



## Exalted Ruler

## Lodge 497

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over and we're getting back to a very busy fall. To recap August, we had some amazing events that I wanted to highlight. First, the LOEs had a bingo and dinner night, and what a success it was! We had a packed house and everyone had a lot of fun, all thanks to your LOEs. I know I don't have to mention it, but these ladies (the only LOE organization in the district!) are our lifeblood and help our lodge out more than we could ever say thank you for. Next up was the NW district cornhole tournament. Again, we had a packed house and so much fun and camaraderie with our fellow Elks. Many thanks go to **Shane Blackford** and his team for organizing the event, and we look forward to defending the trophy in the future! Additionally, we have the golf tournament and Veteran's Day parade in the coming months. Both of these are major events for us and we need volunteers, so please ask me or any officer how you can get involved!

September brings us cooler weather (hopefully) and more chances to enjoy your lodge, both inside and out. Please show your Elk pride and enjoy everything your lodge has to offer! As you know, we have the best lodge in the state (yes, I'm biased), so let's share in each other's fellowship and show what Elkdom is all about!

By now you've most likely witnessed the sea wall going up behind the lodge. Your Governing Body has worked hard on getting this project completed so we can not only have protection against the weather but also reclaim some of the land that has eroded behind our lodge. We can put

this area to good use, so please feel free to advance any ideas you might have for its use once completed.

In addition to the seawall, your Governing Body will be addressing some much needed repairs to our lodge in the coming months. The roof of the structure is approaching end of life and the AC system will be in need of replacement soon. As any of you that own property on the beach are aware, salt water takes its toll on these items, and we are doing everything we can to ensure the lodge remains a beautiful place to visit.

Lastly, I wanted to say a heartfelt THANK YOU to every member of this lodge. 497 has the lowest level of delinquent membership in the district, and that is thanks to all of you for continuing to patronize your lodge. We still have some work to do, so please remind your friends that might not have paid their dues that there is still time to do so, and let's get them back into the herd! As ONE TEAM, we can ensure that we continue to grow and prosper, and let's help **President Russ Smith** reach the state goal of 58,000 members by the end of the Elk year!!

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

## Welcome July 2024 NEW Members



# Ladies of the Elks

Fall is fast approaching and the LOE's are as busy as ever! We hosted a successful AED training on Saturday, August 3rd. The training, led by **Will Berry**, featured instruction on the use of the lodge AED. This device is located on the second floor above the popcorn machine. In talking to lodge members, I found that many were unaware that we have an AED. As result, the LOE's have mounted a sign on the outside of the alcove near the kitchen indicating its location. A very special thank you goes to **Will** for taking time out of his busy schedule to teach us about this device. He brought with him **Jeff Owens**, co-owner of G.O. Air Education, who has extensive knowledge in medical education. Between **Will and Jeff**, we learned a lot about when and how to use the AED and had several important questions answered about the machine and its use.

Should you wish to know more about CPR and how to respond in a medical emergency situation, Santa Rosa County offers CPR and Basic First Aid Classes that are free to Santa Rosa County residents. For non-residents, there is a \$30 fee which covers the cost of the certificate. All classes are held at the Santa Rosa County Health Department, 5840 Gulf Breeze Parkway.

## For information on the days and times of the classes, visit...

<https://santarosa.floridahealth.gov/events/2024/05/may-cpr-class-midway.html>

The LOE's hosted a chicken fried steak and bingo night on August 3rd. Tickets for the dinner sold out a week before the event. Nearly 120 people stayed after dinner to play bingo. Everyone seemed to have fun while helping the LOE's raise more than \$2,100 for charity. A HUGE thank you to members and friends who came out that evening in support of our fundraiser!! An EVEN BIGGER thank you goes to **Milton Andress** and helpers who prepared the meal and to **Ron Christian** who called bingo. Thanks also to all LOE members who turned out to set up, serve, work bingo, and clean up after the event.



Our Taco Tuesday crew experienced difficulty in August when their three-crock food warmer broke. When the LOE's learned of this problem, they stepped in and purchased a new one for the kitchen. LOE **Secretary Joy Jackson** presented the new warmer to Taco Tuesday lead **Milton Andress**, who was surprised and thankful for the gift!

