



The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America

CRESTVIEW LODGE 2624

Hodge Podge

March 2025

FROM THE EXALTED RULER

- Exalted Ruler: Chris Snelgrove
- Leading Knight: Deb McMullen
- Loyal Knight: Aimee Snelgrove
- Lecturing Knight: Terry A Frame
- Secretary: Ann Moore
- Treasurer: Amanda Rappelli
- Chaplain: Lawrence Medlock
- Tiler: Vacant
- Inner Guard: Mary Larkins
- Esquire: Will Bryan Rogers



Chris Snelgrove, PER
Exalted Ruler

The time has come for me to step down as the ER of our Lodge and hand the reins over to someone new. Two years is a long time but I hope all the hard work has paid off and I leave the Lodge in a better condition than when I took over.

That should be the aim of every ER; To improve conditions, events, membership, operations and finances and I hope this goal and challenge is taken over by the incoming leader of our Lodge, to lead by example, promote the Lodge and support all of it's events.

We have a number of officers stepping down this year for a much needed break. The work of our officers is sometimes overlooked; The hours of service that each gives to our Lodge is a tremendous personal sacrifice and I thank each of every one of them for their commitment to the Lodge. There are a number of officers remaining and new ones stepping up to fill positions; I wish every officer all the very best of luck and will help them out wherever I can.

February saw the return of the ever popular Turkey Shoot. This is our biggest fundraiser and also a great social event. If you haven't been then I strongly advise you come to see what it's all about.

Our pavilion at Elks Field will need some maintenance this year, updating the electrics and repainting will be required. When the call comes, please lend a hand to keep this property in good order for the future.

The kitchen and activities staff continue to excel with meals and events. Please keep a look out on social media and the website for information on what is happening at the Lodge and try to help out whenever you can. There is always lot to do and all help is much appreciated.

Fraternally,
Chris Snelgrove, PER

Trustees 2024-25

- 1-Year: Kelly Joe Colton
- 2-Year: Shirley Johnson
- 3-Year: Niki Pilcher
- 4-Year: James R Wright
- 5-Year: Traci Spencer Medlock

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DISTRICT & STATE HAPPENINGS



- March 14-16: Officer Training -Orlando
- April 5-6: FSEA State Golf Tournament, Sebring
- April 8: Elks night at the Magic, Orlando
- April 19:** DD Clinic, Pensacola Beach Lodge 497
- April 26: Unmasking Autism Gala, St Petersburg
- May 22-24: FSEA State Convention - Orlando

FROM THE SECRETARY



Dear Members,

As my time as Lodge Secretary draws to a close, I wanted to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for the privilege of serving this past year. It has been an incredible learning experience.

The dues are coming in every day now, please keep in mind if your dues are not paid by March 31, you will not be allowed to participate in any of your lodge activities or visit any other lodge. Your lodge needs your continued support to survive.

On behalf of myself and the members I would like to thank the New Officers and wish them a great year.

Ann Moore, PDD Secretary

FROM THE CHAPLAIN



As I sit here this morning, with just a little over three weeks of winter left, I think "I'm glad that this winter is about to be over!" I look forward to spring every year; however, this past winter seemed extra bitterly cold. Most mornings; weather permitting, I walk around in the yard with my morning coffee, I have my quiet time while the dogs do their morning routine, and I look and listen to the signs in the sounds of whatever season it is. In Spring I'm always looking for the new leaves to show up on the trees that I will have to rake up in fall. This morning I noticed that there are still a lot of those leaves still laying in my yard from last fall. I'm looking forward to just a little bit warmer weather to get my lawnmower out and get the yard all cleaned up. I'm ready for the grass to come back and turn green.

Larry Medlock Chaplain

This reminds me of the different meanings of spring:

- **Renewal:** Spring is a time to renew commitments to faith and community.
- **Rebirth:** Spring is a time of rebirth, similar to the story of Jesus's resurrection.
- **New life:** Spring is a reminder that God is making things new, and that there is new life all around us.
- **Growth:** Spring is a time of growth, as seen in the cycles of planting and harvesting.
- **Anticipation:** Spring is a time of anticipation, as we look forward to the fruitful harvest that lies ahead.

It occurs to me that you can sum up or five of those into one word, "Hope."

We don't just hope for warmer weather. We just don't hope for days at the beach. We don't just hope for happy times. Our HOPE is greater than all of those things! Our HOPE is Based on the promises of GOD! Our Hope says it no matter how cold a winter is, no matter how bad our current situation is, no matter how we feel, our God is still in control.

Revelation 21:5 states, And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also, he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

I love the part where God says;" write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true".

It reminds me of being in school when the teacher would tell you this is really important and it will be on the test. God is reminding us in the scripture that he is in control, that he is making all things new, and that his word is trustworthy and true.

My prayer this spring is that we as Elks; remind ourselves and each other, of Philipians 4: 8-9

8: Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

9: Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

May the God of peace be with you.

Amen

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION



Honoring Our Heroes: Crestview Elks 2624 Supports Homeless Veterans

Our veterans fought for us. Now, it's our turn to fight for them.



