



**Message from the Exalted Ruler, Lowell D. Neinast**

HAPPY NEW YEAR! My, how time flies. New year, new lodge. Let us make it our combined resolution to make Houston #151 prosperous in 2024. We can achieve this by encouraging our members to participate, bringing in new members, and of course volunteering to help support our programs. They say it takes a village to raise a child. I say it takes dedicated Elks to raise a lodge back to the glory days. We can do it; I know we can.

We held a couple of big events in December, and it was great to see so many members participate. We even had family members of our members working hard to make sure the events were successful. I am talking about our Christmas party, and of course the Christmas Veteran's event. Not to mention our wonderful movie night and Elk's Annual Memorial Service. We had a great month. We can do this every month if we try. What a terrific opportunity to invite guests and show them what we are all about.

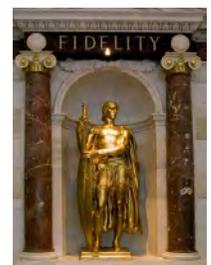
The month of January will be busy as well, both in the lodge and around the district. Our Hoop Shoot event will take place this month, as well as the District Hoop Shoot event which will be held in Galveston. This will be a fantastic opportunity for fellowship and a good lunch on the seawall. I know we have another movie coming up in January as well. If you have not made one of these movie nights, you are missing a fun time. Do not forget about the Gulf Coast District Interlodge which will be held at the Clear Lake Lodge on January 20, 2024. This is a wonderful opportunity to see what other lodges are doing. All Elks are invited to attend.

I have so many shout-outs this month for Elks and volunteers who have dedicated their time to make sure we have successful events. First, Lynn and Cindie Harris, thank you for the painting event, it was impressive as was movie night. Kara, Troy Lynn, and Karen, you rocked the Veteran's Party. Of course, all the volunteers who helped cook, serve, participate, and so on. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

A special shout out to the volunteer of the month, Earline Grabbe. Earline has been around the lodge for years yet just recently became a member. She has stepped up to help at every event. Earline, it has not gone unnoticed. Enjoy your parking space for the month of January.

Bring a friend to the lodge and let us show them we really are the Best People on Earth.

Yours in Elkdom,  
Lowell D. "Noley" Neinast / Exalted Ruler





## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WHEW, we made it through the Holidays.

Now that we are all back, it's time to get to work. We need help with recruiting new Elks, I know that there are many of you who have friends or family that would be a good fit for our wonderful organization...

Everything in the office is back to normal, functioning and in compliance with the requirements of our organization.

Participation by our members continues to be a little slow. We have never recovered from Covid when members turned to other things besides the Lodge. We need all of our members to participate.

Dues notices will be going out soon and you will notice a \$5.00 increase. This is not the fault of the Lodge it is an increase to the Grand Lodge Assessment that we are required to pay. Don't shoot the messenger.

Hope to see you soon at the Lodge and as always thanks for all that you do for our Lodge and our great order.

Fraternally,

Jim Grissom



## FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Happy New Year!

May the New Year bring you good fortune and good luck in everything that you do and in everything we as Elks do.

Its time to look ahead at the projects the board has been working on. Before long, summer will be upon us and now is the time to do the improvements to the patio. We have purchased the new ceiling fans and will be getting those installed before Summer arrives. Also, we are looking into doing pool maintenance before the season is upon us. We also will be looking into the hot/cold water issue at the sinks and the mildew that Trustee Sally DiPalma found in the women's restroom under the sink.

To do any improvement or maintenance the board must go out and get quotes, evaluate the quotes, check the budget for the work that we are requesting and vote for the improvement or maintenance to that needs to be brought before the floor of the lodge. It is a cycle but one that we as the board must follow.

Remember, if you have a recommendation do not be afraid to let a board member know. As always, any member of our lodge can attend our regularly scheduled monthly Board of Directors meeting

Fraternally,

Renay Bennett  
1st year Trustee





## FROM THE PAST EXALTED RULERS ASSOCIATION

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

Now that Christmas and New Year's have come and gone for another year we can now take time to catch our breath some. Hopefully everyone is doing well after the Christmas season.

Where do we go from here you may ask? You may also ask what can I do to help around your Lodge? To answer the first question is that we need to keep supporting all of the individuals that your Lodge is tasked to do so. The second question is answered by asking what committee can I help on?