Finally, I would like to welcome new LOE's members **Michelle Houldin** and **Anmarie Wright**; both joined this past month. 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, September 5 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**  
LOE President

|                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Exalted Ruler        | Jim Rodriguez        |
| Leading Knight       | Greg Eddins          |
| Loyal Knight         | Ingo Starke          |
| Lecturing Knight     | Shane Blackford      |
| Secretary            | Lisa M. Levchik      |
| Treasurer            | Shannon Fell         |
| Esquire              | Clayton Sanders      |
| Tiler                | Johnny Graves        |
| Chaplain             | Tammy Eddins         |
| Inner Guard          | Hiram Hill           |
| Presiding Justice    | John Unzicker        |
| Lodge Advisor        | Toni Palmer          |
| BOD Chairman         | Greg Eddins          |
| 5 Year Trustee       | Ken Burkner          |
| 4 Year Trustee       | Debra Patroni        |
| 3 Year Trustee       | Dan Smith            |
| 2 Year Trustee       | Will Berry           |
| 1 Year Trustee       | Nina Summer          |
| Accident Prevention  | Ramsey Landry        |
| Americanism          | CK Dupuis            |
| Army of Hop          | Carey Seigle         |
| Asst. Dock Master    | Dave Dalton          |
| Auditing             | Cathy Hendrix        |
| Blood Bank           | Celeste Whisenant    |
| Club Manager         | David Christian      |
| Community Activities | Ron Christian        |
| Dock Master          | David Dalton         |
| Drug Awareness       | Sandra Hansen        |
| Entertainment        | Celeste Whisenant    |
| Flag Day             | Robert Randall       |
| Harry-Anna           | Chris Wells          |
| Hoof Prints          | Steve Dupuis         |
| Hoop Shoot           | David Dalton, Jr.    |
| Investigation        | Ron Castle           |
| Lapsation            | Shelli Branch        |
| LOE President        | Jamie Ferbezar       |
| Maintenance          | Will "Dude" Hausmann |
| Marketing            | Steve Dupuis         |
| Mediator             | Ramsey Landry        |
| Membership           | Lisa Levchik         |
| 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          |



ELKS ENJOYING CHICKEN FRIED STEAK DINNER, AUGUST 3, 2024



# PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE

The following By Law change proposed by member Larry Bragg was read on the floor at a regular member meeting on July 11, 2024. Notice to all members is hereby given that said **proposal will be voted on at the regular member meeting on Thursday, September 12 th at 7PM on the Third Floor of Pensacola Beach Elks Lodge.**

Fellow Elks, Upon completion of the of this lodge building, the members of Lodge 497 agreed to raise the annual dues by \$ 50 per year to assist in paying the mortgage. An important part of that agreement was that, on completion of the mortgage debt, the dues would be reduced by the same \$ 50.It is time to honor that commitment.

**Make a Note, Please Attend  
Final Vote for the Above Proposed Change  
Will be Thur, Sep 12th at 7PM**

As a 30+ year member of this lodge, in accordance with Elks Statue section 17.010;

**I am Proposing a change in article 10 section 2b of the Pensacola Beach Elks Lodge #497 By-Laws for a decrease of the annual dues in the amount fifty dollars (\$50.00) per year, effective April 1, 2025. Said change will read "the regular lodge dues shall be \$90.00 dollars per year", which shall not include the Grand Lodge per capita fee, the Grand Lodge per capita insurance assessment, and State Association dues.**

**Fraternally,  
Larry Bragg**

Mem #001115



## Elks Care and Save Lives The OneBlood Big Red Blood Drive

A big thank you to the 21 donors who donated 22 units of blood. Each unit can save up to three lives, so these donors have the potential to positively impact 66 lives. Our next blood drive will be this November. There is always a shortage of blood, so please take our next opportunity to give your gift of life.

**- Celeste  
Whisenant**



Happy Donor, Andres Alonzo, Jr.



### Blood Donor HONOR ROLL

Thank you for participating in the blood drive at  
Pensacola Beach Elks Lodge #497 on Sunday, August 18 2024

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| ROQUE ROBERT     | RISKIE SARATINA  |
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| GRINSELL WILLIAM |                  |

### Attention: Direction from the Grand Lodge

Grand Lodge often receives inquiries about Section 16.150, Opinion 1-4, of the Laws of the Order, pertaining to Lodge bulletins/newsletters being e-mailed or posted on publicly accessed Elk's website. **To Clarify the main point,**

**DO NOT publish or post Lodge Hoof Prints, other bulletins, newsletters, or notices meant for Members only, on ANY websites or other social media platforms that are open to the public.**



# Karaoke, Come Join Us for Some Fun!

Come check out Karaoke by Shannon on the second Saturday of the month. You don't need to sing to be delightfully entertained. Just come watch and listen. Here are some of the performers from last month.