Niki Pilcher
3-Year Trustee

Too many of our nations heroes find themselves on the streets, facing the brutal cold and the harsh reality of homelessness. These brave men and women sacrificed so much to defend our freedoms, yet many are left without the basic necessities of life. No veteran should be forgotten. No veteran should be without warmth, dignity, or hope.

That's why the Crestview Elks Lodge 2624, with the support of the ENF Spotlight Grant, has stepped up in a powerful act of service and compassion gathering and distributing essential supplies to bring warmth, comfort, and relief to homeless veterans in our community partnering with Crestview Are Homeless Shelter

Standing Together for Our Veterans

With this grant and the dedication of Crestview Elks volunteers, we are providing: 40 pairs of shoes for protection and comfort. 72 hygiene kits, each with a hat and gloves, for cleanliness and warmth. 150 pairs of boxers to restore dignity. 384 pairs of thermal socks to prevent frostbite. 200 body warmers, 300 foot warmers, and 200 hand warmers to fight the cold. 80 tents to offer temporary shelter. 100 sleeping bags for warmth and security.

These items are more than just supplies they are lifelines for veterans struggling to survive the streets.

More Than Giving & Showing We Care

Through this initiative, the Crestview Elks 2624 are not only distributing much-needed resources, but they are also delivering a message: You are seen. You are valued. You are not alone.

The volunteers who came together to pack, organize, and distribute these supplies represent the very best of our community. They are proof that when people unite for a cause greater than themselves, real change happens. They are ensuring that our



Amanda Rappelli, Aimee Snelgrove, Niki Pilcher & Don Pilcher



Amanda Rappelli, James Gaylod, Ann Sprague, Carrie Johnson
Niki Pilcher & Don Pilcher



Registration for the Florida Elks Youth Camp is closing soon!

A project of the Florida State Elks Association, this beautiful and modern 405 acre complex provides a unique camping experience for 7 weeks during the summer to all Florida kids ages 9 through 13.

Camp sessions last from Sunday afternoon to Saturday morning and provide campers with housing, food, and of course, tons of fun!

Our Lodge is part of the North West District, which is part of the Session 2 camp dates: June 15-June 21

Please visit the website at <https://floridaelks.org/camp/> for information including registration details.

Alternatively, email the lodge at info@bpoe2624.org

Aimee Snelgrove is our camp coordinator for this year, you will need her membership details to enter as the sponsor on the registration.



HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Jennifer Dillard	3	Orville Schumaker	15	Kevin Strange	31
Debora Buckles	5	David Welch	17		
Ginny Esmonde	6	Brittany Williams	26		
Traci Medlock	9	Brenda Spencer	31		



AROUND THE LODGE

Welcome to our new members Orville Schumaker & Dave Rodrigez. We already have both hard at work for our Lodge, Orville has been a great help at the Turkey Shoot and Dave will be our new Leading Knight.



Len Endres, Deb McMullen, Chris Snelgrove, Orville Schumaker, Dave Rodriguez, Larry Medlock, Shirley Johnson, Kelly Colton



Brenda Spencer, Amanda Rappelli, Narissa Jenkins, Niki Pilcher, Deb McMullen, Larry Medlock Members of Lodge 2624 presenting Narissa of Healing Hoof Steps with a Beacon Grant of \$4000

AROUND THE LODGE

We had a fantastic Valentines Gala, where we were able to show our appreciation to Darwin & Marilyn Leatherman for all their continued support to the Elks. A special thanks goes out to Amanada for her vision and all of our helpers that decorated and volunteered on the night with cooking, preparing, serving and of course clearing up.



Traci Medlock, Amanda Rappelli, Chris Snelgrove, Darwin Leatherman, Marilyn Leatherman, Aimee Snelgrove, Ann Moore



The lounge scrubs up well

LODGE EVENTS THIS MONTH



SATURDAY MARCH 8

PORK ROAST

with Potatoes & Carrots

\$15 a plate

Serving 6 to 7:30pm

KARAOKE



Fridays March 7 & March 28

TURKEY SHOOT



March
01, 08,
15, 22 & 29

Shoot at targets
for prizes.

Saturdays
8am to 12pm



FRIDAY MARCH 27

6 to 9:30pm

Saturday March 22
**SWISS CHICKEN
BAKE**

\$15 a plate

Serving 6 to 7:30pm



MARCH 2025

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

23	24	25	26 DART LEAGUE Darts Fly at 6:30pm	27	28 POOL TOURNY 6pm to...	1 TURKEY SHOOT 8am to 12pm
2	3	4 Shriners	5 DART SCRAMBLE Darts Fly at 6:30pm	6 LODGE MEETING 7pm	7 KARAOKE 7pm to...	8 TURKEY SHOOT 8am to 12pm DINNER Pork roast \$15 6pm to 7:30pm
9	10	11	12 DART LEAGUE Darts Fly at 6:30pm	13 BOD MEETING 6:15pm	14	15 TURKEY SHOOT 8am to 12pm
16	17	18	19 DART LEAGUE Darts Fly at 6:30pm	20 LODGE MEETING 7pm	21 KARAOKE 7pm to...	22 TURKEY SHOOT 8am to 12pm DINNER Swiss Chicken Bake \$15 6pm to 7:30pm
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