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Official Newsletter of the Galveston Elks Lodge #126



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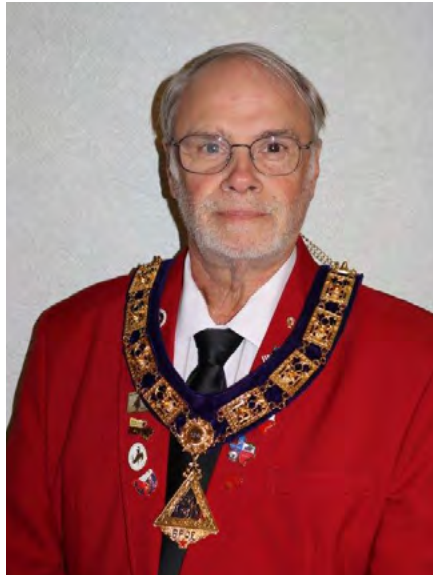
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A word from the Exalted Ruler

Fellow Members of Galveston Lodge,

If you thought July was going to be an uneventful month at the Lodge, boy were we surprised. The month started out with a trip to Minneapolis for the National Convention. This was a fun and educational event that everyone should consider attending at some time. All members are welcome to attend, and the next National Convention will be in Austin, TX. That makes it much more convenient for us to attend and show our support for Galveston Lodge 126.

Our 4th of July celebration was a success and I'd like to thank Don Wade, Tommy Leigh and all that assisted them, for stepping up and making this event a success.

Members continue to show support to their Lodge by attending dinners and events. I am proud of all members for joining the various committees that are going on, both to support their Lodge and their Community. A few of these committees are the Veterans Committee, with chairperson Rachel Sanderson, which has successfully gathered all items needed to put together the Homeless Vet Care bags

that will be handed out next month. Another important committee is the Stampede Committee headed by chairperson Natalie Robertson. This is the Lodge's largest fund raiser, and her committee is working hard to make this a fun event for all of us. Please consider joining this committee, your help can make a difference.

We had an opportunity to attend a graduation ceremony at the Ottine Camp with our lovely Sweetheart, Kara Guthrie. If you haven't had a chance to attend one of these ceremonies, you really should, it helps remind us of why we are Elks. Rusty Carnes arranged for us to have an upgrade to our bus, and we had a fun trip. We then visited the Gonzales Elks Lodge for dinner. Thank you, Julie Molis, for making these arrangements.

We had a fun event that was a first for the lodge, a Comedy Show! Kris Graves has been working hard for a while to make this happen and with the generous donations from Absolute Hospice, Kris was able to accomplish this. This was a great opportunity for members to have a fun night supporting their Lodge. And if you think Kris stopped there, you'd be wrong. She also organized "FUN" Bingo on Friday night. While your ER was serving up food, Kris was calling Bingo numbers to the excitement of all that played. Only \$5 dollars per card for 5 games, you win a free beverage or a prize.

My thanks to all Officers and Members that continue to work hard to make our Lodge a success.

Elks Please Remember:

"The faults of our brothers and sisters we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory."

Steph Cochran

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From the Chaplin

Life is a long lesson in humility.

In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life - It Goes On.

Love the life you live. Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all.

We only get one life and it's precious. I've recently lost a few people in my circle and it's caused me to pause and think about my own mortality and how special life is and that every day is a gift.

Keep smiling, because life is a beautiful thing and there's so much to smile about.

On that note also remember to help others find a reason to smile . It's the little things that can make such a difference in someone else's life. We all have a lot to be grateful for in this world . Don't forget to thank God for being alive!

If I may be of service to you please reach out to me at 281-935-9950. May God bless you and keep you until next time.

Chaplain Joe



To make a difference in someone's life, you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful, or perfect. You just have to care.

~ Mandy Hale



Secretary's Message

Hello members,

I'm back at the office catching up on what is needed from me being gone. If you were issued a temporary membership card while I was gone get with me and I will get you a new card with your info on it. I will be in the office except for the days I have to work the cruise terminal. And I normally don't work on weekends. We are still reaching out to get delinquent members to pay their dues.

Interlodge is August 12th and 13th. I have all things posted on bulletin board.

We are having a blood drive on Friday August 11th. You must sign up on line in order to be registered.

We have important news at the next lodge meeting. So come be a part of the decisions being made.

If you would like to reach me by email you can send it to elkslodge126@gmail.com

Pat Young
Galveston Elks Lodge 126
Secretary

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Hello and Happy August!

