandwich, is thought to be the namesake of the sandwich. This day honors the variety of tastes found in the go-to evening meal. Seriously though, the dates in November that hold significant importance to Elks are days such as Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, when we celebrate of the founding of the U.S. Marine Corp 249 years ago; Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, when we celebrate National Veterans Day and/or Armistice Day, recognizing the end of WW I in 1918; and don't forget the fourth Thursday in November, Thanksgiving, where we celebrate the blessings of the past year, and divine goodness. November is a time to reflect on all the good we have accomplished, to be grateful to those who've served and sacrificed for us all. To Celebrate those who choose to put themselves in harm's way to provide us the freedoms we experience daily.

In the words of our Grand Exalted Ruler Douglas A. Schiefer, "November is Elks Veterans Remembrance Month, and during this month, we as Elks make a heartfelt commitment to thank and honor our brave Veterans, highlighting the gratitude we have for the blessings they have bestowed upon us through their service to the nation. As one Elks motto affirms: **"So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."** Though we feel gratitude for our nation's veterans every day of the year, Veterans Day, November 11, is set aside as a special day when we have the opportunity to recognize the contributions that all veterans have made to our safety and well-being in the United States of America. Elks are proud to Thank a Veteran whenever we see them!

So, as each day passes in November (or any other month), Please take a moment to Thank a Veteran, shake a hand, do something Extraordinary to make an impact in their lives, as they have ours.

To All Navasota Elks who've served.....for putting your lives on hold to protect my freedom, for sacrificing your family life so that we all may be free, from the deepest part of my heart and soul, THANK YOU!

**LODGE #2888 MEETINGS**

Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday, there will be one meeting held this month on

**November 14**

**at our new lodge location  
8949 S Business 6 in Navasota**

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!***

**Darrin L. Van Dell  
Exalted Ruler  
Navasota Elks #2888**

*Fidelity*



*"The faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory"*



**November 1, 2024**

**Karaoke & Dancing**

**7PM-11pm??**

**Come join us for a  
little get together for  
ELKS, Family & Friends  
of ELKS**

**Details as followed:**

**It will be BYOB only!!**

**Finger foods**

**(help is greatly appreciated)**

**50/50 Drawing**

**so bring your cash**

**(there is no ATM)**

**All proceeds is for Sweetheart  
to raise funds for Childrens Camp**

**\* It's technically Halloween  
weekend, so if you feel the  
need to dress up please  
do so.**

**Located at  
8949 S Business 6  
Navasota, Tx 77868**



**Saturday, November 2, 2024**

**8 am - 5 pm**

The City of Navasota is holding a city-wide garage sale and Lodge 2888 will be participating at the lodge. If you have gently used items to donate to the garage sale, please contact Helen Van Dien at [hvandien1@yahoo.com](mailto:hvandien1@yahoo.com) to make arrangements for dropping off items. We are also looking for helping hands to help with the sale. If you can lend a hand and take a shift to help out, please let Helen know.



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| 11/3  | David Cooper  |
| 11/5  | Karen Cook    |
| 11/10 | Adam Krantz   |
| 11/10 | Nancy Vidotto |
| 11/16 | Ethan Barcak  |

## ***A Word from your Loyal Knight...***

Jeff here. I only have a few words to say at this time but, these words are quite exciting! As you have all heard, we have finally purchased a place to call home. There is a lot of work to get done to get the place up and running. I am asking all to come out and help in any way you are able. We will be planning a couple "sweat togethers" (if you get what I'm saying HaHa!). So keep an eye on your emails and spread the word to friends and family that may be able to help. I am looking forward to seeing all of you soon and I am sure we can make light of all to be done if we all work together.



**Jeff Hampton  
Esteemed Loyal Knight  
Navasota Elks #2888**

*Justice*



**Daylight Saving Time  
ends this Sunday.  
Don't forget to turn your  
clocks back one hour.**

## Veterans Day Parade



On Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, the Navasota VFW Post 4006, will be having a Veterans Day celebration with live music, food and Parade scheduled to line up at 10 a.m. and proceed at 11 a.m. We will meet to decorate our float between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. in the grass lot at the intersection of Holland St. and Farquar St.

