



Message from the Exalted Ruler, Renay Bennett

Greetings Fellow Elks and Friends,

As I sat down to write this article I was thinking about the upcoming elections in the lodge. I came across this article by another member in another lodge in our district and it really hit home. I thought I would share it with you. Thank you Neil Hines from Katy for sharing your thoughts and allowing me to share it with the membership of Houston 151.

The seasons change and time passes in due course. The flower grows, blooms, and then ends its time in the sun. It is natural and dreaded at times as well as welcomed by others. It is the progression of our universal life cycle.

Our Elk year ends March 31, 2023. During the month of February, we start selecting our leadership for the New Year. The first two Tuesdays we take nominations and we vote for new officers on the third Tuesday.

There are the normal, but few elected positions followed by many appointed positions of leadership as well. Both elected and appointed positions are very important to the successful functioning of our lodge.

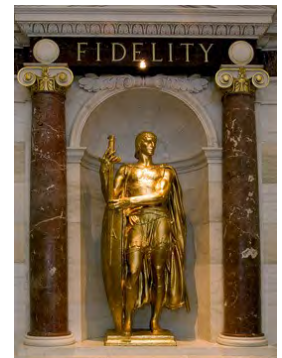
Since these positions are important to our success, we must sincerely consider every person who is nominated, elected, and appointed. These are serious positions and as with our oaths, I cannot express their importance.

I believe that the leadership of the last year has proven themselves competent, excelling in some areas and overcoming obstacles in all. They faced many challenges, through dedication and commitment endured, and overcame them. When I look at our last year, I can say with great pride that our leadership was very nice successful.

Why does this matter? I ask each member to judge what our leadership has done as a team and individually. If those in chairs excelled in their positions, then I suggest they progress to the next chair. If you have members in appointed positions that have conducted themselves in a manner that may benefit our lodge, reappoint them if they are willing to serve. I believe each of our positions, elected and appointed, demands a proper review.

However, I do not believe that positions are inherited. We have no "right to succession." We need members to find their passion and serve in either elected or appointed positions. I look for 'competency' in all positions. Positions of leadership should not be 'popularity contests. If a person is nominated for a position, we must think about their qualifications as well as their personality and popularity.

Therefore, look around, judge the performance of our leadership and commitment of our membership and decide on the direction we want our Lodge and service to our community to go. It is all up to us-The Membership. (Con't)



February Volunteers of the Month
Richard Novak and Chris Novak

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At this time, I would like to thank Terrie Wetz for all of her hard work this part year as our Lodge Sweetheart. Terrie and her team have raised money for our State Major Project all Elk yearlong. It takes the work of many volunteers to make the Sweetheart program work. A heartfelt THANKS goes out to each one of you that have bought a raffle ticket, a meal or donated items.

Fraternally,

Renay Bennett

Exalted Ruler

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY



IT'S ELECTION TIME

We will be having nominations for officers for the 2023-2024 Lodge Year. We would like to see some new officers, but make sure that you are willing to assume the duties, responsibilities and commitment that comes with being an officer in your Lodge.

Come out to the Lodge and support our activities.

MEMBERSHIP! We definitely need your help. We still have members on the delinquent list who will be dropped in March. We also need new members. Each member should consider themselves members of the membership committee.

As always, thank you for what you do for our Lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Jim Grissom
Secretary
Gulf Coast District Leader



FROM THE ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT



Hi everyone!

In the past eight weeks I've been reporting on Philip Hudson and Cindy Rowland who have been in the hospital. Philip is finally out of the hospital and moved to a rehab center. Cindy is still there so please keep them in your prayers. Tom Player is being treated lately as an outpatient for pneumonia and anemia and is getting back to normal.

On January 10th I got a message that my good friend, Mark French, had passed away. You may know that he and Russ Bailiff built all the cabinets, shelving, wains coatings, trophy case, and the bar at our Lodge. Funeral arrangements will be fourth coming.

