



Exalted Ruler

Lodge 497

Welcome to June! We've hit that time of year when we get a lot of visiting Elks from all over the country, let's all do our part to make them feel welcome and show them what the friendliest little lodge in Florida has to offer!

Wrapping up May, we had a great month. Mother's Day was such a hit, we sold out within 2 hours! A sincere apology to all moms who came in after we had run out of food, I hope your day was still as bright and wonderful as you all are. To avoid this in the future, some members of the board have suggested we get a head count prior to the day of the brunch so we ensure this doesn't happen again, we will certainly keep this in mind for next year.

Also in May was the State Convention in Orlando. We had the honor of having not only the current district Vice President from our lodge, but also the incoming VP as well. Additionally, our lodge had the most participation of any lodge in the district, which goes to show how strong of a lodge we have!

Now that we are in June, we have a packed schedule of entertainment and events, so make sure you keep the calendar

to ensure you don't miss any happenings of the lodge.

Lastly, at the end of the month, myself and several of your brothers and sisters will be attending the National Convention in Austin, TX. In addition to the comradery, there will be several amendments to our national by-laws that will be brought up. I will be reading those on the floor prior to convention, so all of you can tell me which way you want our lodge to vote. Make sure you attend our meetings to see what might change in Elkdome.

Thank you again to all the volunteers who help make this lodge what it is, a great place to visit and a great place to be part of the team. ALL of you make us who we are, so keep up the good work!

**See You at the Lodge,
Fraternally,
Jim Rodriguez, ER**

Welcome April 2024 August Members



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Ladies of the Elks

The L.O.E. Mother's Day Basket raffle was a huge success raising over \$1,000 for our charities! Thanks to all who purchased tickets for this special fundraiser. Winner of the grand prize, a basket with goodies worth \$4,190, was Sabrina Sigler. Sabrina won a variety of products to include wine, liquor, gift certificates, and a beautiful diamond ring appraised at \$2,800. She is the daughter of Elk George Sigler. Second place winner was our president, Jamie Ferbezar, who happened to be on vacation in Spain when the drawing took place. Her basket, valued at \$502, and included a tea set, gift cards, jewelry and much more.

Look for our upcoming Blue Angels Basket raffle which will kick off on June 6 and run through July 1. Included in this basket are a variety of patriotic-themed items. It will be showcased in a red, white and blue Rtic cooler. The grand prize recipient will also win a reserved parking space and table on the back deck of the lodge on July 13, the day of the Blue Angels beach performance. L.O.E. members will be on hand on Monday and Tuesday evenings to sell tickets. Tickets can also be purchased at the bar any day, any time. You won't want to miss an opportunity to win this basket, so get your tickets when you come to the lodge.

You may notice new valences on the second-floor windows. The L.O.E.s are proud to have initiated and paid for this "spruce up." A big THANK YOU goes to Sharon Combee who applied her seamstress skills to create a new look on the second floor of the lodge. We appreciate her willingness to assist us in this endeavor.

If you are a female Elk or the spouse of an Elk, I would like to extend an invitation to you. Please be our guest at our next meeting on Thursday, June 6 at 7:00pm in the 3rd floor meeting room. We would love for you to join us in our various endeavors to help the lodge and the local and state community! I hope to see you there!!
 Jamie Ferbezar L.O.E. President

Jamie Ferbezar
 LOE President



Exalted Ruler	Jim Rodriguez
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Memorial Service	Beryle Farmer
Nat'l. Foundation	Sandy Milburn
Nat'l Vet. Service	Pam McGinty
Orientation	Cap Pratt
Therapy Services	Chris Wells
Training	Vacant
Under 40	Slater Dance
Webmaster	Steve Dupuis
Youth Camp	Larry Bragg

Past Exalted Rulers (PERs)

May was a busy month for the Past Exalted Rulers (PERs)! With the assistance of some young and strong Lodge Officers, the PERs replaced the aging Elk statue, then purchased and installed a new statue in its place. Check it out! On the cooking front, the PERs, with the direction of Leading Knight Greg Eddins, held a smoked pork butt sale that was hugely successful!