We are looking for someone to pull the trailer, help decorate our float, and for folks to ride on our float. Please contact Jeff Hampton via text at 979-402-0060 or by email at [rebbeldawg2000@gmail.com](mailto:rebbeldawg2000@gmail.com) to be a part of this event.



On Veteran's Day, November 11, we will honor veterans who reside at two of the nursing homes in Navasota. There will be a short program and reception to follow at each location.

**Navasota Nursing Home & Rehab - 1:30 pm**

**Golden Living Nursing Home - 4:00 pm**

Please contact Karen Cook at [kalmscook@bellsouth.net](mailto:kalmscook@bellsouth.net) and let her know you can help with the visits. Punch is needed if you would like to help in that area.



*What does it mean to sponsor a wreath?* Sponsoring a veteran's wreath is a personal gift of gratitude and remembrance for someone who served this country so that we can be free.

Your sponsorship of \$17 per wreath supports the yearlong mission to remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and teach the next generation the value of freedom, while making new and existing free programs available to the masses. With each sponsorship made, a veteran's wreath will be placed to honor an American hero at participating locations this year on National Wreaths Across America Day.

With each veteran's wreath placed by a volunteer, we ask that they "say their name" to ensure that the legacy of duty, service, and sacrifice is never forgotten.

How to sponsor a wreath? Go to their website, [wreathscrossamerica.org](http://wreathscrossamerica.org), select the number of wreaths that you would like to sponsor and indicate the location as Grimes County Texas-Oakland Cemetery, Navasota.





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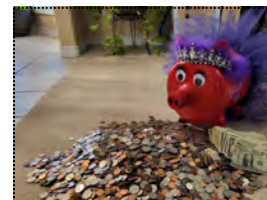
~ Donation ~  
**TICKETS \$10 EACH OR 3 FOR \$20**  
For ticket info, contact:

CAMP gives kids a world of good.  
TEXAS ELKS CAMP

Each year, Sweethearts are given tickets to sell for the annual fund drive. This year, it's a 2025 Jeep Wrangler sport 2-Door. The drawing for the Jeep will be held at the State Convention on June 7, 2025. Tickets are 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$20. Let's get these all sold this year!

Please keep filling your Red Pigs, and bring what you've collected to any meeting. Every little bit makes a huge difference. If you know someone with a business, let them know about the Red Pigs and ask if you can place one in their place of business. The next turn-in date for totals is at the December 12 lodge meeting. After December, we will have only 3 more months for collections, making turn-in on last day of March 2025.

We still have plenty of Sweetheart Challenge Coins left at \$20 each. It would be great to get these sold!



**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](mailto:cvandell48@gmail.com)**

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Sweetheart  
Navasota Lodge #2888  
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*"Where having a Difference, Doesn't Make a Difference"*

## Navasota Elks Out and About in the Community



Greetings, Elks!

On October 29, DAP visited Anderson/Shiro ISD and Richards ISD. We distributed coloring books, crayons, book markers, stranger danger posters, vaping information, tobacco use danger, information on bullying, and dealing with stress. I spoke with the principals at both school districts, left my contact information, and they are planning to have DAP present programs to the students later this school year or next year. All schools were extremely pleased with the materials and the overall visit.

Jerry Henenberg  
Committee Chair, Drug Awareness Program

We had our informational booth set up at two events in October to spread the word of Elkdom!

On October 19, we set up at the Pecan Lakes Golf Club for the Diamonettes (NHS) drill team golf tourney. Our Lodge also sponsored a tournament golf cart with our name proudly displayed on it. Representing our Lodge at the booth were Jeff and Helen Van Dien, Evonne Bellis, Jo Kelley, Jeff and Kaisha Hampton and Nancy Vidotto. ER Darrin Van Dell, Robert Miller and Bert Miller stopped by as well.



