



Elk Call

August 2024

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity

Navasota Lodge #2888

P. O. Box 1451, Navasota, Texas 77868

A Fraternal Organization



Greetings Navasota Elks,

Well, the second half of 2024 is in full swing as August rolls in and fall is almost upon us. Schedules are getting hectic as the Kids are heading back to school in a couple weeks, the heat is beginning to climb, and Elks are busy as always. With all we've accomplished, the TESA and Grand Lodge Conventions behind us, we now

look forward to TECSI Homecoming and TESA Fall Conference. There is still plenty to keep us busy for the remainder of the year. What a Great Summer it's been so far!

As for the 2888, we are looking to begin a new chapter. One where we can enjoy the freedom to plan and do the things we need, whenever we choose: to help our communities, our Veterans, our Children with special needs, and to fellowship with one another and spread the word throughout the area. This will all be made possible when we have a home of our own, which we are currently in the process of establishing! With a home of our own comes opportunity as well as responsibility. As always Membership is one of the main keys to our success and becomes even more important once we are Home. There will also be the added responsibility of running the daily operations and business of a lodge. I have no doubt that the team of Elks we have will not only succeed but THRIVE! What an exciting time to be an Elk in Navasota!

We've had a fantastic start to the second half of 2024 with the addition of 3 new members in July, 2 joining our herd from Houston 151, and 3 to be initiated at our Aug. 8th meeting. Simply Outstanding! We had a great time meeting folks at Martha's Bloomers July 20th, with many folks interested in who we are and what we do in our community. All we can do is continue to introduce ourselves and our programs to the community and drive those membership numbers up. As we all know, the larger the herd, the more we can accomplish!

I pray the thought of having a Home of our own inspires you, as it does me! I look forward to all we can accomplish moving forward and simply having a place to interact with each of you....and all the new members we will wELKome Home!

Stay Loud, Stay Proud, and Keep up the Good Works!

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

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



LODGE No. 2888 MEETINGS

will be held this month on
August 8 and August 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!



8/4	Jeff Hampton
8/14	Tanya Tullos
8/30	Mitchell Pratho



Our largest fundraiser for our Lodge is Homecoming. Which takes place at the Texas Elks Children's Camp on September 20 and 21. We are asking for some help from Lodge members. Each year, lodges bring a Live Auction item to Homecoming. This year, my committee and I have decided on a toolbox. It will be loaded with all things related to BBQ and in the top portion, we'd like to have different spirits. We've had a few donations, but we still need some things. Total in all around \$550 or so.

We are simply asking for a few items to be included in the toolbox, or for cash donations to help us purchase those items. The following items are needed:

- Heavy-duty tongs
- Meat shredder claws
- Large seasonings of all kinds
- BBQ Sauces, all kinds
- Metal skewers
- Large mayo
- Large Ketchup
- Large Mustard
- Relishes
- Small single boxes of forks spoons and knives.
- Small square (cocktail size) napkins
- Bottles of quality spirits

Cash donations are welcome if it's easier, so we can shop.

We would like everything to be turned in no later than the August 22nd lodge meeting. That way it gives us time to see what else we may or may not need.

If you would like to make a cash donation and you will not be at the lodge meetings, we can accept Venmo, Cash App, or PayPal—info is at the end of this article.

Soon we will post the Homecoming t-shirts & tanks we have each year. We would like for everyone to wear them on Saturday at Homecoming. Even if you're not attending, purchasing them will help raise funds for our kiddos.

Thank you for all you do to support our Children's Camp!

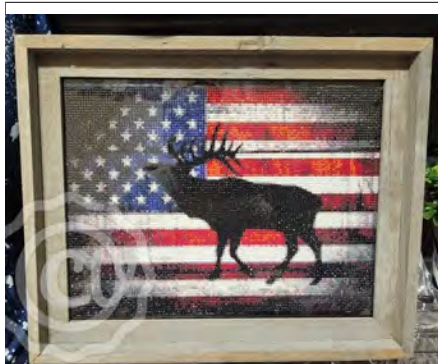
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**RAFFLE TIME!
DRAWING
AUGUST 18th!**

This beautiful piece was designed and made by Jo Kelley on our Sweetheart Committee. The piece is done in Diamond Art and measures 11 x 14.

It is stunning in person. All proceeds will go to the Elks Childrens Camp for children with special needs. Raffle tickets are 6 for \$5, 12 for \$10 or a stretch \$20. (6ft=32tickets est). Tickets can be purchased at Lodge meetings or by Venmo, CashApp, Paypal or Square payment. If you are not local and purchase tickets, we will send you a picture of your tickets. Thank you for your support. GOOD LUCK!!!

