



Elk Call

December 2023

Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity

Navasota Lodge #2888

P. O. Box 1451, Navasota, Texas 77868



Our local Hoop Shoot is December 2nd from 10- am to 2 pm. It will be at the Rock Gym in Navasota. 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 let the youth about this event and hopefully we will be able to promote our youth at the national competition.

Nancy Vidotto
Secretary
Navasota Lodge #2888

Karaoke 



Navasota Elks Lodge 2888
and
Navasota VFW Post 4006
have teamed together for
another fun filled night of
KARAOKE & DANCING!!
December 1st
7PM-11P
BRING YOUR CASH
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**QUEEN
OF
HEARTS
DRAWING**

50/50 Drawing


* Beer, set-ups & water will be available for purchase @POST
May bring your bottles.
All proceeds for 50/50 support Navasota Sweetheart for children with disabilities
Queen of Hearts support VFWPost 4006











Sunday
December 3, 2023
3:00PM

Elks Memorial Day
Service/Public
Ritual



"Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken"





An Elks Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, December 3 at the VFW at 3:00 p.m. This event is open to everyone. All are welcome!



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. You can even get a ticket or two for a friend! A great Christmas gift idea!
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

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

CAMP gives kids a world of good.
TEXAS ELKS CAMP

DECEMBER LODGE MEETING AND POT LUCK MEAL

We will have one meeting this month on **December 14.**

Social will be a pot-luck at 5:30 p.m. followed by our meeting at 7 p.m. Ham and turkey will be provided, (thank you Mike Callahan!) and we ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share. There will be a white elephant gift exchange for those who wish to participate. \$20 is the suggested limit.

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



12/2	Elease Hill
12/4	David Tullos
12/08	Robert S. Miller
12/20	Louis Vidotto
12/24	Julie Dierlam
12/25	Jonathan Kern
12/27	Sherri King

Navasota Elks #2888 will have their Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 9 and we want you to be a part of the fun! The parade starts at 6:00pm, so I'd like folks to meet at the open lot next to where we do TOTS (Treats on the Streets, at the corner of Railroad and McAlpine) between 4:00 - 4:30pm. Line up will be around 5:00pm.



We will be pulling the DAP trailer and also pull the 20' trailer. So **we would like as many Elks and friends of Elks to join us for the ride!** Elroy will be with us as well. Will need someone to play that role. Come on out and let's spread some Holiday Cheer!

Darrin L. Van Dell

Esteemed Leading Knight
Navasota Elks #2888



MEMBERSHIP

I'd like to talk about Elks membership and how you can talk with family and friends to join us here at Navasota Elks #2888. Elks invest in the community through programs for children, supporting our Veterans, and helping out where needed.

So, how do you get new members and why is it important to increase our membership? Have them come to one of our social hours before meetings to get to meet us. Ask them to help volunteer some time for one of our events in the area. And who knows? They might just wanna stick around and join us and this great organization. Consider gifting a year's membership to a family member. Talk to folks and tell them why you are a member. As lodge membership grows, we can provide more for our community and its residents. Invite your friends and family to come see us, and show them what we do in and around our area.

Sincerely in Elkdom,
Jeff Hampton
Esteemed Lecturing Knight



Join Us in Our Mission

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach



★ **December 16, 2023** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day

Help the
Grimes County Historical Commission
honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on
a veteran's grave this December in
Grimes County, Texas.



WREATHS
across
AMERICA

www.wreathscrossamerica.org



Just scan the QR code to your right with your
smartphone camera to donate online or visit
www.wreathscrossamerica.org/TX0998



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.

Fraternally
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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>



DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 VFW/ELKS Karaoke Night 7-11 pm	2 Hoop Shoot 10am-2pm @ Rock Gym
3 Elks Memorial Service 3pm @ VFW	4	5	6	7	8	9 Holiday Parade Meet @ 4pm Parade @ 6pm
10	11	12	13	14 Potluck Meal 5:30pm 7pm Lodge Meeting	15 Americanism Essay Due	16 Wreaths Across America @ VFW
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Working for our businesses.

936-825-6600

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December

12/02 @ 10:00am -Christmas Sip & Shop Downtown Navasota

12/02 Turner Pierce & Fultz Tent Sale

12/02 - Plantersville Christmas Parade

12/02 @ 10:00am - Elks Hoop Shoot free throw contest

12/02 - Holidazze at the Honey Farm @ Beeweaver

12/02 @ 12:00pm -Wine and Spice and Everything Nice Festival @ Bernhardt Winery

12/03 -Anderson VFD 2nd Annual Christmas Parade

12/06 @ 7:00am -Grimes County Ag Breakfast

12/06 @ 7:00am -Food for Families hosted by: Mid South Electric Co-Op

12/07 @ 6:30pm -Holiday Steak Dinner @ Camp Allen

12/08 @ 7:00am -Home for the Holidays & Navasota Christmas Parade

12/08, 09 @ 6:00pm - Candlelight Christmas Washington on the Brazos

12/07, 08, 09, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17 @ 7:00pm -An O. Henry Christmas Navasota Theatre Alliance

12/16 @ 8:00am - Bedias Pancake Breakfast and Christmas Parade

12/16 @ 10:00am - Wildflower Artisan Market @ Martha's Bloomers

12/16 @ 1:00pm -Winter Solstice Luminary Festival @ Bernhardt Winery

For details about any of the events listed go to navasotagrimeschamber.com

