



Message from the Exalted Ruler, Lowell Neinast

“To do unto others as we would, they should do unto us”; that is the foundation and groundwork of our order. To treat others the way we would want to be treated, the Golden Rule of mankind. We all joined the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks for our own reason, while some of those reasons might be personal, they are still valid reasons. When we took our obligation before the alter, we solemnly promised and swore to “protect our members, their good names and their families, and to RESPECT and defend the purity and sanctity of their homes and firesides”. We may come from different backgrounds, different careers, and different financial situations, but in the end, we are all members of the greatest fraternal organization in the world. We all deserve to be treated with the respect of being an Elk. Let that sink in.

August was a great month, Interlodge was a great success. I want to thank each of you who came to Katy representing Houston #151. It was so exciting to be able to bring home that traveling trophy once again. Thank you to the new members who came out to see what it was all about. I hope you learned something new about our organization.

This month we have the Texas Elks Homecoming event in Ottine. This is a wonderful opportunity to see Elks from around the State of Texas having a great time without having to attend any meetings. The dates are September 16-17, 2023. Renay Bennett has teamed up with Galveston Lodge to get a bus to take care of the traveling. The bus will leave from Houston around 8:00 AM on Saturday, September 16, and return Saturday evening after the live auction. If you have never attended a homecoming, you are in for a treat. It is a blast. I would love to see several of our members come to Homecoming to help support our Lodge Sweetheart, Amber Lindsey. Homecoming is for the sweethearts, and I know Amber will represent our lodge with pride.

A special shout out to the volunteer of the month, Greg Lindsey. Greg has stepped up time and time again to help cook on Wednesdays and other nights to make sure our members and guests are fed. He is a rock star. Thank you, Greg, for everything you are doing.

Yours in Elkdom,

Lowell D. Neinast
Exalted Ruler





FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
GREETINGS BROTHER AND SISTER ELKS!

I assume that you all are as tired of this unrelenting heat as I am. Hopefully relief is on the horizon. We had some great times and fellowship at the Katy Lodge for our Interlodge, Vice Presidents and District Deputy meetings. The meetings were well attended and the information presented was excellent.

We have an important event this month which is our annual Homecoming at Ot-tine September 15th through the 17th. This is a fun filled weekend of fundraising and fellowship. If you have never attended a Homecoming, you are missing out on something that represents what we as Elks stand for.

We are not doing well in bringing new members into our Lodge. Surely many of you know someone who would be a good member, bring them out to the Lodge and show them what we are all about and what we have to offer. We need your help.

We have a lot of activities coming up at our Lodge, please come out and be a part of them.

As always, thank you for all that you do for our Lodge and for Elkdom.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Jim Grissom

Secretary
Texas Gulf Coast District Leader



Sickness and Distress is always in order
Prayers are needed for....

Mary Helen Hinkle, Mother in law of Liz Hinkle
Passing of the Mother of Julie Molis. PER Galveston
Chuck Williams, PGER
Sally Weiss, wife of Orville Weiss, PGE
Tom Nuckles
Susan Midyett
Granddaughter of Robert Hood
Larry Hinson, Son in law of Martha Gutierrez
Passing of the Uncle of Kristen Dube
Friend of John Gerber
Jack Johnson, friend of Cindy and Lynn Harris
Friend of Troy Lynn Betenbaugh
Bill Klien, friend of Ken Boyd
Rachel Agriesti
Jim Grissom
Ikey Sal Haney
John Gerber





FROM THE ESTEEMED LEADING KNIGHT

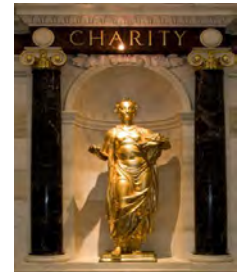
With the recent wildfires in Maui we have been hearing a lot about the spirit of Aloha. It's true, there is culturally a very special spirit of love, family, and generational history that is proudly passed down and protected. The Aloha spirit also means extending help to those in need whether you know them or not. Does this sound familiar to you? As Elks we have a very similar spirit of Elkdom. The Elk order is built on the foundation of charity to those in need, brotherhood to each other and our families, love and protection, and generational history proudly protected and passed down. Our rituals during

initiation are much more than just the new members assuming their obligation as an Elk. Through the stories passed along at each of the officers' stations the history and culture of Elkdom unfolds.

