



# Elk Call

February 2024

*Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity*

**Navasota Lodge #2888**

P. O. Box 1451, Navasota, Texas 77868



January was a little busy for us in Elkdom. We hosted our Veterans at the Navasota VFW 4006 with a meal and groceries at the Sweetheart Karaoke night on the 5th. Many of us spent time at Inter-Lodge on the 13th where lots of topics were discussed in the Vice President's Clinic about things going on within the Elks Organization (i.e.: Hoop Shoot, Veterans Retreat, Spring Fling at TECOT, Public Relations, Membership). Our lodge had the highest attendance for the district (WAY TO GO 2888!!!). At Inter-Lodge elections were held for the upcoming year and our Loyal Knight, Karen Cook, was elected to continue as Secretary for the East District and I will be your next Chaplain. Those positions begin in August this year. There were six of us that traveled to Liberty, Texas on January 20th to support our Navasota Representative, Adam Mason, from our local Hoop Shoot. We are so excited to see him move on to the State Hoop Shoot and wish him so much luck in making all the baskets when he goes to Carrollton. January also got us back

into the swing of having two meetings a month. I definitely missed seeing your faces over the Holidays and I am glad to be back to the regularly scheduled program. Lastly, we were approved for the Beacon Grant. This grant will enable us to put \$4,000.00 dollars into our community. Half of the grant will be used to purchase food for the local Christian Community Center and the other half will be used for the Special Olympics event in Navasota on March 26th. We are beyond blessed to be a part of an organization that gives back so much to aid our communities.

There are many things coming up in February to be able to help with and attend. So stay tuned to our Facebook page, your emails and the calendar in this newsletter for opportunities to join in the fun and help bless others.

Yours in Elkdom,  
Kaisha Baughman, ER  
Navasota Elks Lodge #2888



## **LODGE MEETINGS**

will be held this month on  
**February 8 and February 22**  
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!***

2/01	Robert Muniz
2/02	Kenneth Shores
2/02	Linda Walicek
2/07	Robin Custer
2/15	Kyle Duffy
2/18	Patty Pederson
2/23	Lonnie Bostick
2/26	Anthony Rueda

**SWEETHEART PROGRAM**  
IT'S FOR THE KIDS!



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

Drawing

**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)



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

*Sweetheart program* *CAMP gives kids a world of good.*  
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](mailto:cvandell48@gmail.com)*



# B.P.O.E.

## 156 Years of Benevolence!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY ELKS!

**BENEVOLENCE:** The disposition to do good; good will; kindness; charitableness; the love of mankind, accompanied with a desire to promote their happiness. "The benevolence of God is one of his moral attributes; that attribute which delights in the happiness of intelligent beings. 'God is love.'" 1 John 4

It's February, and time to Celebrate!

The *Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks* was founded in 1868 by a group of 15 actors and entertainers to promote and practice the four cardinal virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; to quicken the spirit of American Patriotism and cultivate good fellowship. As the order grew, they heeded the calling to help those who were destitute and distressed.

February 16, 2024, will mark the 156<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the B.P.O.E. Look how far we've come from our 15 original founders to where we are today! Today we have nearly 1,800 lodges in communities all over the country, and over an estimated 800,000 members nationwide! The number of good works we accomplish every year, and the lives and communities we touch continue to grow with us. What a wonderful achievement to be able to celebrate!

So, as we celebrate this momentous occasion, be certain to share your personal thoughts, feelings, emotions and the Elks history with your neighbors. Don't be shy, Be Loud and Proud! Shout it from roof tops, talk to the person in line, lean into the conversations, and tell them all we as Elks are and what we stand for! Perhaps they too will hear the calling and choose to join in and help us complete Gods Good Works!

Op Ed: Personally, I am very proud to be a member of this outstanding organization. I believe, that to be an Elk, is to be called upon to do Gods good works, to be benevolent on my path through the short time I have on earth; to give freely of myself while expecting nothing in return. My reward is the joy I feel in helping those in need, in seeing the fruits of my labor at home in my Community, my State and across this Great Nation, knowing that God is my inspiration and feeling his hands as he ushers me through each day. As I look around and think about all that still needs to be done, and possibly taking on more responsibility within the organization, I feel unworthy and unqualified. However, I firmly believe that **God doesn't Call the Qualified, he Qualifies the called!**

"God Bless our Great Order, our Troops, and the United States of America".