Well this month has flown by I had the privilege of taking a trip to the Texas Elks Childrens camp in Gonzalez, Texas with a few of our Galveston members and friends. What an emotional time, to be there for a graduation, and see all the smiling faces. What's more impressive is what the folks accomplish with all the funds contributed by the Sweethearts across the state. What a great experience it was for everyone who attended the trip. I believe everyone who was in attendance would agree, that it is eye opening and puts into perspective what all the effort is for and how impactful our work is for these kids and their families. Amazing!

I'm getting closer and closer to my goal so lets keep up the good work to help the children. Stay tuned for up coming Events. They will be fun!!!

Kara Guthrie
Sweetheart



GALVESTON ELKS LODGE - NEW MEMBERS JULY 30, 2023

L-R Mark Barrington, Keith Irwin, Dione "D" Arnold, Eric Ayles, David Harmon, Ken Harig, Stephanie Bricker



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Stampede Meeting @ 6pm

Steak Night @ 5:30pm

PER Meeting @ 5pm

Chicken Tostadas @ 5:30pm



Membership @ 6pm
BoD/House @ 7pm



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Sunday Funday
12 – 4:00



Veterans CMTE Meeting 5:30pm

Pork Chops @ 5:30pm



Stampede Meeting @ 6pm

Lodge Meeting @ 7pm

Blood Drive @ 1pm

Mystery Meal @ 5:30pm

InterLodge – Katy, Texas

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InterLodge – Katy, Texas

Sunday Funday
12 – 4:00

Ladies Steak Night @ 5:30pm



Mystery Meal @ 5:30pm

Veterans Breakfast @ 10am



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Sunday Funday
12 – 4:00



Lodge Meeting @ 7pm

Chicken Fried @ 5:30pm



Mystery Meal @ 5:30pm

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Sunday Funday
12 – 4:00



Mystery Meal @ 5:30pm





Care package volunteers and donors: Lenny Van Noord, Tommy Leigh, Julie Molis, John Carlson, Kay Pears and friends, Linda Muehlberger, John Graff, Dianna Puccetti, Jim May, Natalie Robertson, Pat Legg and Rachel Sanderson.



What an amazing month! As we reflect on our recent efforts to support our fellow Veterans, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for everyone on the Veterans Committee and our members that donated and help put together care packages for homeless Veterans. With the generous assistance of the Freedom Grant, our initial goal was set at providing 40 care packages for those Veterans in need. It is with immense pride and joy that I announce the tremendous success of our endeavor. We have managed to put together an astounding 54 care packages, surpassing our original target.

The impact of these care packages cannot be overstated. They not only provide essential items and necessities but also serve as a gesture of compassion and support, letting our Veterans know that they are not forgotten and that their sacrifices are deeply appreciated. We will be delivering these care packages to the Texas City and Galveston VA clinics, where they will be distributed to those in need. This small act of kindness will undoubtedly make a significant difference in the lives of our fellow Veterans.

Moreover, I would like to remind everyone about our upcoming Veteran's Breakfast, which will take place on August 19th at 10am. We will hold the breakfast monthly on the third Saturday of every month. This event is a wonderful opportunity for

our Veterans to come together, share stories, and create lasting bonds with each other. It is also an opening for Veterans and guests unfamiliar with our Lodge to learn about Elkdom. We invite all Veterans to attend this event, as it is entirely free of charge. For all others who wish to join and support our cause, there will be a nominal fee of \$5.

Once again, I extend my sincerest gratitude to each member of the committee for your tireless efforts and unwavering dedication to the welfare of our fellow Veterans. It is through our collective strength and passion that we continue to make a positive impact in the lives of those who have served our nation.

If you have any further suggestions or ideas for future initiatives, please do not hesitate to share them during our next committee meeting, scheduled for August 8th at 5:30PM at the Lodge. Your insights and feedback are invaluable as we strive to better serve our Veteran community.

Thank you once again for all that you do. Together, we will continue to make a lasting difference in the lives of our Veterans.

Thank you for everything you do.

Kind regards,

Rachel Sanderson
Veterans Committee Chair
202-699-1050



Elks of the Month *July*

Members of the month for July were announced for this past month's contributions.

These individuals were recognized for going above and beyond their normal duties to help our lodge succeed!! This month we selected 3 exceptional members who have been extremely valuable to us taking on important roles in the office in the absence of our regular officers. They are Dianna Puccetti, Julie Molis and Don Wade. These 3 individuals worked many extra hours to help fill in while our regular members in those jobs were vacationing.

In the office, Julie filled in for Pat, Don filled in for Julie and Dianna helped with membership while Jim was absent! We certainly want to recognize Pat's efforts as well because she was on the phone almost daily helping these individuals complete the duties – but we couldn't justify giving her recognition for being on vacation! LOL! Maybe next month Pat – but we are VERY HAPPY she is back!!