Currently, one of our members, Daniel Dube' who works for FEMA, has been deployed to New York for a year to aid those impacted by the floods. Aside from having many members who are legacy Elks, including your Exalted Ruler and Esteemed Leading Knight; our lodge currently has three generations represented as active members. The Noor most precious treasure; our members' family is represented by Richard Novak Sr., your Esteemed Loyal Knight Richard Novak, and your Tiler Chris Novak. So there is clearly a spirit of Elkdom that not only exists but thrives within Houston 151! Let's celebrate this and continue to protect and preserve

Fraternally Yours,

Cindie Pridy
Esteemed Leading Knight



FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Dear members, hopefully the hot "Dog Days" of summer are ending soon. If you've been at the lodge in the evening, you've probably noticed that our Elks' street sign is burning brightly again. There were a couple of bulbs burned out and a ballast was repaired. Also, we have a new Bingo sign down below. The faded blistering one has been replaced. Speaking of Bingo, the number of players every week is growing. The attendance is larger now than before Covid.

Please come out and enjoy Thursday evenings at the lodge. The snack bar is open, serving,

pizza, burgers, nachos, and chili dogs. The payouts have been over \$2,675 each week. Come on down and claim your share. Speaking of Bingo, if you could volunteer just one night a month it would be greatly appreciated. The trees surrounding the parking lot have been trimmed. College football and NFL games will be starting soon so plan on coming down to the lodge to watch the games as you can watch multiple games on Saturday & Sunday. The Lodge appreciates your support.

Fraternally,

Mark Sal Haney
5 year Trustee



From the Past Exalted Rulers Association



Greetings to all our members of Houston Elks Lodge 151
and all Friends of Houston 151,

Can you believe that it is already September? Do you know what that means? Yes folks, college football has started. In addition, we may start to see some cooler weather. Welcome to southeast Texas. What else does September bring? It brings the start of a new school year. Folks, when you are driving in a school zone pay attention. Stay off your phone, and always stop for school buses that are loading or unloading students.

Your Lodge has its annual Labor Day BBQ this month. Folks, come on over to your Lodge for some great BBQ that day. The pool is still open also.

In the great state of Texas there is an event in September that is very important to our special needs kids. That event is Homecoming. It is when all the Sweethearts in Texas get together to raise funds for the camp at Ottine. Homecoming is our way of saying thank you to all who support our Sweethearts throughout the year. If you have never been to Homecoming in Texas go to Gonzales and visit the camp at Ottine. You will not be disappointed.

Fraternally,

Mike Betenbaugh,
Houston 151 PER President

UPCOMING EVENTS

| | |
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| Sept 1 | Steak Night |
| Sept 3 | Labor Day Party |
| Sept 14-17 | Ottine Homecoming |
| Sept 22 | Murder Mystery Dinner & Show |
| Oct 6-8 | Veterans Retreat at Ottine |
| Oct 7 | Veterans Day at Houston 151 |
| Oct 31 | Trunk n Treat |
| Nov 18 | Holiday Market |

**Come out every Sunday and enjoy a Fun Day with good Friends and Food
and Football**

Come out every Wednesday and enjoy a great menu of wings and things

Happy Birthday!

Birthdays for the Month of :SEPTEMBER

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| 01 | Thomas Player |
| 03 | Joyce Arnold Randal Scott Pierson |
| 04 | David R. Hall John A. McDaniel |
| 06 | Ikey Sal Haney |
| 08 | Darlene Crisamore |
| 10 | L.V. Brown, |
| 11 | Edwin Rumsey |
| 12 | Dale Purington Glen Schlosse |
| 13 | Rachel Agriesti Mark E. Sal Haney |
| 15 | David Lindstrom Gordon Parham Jo Quist Edwin R. Swedberg |
| 16 | Dorothy F. Horvath William R. O'Neil |
| 17 | John William Farley |
| 19 | Albert C. Felts James R. Slaybaugh Jamie Renee Walker |
| 20 | Curtis M. Garver |
| 23 | James D. Snyder |
| 24 | Kent D. Cavender Mark D. Moore |
| 26 | Lindsey Taylor |
| 29 | Edgar Blair Andrew Mishaga |
| 30 | Deborah Richwagen |

VOLUNTEER FOR THE MONTH of SEPTEMBER



Greg Lindsey

Houston 151 at Gulf Coast District InterLodge hosted at the Katy Lodge 2628



Sunday Fun Days brings old Friends to 151 and new additions



What's Happening around Houston 151

Fun in the Pool



Our New Bartender—Welcome to the 151 Family. Thank you Ann G.



**Our Dinner and Play—all to benefit Elks National Foundation
Thank you Renay Bennett and all who helped make the event a great success**



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**The Stars of the Play
Donna Cooley and Lowell Neinast**



Need A Ride To Homecoming?? Catch A Ride On The Gulf Coast District Bus

Saturday, September 16th

2 Pick up & Drop Off locations to choose from
Houston Lodge #151 & Galveston Lodge #126

Galveston pick up time is promptly @ 7:00 a.m.
Contact Julie Molis to reserve a seat for
Galveston pick up.

Houston pick up time is promptly @ 8:30 a.m.
Contact Renay Bennett to reserve a seat for
Houston pick up.