On Sunday, October 27, we set at the annual car show of the Sam Houston Corvette Club held in the Woodlands at Town Green Park. Members representing our Lodge were Mike and Jo Kelley, Nancy Vidotto, and Joel Henenberg, who is also the president of the Corvette Club.



Elks Care - Elks Share



Congrats to Ray Rafferty from Amarillo Lodge #923 for winning the Harley Davidson Softail Standard at the Fall Conference last weekend! Happy riding, Ray!



Do you contribute to the Elks National Foundation? What if you could donate without having to think about it? Well, you can! Enroll today and become a member of the Fidelity Club—the ENF’s monthly giving program. Find out more about how your donation will benefit our Lodge by clicking on the link below.

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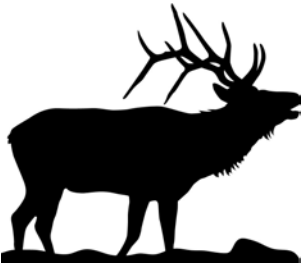
**Jeff Van Dien**  
**Elks National Foundation (ENF)**  
**Committee Chair**  
**Navasota Elks #2888**



Our local Hoop Shoot is December 7, 2024 at the Rock Gym in Navasota. Time to be determined. The Elks Hoop Shoot is a free throw contest for children from 8-13. It is free to all contestants and provides an opportunity for youth to compete, connect and succeed through hard work and healthy competition. Please start talking with youth now about this event and help to promote our youth at the national competition. For more info contact Evonne, 979-204-2661 or Nancy, 979-822-4390.

## Thank You to our Lodge Sponsors

Sponsors are included each month in our newsletter for the '24-'25 lodge year. Talk to those businesses in your area and invite them to become sponsors. A one year membership and one year advertising in our newsletter is included in sponsorship. To find out how your business or businesses in the area can become a sponsor and be included in the newsletter, contact Louis Vidotto at 512-917-6212 or email [secretary@navasotaelks.org](mailto:secretary@navasotaelks.org).



If you are currently a member of Navasota Lodge #2888, own your own business and your membership dues are in good standing, your business can become a Lodge Sponsor for the 2024-2025 year. Contact Nancy Vidotto, Secretary, at 512-917-6212 or email [secretary@navasotaelks.org](mailto:secretary@navasotaelks.org).



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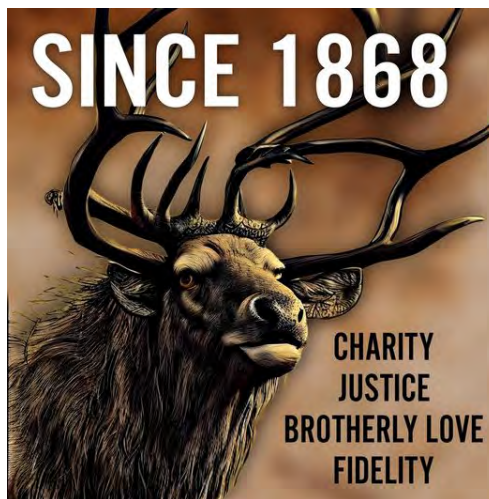
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**2024-2025  
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**Accident Prevention**  
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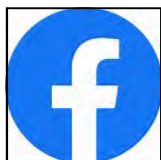
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <b>Sweetheart Karaoke</b> Navasota 2888 7 pm-11pm	2 <b>GARAGE SALE</b> at the <b>Lodge</b> 8am-5pm
3  <b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b>	4	5	6	7	8	9  <b>VFW Veterans Day Parade</b> Line up at 10 Parade starts at 11
10	11  <b>Visit Veterans at Nursing Homes</b>	12	13	14  <b>HOUSE COMM MTG</b> 5:30 pm <b>LODGE MTG</b> 6 pm Social 7pm Meeting	15	16
17	18	19	20  <b>LODGE BOD MEETING</b> 6:30 pm	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28  	29	30



Working for our businesses.  
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[navasotagrimeschamber.com](http://navasotagrimeschamber.com)

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