For more info, contact Calandra Van Dell at cvandell48@gmail.com



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

Piggies due at end of August for a match of totals. Donations are running 70% lower than this time last year. please get piggies or donations turned in at August lodge meetings. Remember, funds will be matched up to \$1000 for this quarter!

Thank you, Mike Callahan!

A Word from our Secretary...

This is a reminder to record your events, hours, round-trip miles, and other monetary contributions promptly to the secretary. Remember, this includes committee meetings, maintenance and repairs completed by volunteers, and more. Reporting this information allows the Elks organization to retain a nonprofit status.

It is invaluable to see how we have contributed to our community at the end of the year. If you have questions on what/how to report this information, please feel free to contact me.



Nancy Vidotto
Secretary
Navasota Elks Lodge #2888

East District #8520 Interlodge Huntsville Lodge #1981 - Saturday, August 3

Interlodge will be held at the Huntsville Lodge #1981, on Saturday, August 3. Interlodge will be from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m. for those who would like to partake. Lunch will also be available for \$5. (Bring some \$1 bills for the Chinese Auction which this writer understands is a lot of fun!) The Huntsville Lodge is located at 3200 Elks Dr., Huntsville, TX.

Let's have a great Navasota Elks Lodge #2888 showing!



Distinguished Citizen Award

At our last lodge meeting held on July 25, our PER Kaisha Hampton presented to Bert Miller, Elks Lodge #2888 member and mayor of Navasota, the Elks Distinguished Citizen Award for '23-'24. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, for all you have done and still do for our lodge.



Freedom Fest Fourth of July Parade

What a great day celebrating our country's birthday!! Thank you to all Elks who participated in the parade!



Elks Out in the Community...

We had a good showing at our first outing at Martha's Bloomers on July 20, sharing who we are as Elks to our community. Thank you to all that came out and stopped by.



Navasota Lodge #2888 did well at the Huntsville Lodge #1981 Sweetheart Bowling Tourney held on July 27. A great time was had by all and it was a great turnout for Huntsville Lodge supporting a wonderful cause. Navasota did very well, winning 1st, 2nd and last place, as well as having the winning team overall.



**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.)



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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.

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

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

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.

<https://www.elks.org/ENF/FidelityClub.cfm>



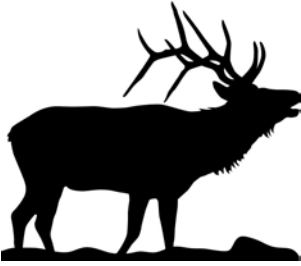
**HOOP
SHOOT**
FREE THROW PROGRAM FOR YOUTH AGES 8-13



Let's jump through hoops and kick start our Hoop Shoot Program for Navasota Lodge #2888 Hoop Shooters! 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.



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.



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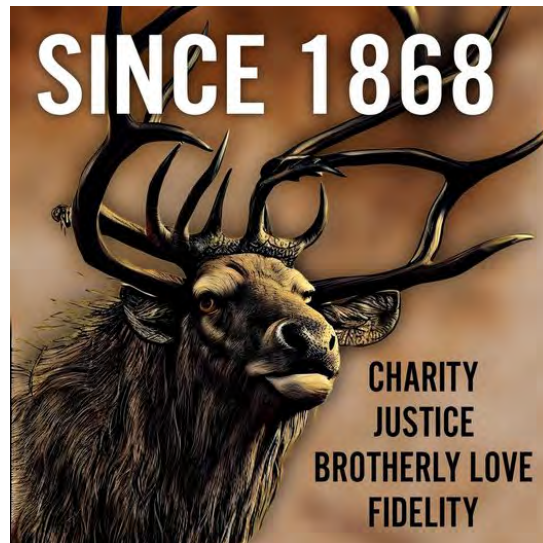
Kaisha Hampton

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**2024-2025
Committee Chairs**

Accident Prevention

Mike Kelley

Activities

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Audit and Accounting

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Community Projects

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Drug Awareness

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Youth Activities

Evonne Bellis



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August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Interlodge at Huntsville #1981
4	5	6 Backpack Give Away Grimes County Fairgrounds 10 am—1 pm VFW Bingo 5:30-7:30 pm	7 Backpack Give Away Plantersville Fire Dept. 4 pm—6 pm	8 LODGE MTG 6 pm Social Hr 7pm Meeting	9	10
11	12	13 VFW Bingo 5:30-7:30 pm	14 Coffee with Chamber Master Built Ministries 9 am LODGE BOD Meeting 6:30 pm	15	16	17
18	19	20 VFW Bingo 5:30-7:30 pm	21	22 LODGE MTG 6 pm Social Hr 7pm Meeting	23	24
25	26	27 VFW Bingo 5:30-7:30 pm	28	29	30	31



Working for our businesses.

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calendar of events at their
website.