There have been some recent activities around your Lodge that have been led by your Sweetheart, your Lodge activities committee, and your Veterans committee that have also answered the questions that are above. The activities are Paint with a Twist, your Lodge movie nights, and our yearly Veterans Christmas dinner. All of these activities have been very well attended due to the efforts of all involved.

I want to say Thank You to everyone who can step up to the plate and do what we as an Elks Lodge needs to do. All of your efforts are very much appreciated.

In closing I would like to borrow a quote from Lou Holtz who was the head coach of the University of Arkansas football team for quite some time. It is as follows.

“Ability is what you capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do.  
Attitude determines how well you do it.”

Fraternally,

Mike Betenbaugh PER  
151 PER Association President.



## FROM THE LODGE SWEETHEART

Happy New Year to our Lodge Family & Friends.

Looking forward to some upcoming events like Fun and Games, Painting with a Twist, and a Jewelry making class, so you can create earring, pendants, and book markets for you and your loved one just in time for Valentines Day.

Look for more information to come.

Happy New Year,

Troy Lynn Betenbaugh  
Houston 151 Sweetheart





Jim Grissom  
Rachel Agriesti  
John Gerber  
Mike Betenbaugh  
Tim Hadsell  
Laura Player  
Mother of Kara Leos  
Mother of Sally DiPalma  
Mother of Sally DiPalma's Sister In Law  
Sister of Martha Gutierrez  
Bonnie Griffies  
Lisa Huddle  
Dave Hall  
Ed Goodwin  
Tom Player  
Brother of Tom Player  
John Farley  
Kathy Hinkle  
Friend of Cindy Harris  
Family of Pere Harvey

Passing of Dan Dube's Stepfather  
Passing of a Family member of Al Olmos family





## Birthdays for the Month of JANUARY

01	George Eggleston Carl Holtz Stephen Pinn Dennis C. Taylor
03	Danny Villareal
04	Frank Ballard
08	Hubert Baker
09	Nicole Raper
11	Jared Hanawalt David Rawlins
12	Rolland Pate
16	William Coss
17	Jamie Borham
18	Ramona H. Mishaga Deja Marie Patterson
19	Robert C. Nipper
23	Curtis C. Baca
24	Mark Dillion Mike Ellerbrock
25	Stanton J. Loibl
26	Deborah Cooper
27	Allen Brier Emily E. Hammond
31	Sonya Green Davison Richard L. Novak



## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Earline Grabbe



# Upcoming Events

## January 2024

- Jan. 2** Lodge Meeting 7:30pm
- Jan. 5** Steak Night 6pm
- Jan. 9** Lodge Meeting 7:30pm
- Jan. 13** Houston Lodge Hoop Shoot 9am
- Jan. 13** Movie Night 6:30pm
- Jan. 14** Sweetheart Jewelry Making Event 2pm
- Jan. 16** Lodge Meeting 7:30pm
- Jan. 20** InterLodge at Clearlake Lodge
- Jan. 23** Lodge Meeting 7:30pm
- Jan. 26** Sweetheart Dinner 6pm
- Jan. 27** District Hoop Shoot in Galveston
- Jan. 28** Fun n Games event for ENF
- Jan. 30** Lodge Meeting 7:30pm

## February 2024

- Feb. 2** Steak Night 6pm
- Feb. 6** Lodge Meeting 7:30pm
- Feb. 9** Sweetheart Dinner 6pm Chicken Pot Pie  
Lodge Dating Game party to follow dinner
- Feb. 11** Super Bowl Game with Souper Bowl Cook Off
- Feb. 13** Lodge Meeting 7:30pm
- Feb. 14** Valentine's Day Dinner Event
- Feb. 17** Movie Night 6:30pm
- Feb. 20** Lodge Meeting 7:30pm
- Feb. 27** Lodge Meeting 7:30pm

**Lodge Meeting 7:30pm—every Tuesday**

**Wednesday Wings n Things 5pm – every Wednesday**

**BINGO 7pm (gates open at 6pm) – every Thursday**



**HOUSTON ELKS  
LODGE #151  
HOOP SHOOT  
January 13, 2024**

**Hoop Shoot Location:**

**Stafford Early Childhood Center  
(Formally Stafford Intermediate School)**

**1350 Constitution Ave,  
Stafford, TX 77477**

**Registration is from 9:00 am - 10:00 am**

**Hoop Shoot Starts @ 10:00 am**

**Open to Boys & Girls ages 8 to 13.**

**Contestants must be at least 8 and no older than  
13 as of April 1, 2024, in order to participate.**

**Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available.**

**Questions Contact: Kenneth Boyd  
(281) 352-9676**

# Texas Gulf Coast District #8560

## January Interlodge

Saturday January 20, 2024  
Clear Lake Elks Lodge #2322  
623 Hanson Rd, Kemah, Texas