Currently, the Association is conducting a raffle for a 34 inch Traeger Pellet Grill/ Smoker. It's a beauty! We (KB) assembled the grill and placed it by the kitchen entrance. Tickets are \$20 each and we will only sell 100. Drawing will be held when all tickets are sold!

At the recent State Elks Convention in Orlando, we had the annual "changing of the guard"; current officers retired from their position, new members took their place. I vacated my position as Northwest

District Vice President, but was happy to turn it over to the very capable hands of PER Ken Branch (from our lodge). My wife Lisa and I would like to extend a huge thank you to the lodge, the members, officers and the entire Northwest District of Elks for all the support through the year! By every measurement, it was a great year. Lisa and I wish KB and his wife Shelli the best of journeys during the coming months. We are confident they will take the District to a higher level!

Fraternally,
Don Padget, PER
 Endorsed District Deputy

Lodge 497 Proposed Amendment of By Laws

This article serves as notification to the members of Pensacola Beach Lodge 497 that the following **By Law Amendments**, previously announced at the **May 9, 2024** meeting, will be read on the floor and voted on by the membership at the **June 13, 2024** meeting at 7PM at this lodge. The By Laws, if approved, will increase the compensation for the Secretary and Treasurer by **\$1.00** per member, retroactive to April 1, 2024. It should be noted that the Board of Directors proposed and approved the increase at a previous Board meeting.

Current By Laws:

ARTICLE V: ELECTIVE OFFICERS AND DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

Section 4. Paragraph 6. For the faithful performance of his duties he shall receive as compensation \$9.50 per Member per annum, based on the number of Members as of March 31st, payable every two weeks.

OF THE TREASURER

Section 5. Paragraph 1. He shall be required to give bond to the Lodge in the sum of \$50,000.00 for the faithful performance of his duties, and shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of \$7.00 per Member per annum, based on the number of Members as of March 31st, payable every two weeks.

Proposed Amendment to By Laws:

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OF THE TREASURER

Section 5. Paragraph 1.

He shall be required to give bond to the Lodge in the sum of \$50,000.00 for the faithful performance of his duties, and shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of \$8.00 per Member per annum, based on the number of Members as of March 31st, payable every two weeks.

Make a Note, Please Attend
By Law Vote: June 13th

Fraternally,
Don Padget, PER
By Laws Coordinator

Elks Care and Save Lives The OneBlood Big Red Blood Drive



Here's the report from our OneBlood rep about our blood drive. Having a successful drive is definitely a team effort. We always appreciate Steve Dupuis getting the CC emails out.

I also want to thank Shelly Johnson of the Island Times News for publishing our drive in her newspaper. OneBlood is always appreciative of our efforts and they consistently send us friendly and skilled phlebotomists. Our next drive will be in August, date to be determined.

- Celeste Whisenant



Blood Donor HONOR ROLL

Thank you for participating in the blood drive at
Pensacola Beach Elks Lodge #497 on Sunday, May 5, 22

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Karaoke at the Lodge

Come Join In the Fun!



Do you ever see yourself behind a microphone singing just for fun? Would you like a friendly and supportive audience to cheer you on? Whether you are a seasoned vocalist or just like to make a joyful noise, Karaoke Night at our Elks Lodge is the place for you!

Also, it is a totally fun experience cheering on our songbirds as they croon their tunes, while enjoying the friendly atmosphere of the Lodge! Join us while Shannon does a superb job providing the music and helping our singers sound their best, every second Saturday of each month. Our next Karaoke Night is Saturday, June 8th.

Kentucky Derby Party & Bonnet Contest



Bonnet Contest. Winner: Tammy Eddins, Center: Tammy Eddins, runners up, Charlotte Field & Lynn Jarvis