Happily, I've not heard of any COVID cases for Lodge members this reporting period. Remember members, please keep checking on your friends and relatives, making sure they are OK!

Fraternaly Yours,

Fred Scholibo
Esteemed Lecturing Knight



FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Hello Fellow Elks!

The trustee's are working hard this month and last month. The kitchen freezer and the bar cooler have both gone out. Major leak on the outside piping to the piping for the pool spigot and a major leak in the copper with the water heater.

I am sure there are a few other things that I just can't remember. I have searched for the best price I can find. Which in turn took me to many restaurant supply stores !

We are working to make the lodge whole again so please be patient with us.

Fraternally.

Ann Grissom
1 Year Trustee



FROM YOUR LODGE SWEETHEART



Upcoming events:

January 27, 2023: Sweetheart Dinner provided by Lisa Huddle and Ken Boyd. Menu TBD

February 3, 2023: Steak Night

February 11, 2023: Sweetheart Charity Ball

(Location: Clear Lake Lodge) Theme: 80's Prom

The cost is \$35 per person and includes dinner, wine, beer, well drinks, and a live band. See Terrie for tickets.

Flyer coming soon

I still have
t-shirts and salsa
for sale.



At Texas Elks Camp having a difference, doesn't make a difference.

YOUR SWEETHEART DONATIONS MAKE
A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF
CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

AROUND the LODGE

Lodge meeting with power outage



Houston Lodge at Katy Lodge for a Sweetheart event with the Traveling Trophy



Lodge Hoop Shoot



Lodge Sponsored Little League Presentation



Lodge ENF Donation Match



AROUND the LODGE

Gulf Coast District Hoop Shoot



- Feb 3 - Steak Night
- Feb 11 - Charity Ball at Clear Lake Lodge
- Feb 12 - Lodge Super Bowl Party w/ Souper Bowl Cookoff
- Feb 18 - State Hoop Shoot in Dallas at RL Turner HS
- Mar 3 - Steak Night
- Mar 11 - Officer Training at Houston
- Mar 17 - PER Reverse Draw Dinner Event
- Mar 17 - SW Regional Hoop Shoot in Dallas
- Apr 1 - New Officer Installation

LODGE OFFICERS 2022 - 2023

Exalted Ruler	Renay Bennett PER, GCVP
Est. Leading Knight	Cindy Roland
Est. Loyal Knight	Cindie Pridy
Est. Lecturing Knight	Fred Scholibo
Secretary	Jim Grissom, PDDGER SRDL
Treasurer	Michael Callahan, PSP, PDDGER
Tiler	John Gerber
Esquire	Joy Olmos, DDGER
Chaplain	Richard Novak
Inner Guard	Ramona Mishaga, PER, PFL
1-Year Trustee	Ann Grissom
2-Year Trustee	Lowell Neinast PER
3-Year Trustee	Andy Mishaga, PSP, PDDGER
4-Year Trustee	Martha Gutierrez
5-Year Trustee	Sally DiPalma, PDDGER



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

**Volunteers are needed..
Contact Darlene Crisamore**

Death of a Member

Mark French



*Sleep My Brother
and may Peace be with you....*

Birthdays for the Month of February

- 02 Flor, Frances
- 03 Dunlap, Kevin W
- 03 Krauss, Michael G
- 03 Ramos, Deena Marie
- 05 Gilentine, Scott
- 07 Greene, Lynda L
- 10 Lee, John H
- 10 Stonecypher, Joseph
- 11 Carlisle, Monique
- 11 Daebelliehn, Joslyn
- 13 Avioli, James P
- 17 Leos, Kara Gail
- 18 Wetz, Terrie Lynn
- 21 Ybarra, Robert
- 22 Hood, Robert E
- 25 Barnum, Porter D
- 25 Cullum, Don
- 27 Donellan, Betty
- 27 Long Jr, Forrest D
- 28 Ortiz, Jo Ann

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

Philip Hudson
Cindy Rowland
Kristen Baker
Ron Gruber
Tom Player

Death of the Uncle of Bryan Youngs