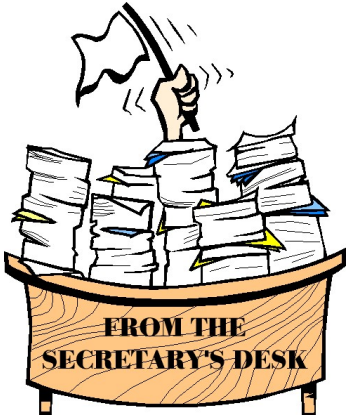
GER Randy P. Shook

Navasota Elks #2888  
Esteemed Leading Knight  
Darrin L. Van Dell

Elks Care - Elks Share

Charity





We had several events in January. The Veterans Dinner/Karaoke on the 5<sup>th</sup> was well attended.

The Liberty Lodge hosted our District Hoop Shoot on the 20<sup>th</sup>. We have a young person who has advanced to the State Level. I am waiting to hear if any of our scholarships advanced and I will let you know when I find out this information.

We are in the last quarter of our Elk fiscal year. If everyone would take a moment and review your Elk information and update as needed that would be wonderful, so that we have the correct information available. This helps the Grand Lodge in its mailing list to members.

We are having a Chamber Mixer with City Creek Burger on February 29<sup>th</sup>. Their location is next to City Hall on La Salle. The time is from 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Our dues for the 2024-2025 year will be \$87.50 and are due by April 1. You can see me at the Lodge meetings or mail your dues payment to:

Navasota Lodge #2888  
PO Box 1451  
Navasota, TX 77868

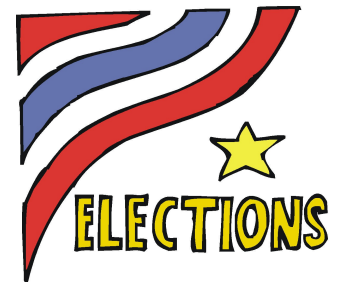
If you have any questions, please contact me at [secretary@navasotaelks.org](mailto:secretary@navasotaelks.org).

Thanks,

Nancy Vidotto  
Navasota Lodge 2888

We will have lodge nominations/elections in February. Those elected will take their positions effective April 1, 2024. Listed below is a brief description of what each position entails. If you are interested in one of these positions, please let me know so that your name can be placed on the ballot.

Nancy Vidotto  
[secretary@navasotaelks.org](mailto:secretary@navasotaelks.org).



### **Elected Positions within the Lodge:**

**Exalted Ruler:** Executive Officer, presides over all meetings, attends all Interlodge meetings, State Meetings, and Grand Lodge

**Esteemed Leading, Loyal, and Lecturing Knights:**

Assist Exalted Ruler in performing the ER duties and officiating in the ER's absence.  
Leading Knight to attend District Deputy Clinics for their lodge

**Secretary:** Record all minutes of meetings and keep account of members' accounts. Be responsible for communication between members of the current lodge and communication with the Grand Lodge and other lodges. Attend all District Deputy Clinics for lodge.

**Treasurer:** Receive lodge monies and keep accurate records. Disburse monies as approved by the lodge voting.

**Board of Trustees:** Maintaining oversight of the Lodge and its holdings. Prepare Budget for the lodge.



**Congratulations** to our young man Adam Mason headed to State! State Elks Hoop Shoot will be held on February 16 and 17 at RL Turner High School Gym, 1600 Josey Ln, Carrollton, TX 75006. Come out and cheer him on! (Hotel nearby is Dallas Sheraton at the Galleria)



**OBTAINED A  
NEW MEMBER ?**

<https://www.elks.org/membership/join.cfm>



# 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 18 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](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup> thru July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Finally the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Fraternally  
Kirk A. Storey PGE  
LSC Chairman  
830-377-9921  
[kstorey@ktc.com](mailto:kstorey@ktc.com)

**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**

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




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**Navasota Elks Lodge #2888**  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/221595737089774>





# FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Lodge #2888 Sweethearts Karaoke & Vets Dinner 6 pm-11pm	3
4	5	6	7	8 LODGE MTG 6 pm Social Hr 7pm Meeting	9	10
11	12	13 Chamber Coffee @ Work Force Solutions 9 am	14 	15	16 State Hoop Shoot Carrollton, TX	17 State Hoop Shoot Carrollton, TX
18	19	20	21 Lodge BOD Meeting 6:30 pm	22 LODGE MTG 6 pm Social Hr 7pm Meeting	23	24 Ritual Judging Clinic @ Temple, TX Lodge #138
25	26	27	28	29 Lodge #2888 Hosts Chamber Mixer @ City Creek Burger 5:30pm-7pm		



Working for our businesses.

936-825-6600

[navasotagrimeschamber.com](http://navasotagrimeschamber.com)

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