Each pick up location has 26 seats to fill so they
will go fast.

Return trip will be leaving the camp at 7:00 p.m.
Snack food & drinks will be available on the bus.
You are welcome to bring your own food, drinks
and coolers with you to have at camp. There is a
storage compartment on the bus. The bus does
have a bathroom.

\$40.00 per person.



LODGE OFFICERS 2023- 2024

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| Exalted Ruler | Lowell Neinast, PER |
| Est. Leading Knight | Cindie Pridy |
| Est. Loyal Knight | Richard Novak |
| Est. Lecturing Knight | John Gerber |
| Secretary | Jim Grissom, PDDGER SRDL |
| Treasurer | Joy Olmos, DDGER |
| Tiler | Chris Novak |
| Esquire | Lynn Harris |
| Chaplain | Terrie Wetz |
| Inner Guard | Susan Midyett |
| 1-Year Trustee | Renay Bennett , PER, GCVP |
| 2-Year Trustee | Andy Mishaga, PSP, PDDGER |
| 3-Year Trustee | Martha Gutierrez |
| 4-Year Trustee | Sally DiPalma, PDDGER |
| 5-Year Trustee | Mark Sal Haney |



**Bingo is at the Lodge every
Thursday doors open at 6pm!**

**Volunteers are needed...
Contact Joy Olmos**

COMMITTEE CHAIRS/COORDINATORS 2023–2024

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Accident Prevention | Mark Sal Haney |
| Americanism | Al Olmos PER |
| Auditing & Accounting | Ken Boyd PDDGER |
| Bar Manager | Ann Grissom |
| Bingo | Joy Olmos, DDGER |
| Community Activities | Cindie Pridy |
| Drug Awareness | Richard Novak |
| Elks Memorial Day | Ramona Mishaga, PER,PFL |
| Elks National Foundation | Renay Bennett PER |
| Flag Day | Lowell Nienast PER |
| Fraternal Comm. | Jim Grissom PDDGER SRDL |
| Friends of 151 | Ann Grissom |
| Grant Coordinator TECSI | Sally DiPalma PDDGER |
| Grant Coordinator CIP | Ramona Mishaga PER, PFL |
| Government Relations | John Atwood, SDGER, |
| Hoop Shoot | Ken Boyd PDDGER |
| Indoctrination | Mike Callahan, PSP |
| Investigation | Jack Grabby PER |
| Kitchen Manager | Renay Bennett, PER |
| Lodge Activities | Renay Bennett. PER |
| Lodge Bulletin | Ramona Mishaga, PER,PFL |
| Membership | Sally DiPalma PDDGER |
| Membership Retention | Jim Grissom, PDDGER,SRDL |
| National Veterans Service | Lynn Harris |
| PER Association | Mike Betenbaugh, PER |
| Public Relations | Ramona Mishaga, PER, PFL |
| Ritual | Andy Mishaga, PSP |
| Scholarship | Cindie Pridy |
| State Major Project | Amber Lindsey |
| Veterans Services | Lynn Harris |
| Youth Activities | Cindy Harris |



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September 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 Steak Night Dinner 6pm \$10 | 2 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6pm |
| 3 Labor Day BBQ Food 2 pm \$15 | 4  Happy Labor Day LODGE CLOSED | 5 Dinner 6pm \$11 Shepherd's Pie by Cindy Harris Membership Mtg 7pm Lodge Meeting 7:30pm w/ PER Meeting to follow | 6 Wings n Things 5-6:30pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30pm | 7 BINGO 7 pm House Committee and Board Meeting 6:30 pm | 8 | 9 Hall Rental 3-7 Renay OOD Queen of Hearts Drawing 6pm |
| 10  Football Fun Day! Texan(away) Football Game at Noon | 11 LODGE CLOSED | 12 Dinner 6pm \$11 PER Spaghetti Lodge Meeting 7:30pm | 13 Wings n Things 5-6:30pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30pm | 14 BINGO 7pm | 15 Homecoming at Ottine | 16 No Drawing |
| 17  Football Fun Day! Texan (home)Football Game at Noon | 18 LODGE CLOSED | 19 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm w/ Balloting Tracks Deadline | 20 Wings n Things 5-6:30pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30pm | 21 BINGO 7pm | 22 Murder Mystery Show & Pork Chop Dinner | 23 Hall Rental 7-11 Cinde P OOD Queen of Hearts Drawing 6pm |
| 24  Football Fun Day! Texan (away) Football Game at Noon | 25 LODGE CLOSED | 26 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm w/ Initiation | 27 Wings n Things 5-6:30pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30pm | 28 BINGO 7pm | 29 | 30 Hall Rental 3-7 Martha OOD Queen of Hearts Drawing 6 pm |