June

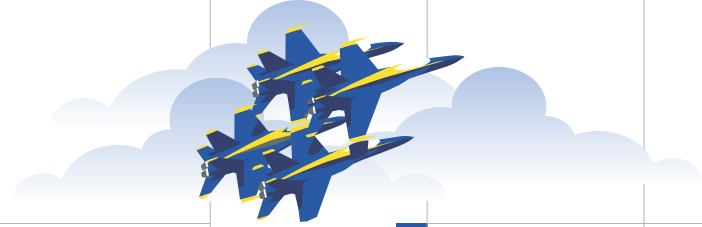
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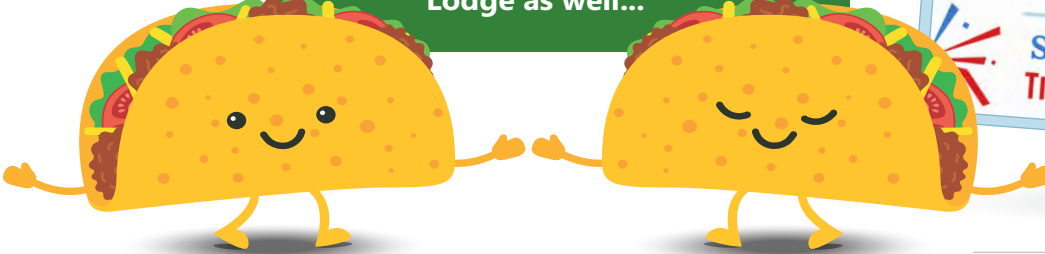
Dart League

Dart League will start again on June 12th and run for 10 weeks. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board by the kitchen entrance. Please sign up as male and female team if possible, (not required). If you wish, please bring food that you will consume yourself.

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2 BREAKFAST 9:00AM - 1:00PM	3 Bingo 6:00 PM	4 Taco Tuesday 5:00 - 7:00 PM	5	6 BLUE ANGELS BASKET RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE PER Meeting 6:30 PM LOE Meeting 7:00 PM 3rd Floor Queen of Hearts ~8:00 PM	7 DINNER The Koolerators (Paul & Jeff) 6:00 - 10:00 PM	8 KARAOKE Singing with Shannon and June Birthday Bash
9 BREAKFAST 9:00AM - 1:00PM	10 LOE Officer Mtg 10:00 AM Library Bingo 6:00 PM	11 Taco Tuesday 5:00 - 7:00 PM New Member Interviews Start 5:30PM	12 DART LEAGUE 7:00 PM	13 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM Queen of Hearts ~8:00 PM	14 BUNCO DINNER JP'S TOUCH OF CLASS James Proctor 6:00 - 10:00 PM	15
16 BREAKFAST 9:00AM - 1:00PM	17 Bingo 6:00 PM	18 Taco Tuesday 5:00 - 7:00 PM	19 DART LEAGUE 7:00 PM	20 BOD Meeting & Governing Body 6:00 PM Queen of Hearts ~8:00 PM	21 DINNER Platinum Premier Duo (Misty & Loren) 6:00 - 10:00 PM	22
23 BREAKFAST 9:00AM - 1:00PM	24 Bingo 6:00 PM	25 Taco Tuesday 5:00 - 7:00 PM New Member Orientation 6PM	26 DART LEAGUE 7:00 PM LOE July Meeting 7:00 PM 3rd Floor	27 Lodge Meeting & Initiation 7:00 PM Queen of Hearts ~8:00 PM	28 DINNER & 'Tomato' 6:00 - 10:00 PM	29
30 BRUNCH 9:00AM - 1:00PM	<div data-bbox="279 1491 912 1795" data-label="Complex-Block"> <h2>TACO TUESDAY</h2> <p>Just Show Up...</p> <h3>We Can Always Use Help!</h3> <p>There's a Signup List at the Lodge as well...</p> </div>					



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From the Secretary

Please review the applications for prospective new members that you propose before submitting them to the Membership Committee.

Make sure they are filled out legibly and completely. They must be signed/dated by the Proposer and the Applicant and we must have a **middle initial** for the background check.

There is also a \$200 application fee which needs to be turned in with the application. We cannot process until everything is complete. Please keep in mind that it can take 4- 6 weeks to complete the process of getting initiated depending on when you turn in the application.

June

Interviews: Tuesday, June 11th on the 2nd floor beginning at 5:30pm. Please sign in on the sign-up sheet by the library.

Orientation: Tuesday, June 25th 3rd floor 6pm.

Initiation Meeting: Thursday, June, 27th, Meet on the 2nd floor at 6:15pm for further instructions.

Lisa Levchik
SecretaryElks497@gmail.com

Office Hours Mon & Thurs 1-5pm

Club Hours

Mon-Thurs : **Noon - Til**
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Sunday : **Noon - Til**

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