- Interlodge Meeting @ 1:00 p.m.
- Sweetheart Meeting @ 3:00 p.m.
- PER Meeting @ 3:30 p.m.
- VP Clinic @ 4:00 p.m.
- District Deputy update immediately after the VP Clinic
- Dinner Served @ 6:00 p.m.
- Fun @ Games @ 7:00 p.m.
- Walk of Lodges @ 8:00 p.m.

Meeting times are subject to change due to overruns/under-runs.

Information for hotels in the area.

South Shore Harbour Resort - 2500 South Shore Blvd, League City  
(281) 334-1000

Courtyard by Marriott Houston Kemah - 805 Harris Ave, Kemah  
(281) 334-0003 This is the closets to the lodge.

# ELKS HOOP SHOOT

**District Competition**

*Texas Gulf Coast #8560*

McGuire-Dent Recreation Center  
2222 28th Street  
Galveston, Texas 77550

**January 27, 2024 at 9am**



For more information scan here

**Sponsored by Galveston Lodge and community**

# Houston 151 Annual Elk Memorial Service



# Annual Lodge Christmas Party



# Annual Lodge Christmas Party



# Houston 151 Annual Veterans Christmas Party



## LODGE OFFICERS 2023- 2024

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, PDDGER
Tiler	Chris Novak
Esquire	Lynn Harris
Chaplain	Terrie Wetz
Inner Guard	Susan Midyett
1-Year Trustee	Renay Bennett , PER, PGCVP
2-Year Trustee	Andy Mishaga, PSP, PDDGER
3-Year Trustee	Martha Gutierrez
4-Year Trustee	Sally DiPalma, PDDGER
5-Year Trustee	Mark Sal Haney

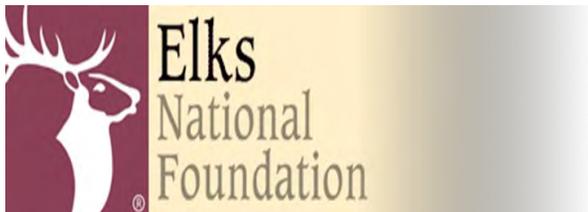
## COMMITTEE CHAIRS/COORDINATORS 2023-2024

Accident Prevention	Mark Sal Haney
Americanism	Al Olmos PER
Auditing & Accounting	Ken Boyd PDDGER
Bar Manager	Ann Grissom
Bingo	Joy Olmos, PDDGER
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 Grabbe PER
Kitchen Manager	Renay Bennett, PER
Lodge Activities	Cindy Harris
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	Trpy Lynn Betenbaugh
Veterans Services	Lynn Harris
Youth Activities	Cindy Harris



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

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



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**elks.org**



**American  
Red Cross**

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# January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 2024 Happy New Year! 	2 Membership Mtg 7 pm Lodge meeting 7:30pm and PER meeting to follow	3 Wings n Things 5-6:30pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30pm	4 BINGO 7pm	5 Steak Night Dinner 6pm \$10	6
7	8 <b>Lodge Closed</b>	9 Dinner 6pm \$11 PER Spaghetti Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	10 Wings n Things 5-6:30pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30pm GC District Advisory meeting 6pm	11 BINGO 7 pm HC/BOD meeting 6:30 pm	12	13 Lodge Hoop Shoot 9am at Stafford Middle Gym Movie Night 6:30pm (Cindy H chair)
14 Sweetheart Fundraiser Jewelry Making Event 2-5pm	15 <b>Lodge Closed</b>	16 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm Tracks Deadline	17 Wings n Things 5-6:30pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30pm	18 BINGO 7pm	19	20 InterLodge, VP & DD Meetings at Clearlake Lodge
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28 Fun & Games event for ENF (Susan M chair)	29 <b>Lodge Closed</b>	30 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	31 Wings n Things 5-6:30pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30pm			