If you have a chance, reach out and wish these Elks a Happy Birthday!

Day	Member		
02	Christian, Bobbie	18	Denton, Brenda
02	Layer, Noel	20	Smith, Melody
03	McGrew, Patricia H	21	Cordray, Helen
06	Marinos, Stanley	22	Knowles, Kenyon
07	Taormina, Charles	22	Legge, Alice
10	Aaron, Kathryn N	23	Irwin, Keith
10	Patrylow, Dianna	23	Presson, Debra
11	Rubio, Jesse	23	Zepeda, Alma
12	Berry, D'Lorah	24	Elmore, Charles V
12	Locklin, Cynthia	24	Muehlberger, Linda
12	Sendejas, Ralph	24	O'Donohoe, Sean
13	Basnight, Todd	25	Millo Jr, Harry
14	Edwards, James	25	Rockers, George
14	Heatley, Peggy	26	Bullacher, John L
15	Conway, Janice	26	Vasquez, Henry
15	Haire, Jack	27	Hughes, Cay M
15	Mendoza, Tony	27	Key, Rick D
15	Moynahan, Jennifer	28	Carlson, John A
15	Vasquez, Billie Sue	31	Addison, Karla
15	Ziegenhorn, David	31	Cotter, Aurora
16	Aubel, Jim	31	Olsen, Charles



One of the ways you can help is volunteer in the Lodge a few hours here and there.

Whether it's helping with work improving the hall, or either behind the bar helping keep things clean or serving a cold beverage. And lets not forget the kitchen or the weekly bingo!

Some these opportunities though, comes some mandated training. Click the logos to the right for more information.





**FREE SATURDAY BREAKFAST FOR ALL VETERANS
\$5.00 FOR NON-VETERANS**

Veterans' Saturday Breakfast

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Galveston, Texas

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texaselks.org

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Loyal Knight	Rachel Sanderson
Lecturing Knight	Don Wade
Secretary	Pat Young
Treasurer	Julie Molis
Chaplain	Joe Simmons
Esquire	John Bullacher
Tiler	John DaPra
Inner Guard	Jim May

2023-2024 Trustees

5th Year	Kris Graves
4th Year	Dianna Puccetti
3rd Year	Patricia Legg
2nd Year	Stanley Marinos
1st Year	Tommy Leigh

2023-2024 Committee Chairs

Committee	Chairperson
Accident Prevention	Stanley Marinos
Activities	Karen Crummett
Americanism	Kathy Aaron
Auditing and Accounting	Jim May
Community Projects & Activities	Steph Cochran
Drug Awareness	Natalie Robertson
Elks Memorial Day	Steph Cochran
Elks National Foundation (ENF)	Julie Molis
Flag Day	Natalie Robertson
Fraternal	Kathy Aaron
Government Relations	Steph Cochran
Hoop Shoot	Natalie Robertson
Lodge Activities	Karen Crummett
Membership	Patricia Legg
PER President	TBD, have ask them
Public Relations	Pat Legg
Ritualistic	Steph Cochran
Soccer Shoot	N/A
State Major Projects	Steph Cochran
Veterans Service	Rachel Sanderson
Youth Activities	Natalie Robertson

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 Julie Molis (2019-20) - Galveston
 Jim May (2020-22) - Galveston
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 Joe Miller (2022-23) - Galveston

Local Lodge Committees

Bingo Chairperson	Kris Graves
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Grant / Scholarships	Dianna Puccetti/Natalie Robertson
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Kitchen Manager	Kris Graves
Memorial Team	Jim May
Newsletter / Communications	Robert Corkren
Visiting Chairperson	Joe Simmons
Volunteer Chairperson	Karen Crummett



Save the Date

- August 11th - Blood Drive
- August 12th - 13th -- InterLodge, Katy, Texas
- August 19th - Veterans Breakfast
- September 4th – Labor Day Celebration
- September 11th – First Responders Appreciation Dinner
- September 15-16 – Sweetheart – Ottine
- October 14th – Stampede
- October 25th – ENF Dinner
- October 29th – Witches Brew Brunch
- October 31st – Trunk or Treat
- November 3-5 – TESA Fall Conference – San Antonio
- November 11th – Veteran's Day Celebration
- November 18th – Hoop Shoot - Galveston
- November 23rd – Friendsgiving
- December 3rd – Elks Memorial Day Celebration
- December 10th – Christmas Caroling
- December 16th – Christmas Party
- December 17th – Christmas Caroling
- December 31st – New Year's Eve Party



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