# September

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
|---|---|---|-----------|--|--|---|
| 1<br><b>NEW TIMES</b><br>BREAKFAST<br>9AM - NOON  | <b>HAPPY LABOR DAY</b><br>Bingo<br>6:00 PM<br>BINGO & BURGERS<br>BURGERS, ADD YOUR OWN TOPPINGS & FRIES | 3<br>Taco Tuesday<br>5:00 - 7:00 PM   | 4         | 5<br>PER Meeting<br>6:00 PM<br>LOE Meeting<br>7:00 PM 3rd Floor<br>Queen of Hearts<br>~8:00 PM | 6<br><b>NEW TIMES</b><br>DINNER<br>The Koolerators<br>(Paul & Jeff)<br>6:00 - 10:00 PM         | 7   |
| 8<br><b>NEW TIMES</b><br>BREAKFAST<br>9AM - NOON  | 9<br>LOE Officers Meeting<br>10 AM 3rd Floor<br>Bingo<br>6:00 PM  | 10<br>Taco Tuesday<br>5:00 - 7:00 PM<br>New Member Interviews<br>Start 5:30PM | 11        | 12<br>Lodge Meeting<br>7:00 PM<br>Queen of Hearts<br>~8:00 PM                                  | 13<br><b>NEW TIMES</b><br>DINNER<br>JP'S TOUCH OF CLASS<br>James Proctor<br>6:00 - 10:00 PM    | 14<br>KARAOKE<br>Singing with Shannon and Sep Birthday Bash |
| 15<br><b>NEW TIMES</b><br>BREAKFAST<br>9AM - NOON | 16<br>Bingo<br>6:00 PM  | 17<br>Taco Tuesday<br>5:00 - 7:00 PM  | 18        | 19<br>BOD Meeting & Governing Body<br>6:00 PM<br>Queen of Hearts<br>~8:00 PM                   | 20<br><b>NEW TIMES</b><br>DINNER<br>Platinum Premier Duo<br>(Misty & Loren)<br>6:00 - 10:00 PM | 21  |
| 22<br><b>NEW TIMES</b><br>BREAKFAST<br>9AM - NOON | 23<br>Bingo<br>6:00 PM  | 24<br>Taco Tuesday<br>5:00 - 7:00 PM<br>New Member Orientation 6PM            | 25        | 26<br>Lodge Meeting & Initiation<br>7:00 PM<br>Queen of Hearts<br>~8:00 PM                     | 27<br><b>NEW TIMES</b><br>DINNER & 'Tomato'<br>6:00 - 10:00 PM                                 | 28  |
| 29<br><b>NEW TIMES</b><br>BRUNCH<br>9AM - NOON    | 30<br>Bingo<br>6:00 PM  |   |           |  |  |   |

Details 

## FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

**NEW TIMES**

**NEW SEATING TIMES**  
5:30PM, 6PM, 6:30PM, & 7PM

**RESERVATIONS**  
CALL LODGE  
**BY THURSDAY**

## TACO TUESDAY

Just Show Up...

**We Can Always Use Help!**

There's a Signup List at the Lodge...



# Elks Do's and Don'ts

No food brought into the Lodge on Bingo night, or any other when food is being served. Scheduled events i.e. birthday parties ect. are OK.

- Popcorn will not be served when we are serving food in the Lodge.
- All guests must be signed in by a member and can NOT pay for liquor.
- No liquor will be brought in or taken from the Lodge.
- Doors are not to be left open for anyone to walk inside.



**Charlie Rotenberry**  
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# From the Secretary

Hello, I have had several members ask me about purchasing pavers. If you would like an order form please contact me at secretaryelks497@gmail.com or call me at the office 850-932-8050. I am in the office Monday and Thursdays 1-5pm. The price varies depending on how many pavers we order. If we order at least five at one time the price is almost cut in half.

## September

**Interviews:** Tuesday, September 10th on the 2nd floor beginning at 5:30pm. Please sign in on the sign-up sheet by the library.

**Orientation:** Tuesday, September 24th 3rd floor 6pm.

**Initiation Meeting:** Thursday, September, 26th, 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**  
Friday : **Noon - Til**  
Saturday : **Noon - Til**  
Sunday : **Noon - Til**

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