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From The Exalter Ruler

Fellow Elks



We have come to the end of another Elk Year. We were challenged with a pandemic lasting the full year and it's still taking its toll on everyone. As we are seeing less people infected with the virus, make no mistake, this virus is still taking lives and making hardships for all of us. We still ask everyone who comes to our Lodge to wear your mask and to continue social distancing while in our Lodge.

April 1st will see new officers join me to lead our lodge. While most will be in different Chairs and have new responsibilities, I can assure you of their hard work and loyalty to our Lodge.

I want to extend my appreciation to all members who came out to support OUR Lodge and a big Thank You to the following individuals for their extra service:

- Ron Arteaga for your hard work and all the time you gave to fixing what needed to be fixed, you volunteered to cook on burger night every Wednesday we were open and on our curbside dinners.
- Frank Lopez for all your valuable time you spent on rewiring the speakers and for helping Ron on the bar windows.
- Albert Flores for coming out to help with repairs and curbside dinners and for your donation of a clothes washer.
- Paula Albert for all the time you gave taking care of Lodge business, straitening out the bar and getting the bar read to open. Paula, you went above and beyond your duties. During the freeze, you checked the Lodge every day and you were the one who discovered the busted pipes and leaking water. You cleaned up the water and kept the leakage for causing further damage.
- Larry Albert for keeping the inside as well as the outside of our Lodge looking great. Everyday you're mopping the inside then you go and pickup outside.
- Frank Arechiga for all your hard work keeping the books straight and paying all the Lodge bills; for rushing over to turn off the water at the meter to the Lodge during the freeze; and for all the advice and help you have given me, it is greatly appreciated.
- Jack Huggins for all your time working on all the paperwork and keeping Frank straight even though he says he's the one keeping you straight; and all the advice and help you have given me.
- Lee Hencher for your work filling out forums obtaining grants for people in need of our help.
- Larry Brown for all you work with the boy scouts and your Esquire duties.
- Ed Migdalski for leading us in prayer at all our meetings, you're a great friend.
- Tom Hernandez for all your help.

Thank you to all for giving me the honor of serving as your Exalted Ruler. Looking forward to a great year and with your support and commitment to volunteer, we'll come back to full strength that much sooner!

Albert Estrada
Exalted Ruler





FROM THE LODGE SECRETARY

The regular membership meetings for April 2021 are Tuesday, 6th and 20th 7:30 p.m. at the Elks Facility.

Our current membership is 97

The 2021-2022 dues statements have been mailed out. As of this writing we have received back 54 membership payments. Unfortunately, we dropped 21 members from the Elks Membership Rolls on March 31, 2021 for non payment of their dues.

If you did not receive your dues membership statement for 2021-2022 please contact the Lodge Secretary **secretary@sanantonioelks.com** or call the office **210.697.3331** and leave a message.

A member that was dropped can be reinstated upon request with no penalty during the first 60 days of the new Lodge year. The current year dues will need to be paid.

PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Joseph Skop - Proposed by Jack Huggins

UPCOMING EVENTS

*April 1st - April Fools Day

*April 4th - Easter Sunday

*April 18th - Curbside Plate Meal

Help us keep our records up to date. If you have a change of your mailing or email address or get a new phone number please notify the Lodge Secretary.

The Lodge Secretary is in the office one hour prior to Lodge meetings for any Lodge business.

Stay Safe! See you at the Lodge soon

Jack Huggins, PER, Secretary
Office Phone # (210) 697.3331

San Antonio Elks #216 Lodge Officers for 2021-2022

Exalted Ruler - Albert Estrada

Esteemed Leading Knight – Paula Albert

Esteemed Loyal Knight – Ron Arteaga

Esteemed Lecturing Knight – Frank Lopez

Lodge Secretary – Jack Huggins

Lodge Treasurer – Frank Arechiga

3 Year Trustee – Tommy Hernandez

2 Year Trustee - Albert Flores

1 Year Trustee - Lee Hincer

Inner Guard —

Tyler —

Chaplain — Joyce Habina

Alternative Representative – Frank Arechiga

The 2021-2022 Lodge Officers were installed by Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Lee Hincer following the regular Lodge meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

Congratulations to the new Lodge Officers.

LODGE OFFICERS 2021-2022

Exalted Ruler	Albert Estrada, PER
Esteemed Leading Knight	Paula Albert
Esteemed Loyal Knight	Ron Arteaga
Esteemed Lecturing Knight	Frank Lopez
Esquire	Lawrence Brown, PER
Chaplain	Joyce Habina
Secretary	Jack Huggins, PER
Treasurer	Frank Arechiga, PDDGER
Inner Guard	
Tiler	
Trustee 1 year	Lee Hincer, PDDGER
Trustee 2 year	Albert Flores
Trustee 3 year	Tommy Hernandez
Board of Directors	Chair Officers & Trustees
Mediator	Tommy Hernandez

Your officers are here to serve you. They will keep you advised of the functions and activities of the Lodge. If you have questions or comments they are the ones who can help you.

Happy to serve the members of Elks #216

Newsletter Articles due by the 20th of the month



Texas Elks State Association

Mike Callahan, President
Kelly McDermott, President Elect
Orville Weiss, Secretary
Steve Weatherly, Treasurer

Southwest District Officers

Joy Streater
District Deputy Grand Exalter Ruler
Gordon Daniels
Southwest District Vice-President

San Antonio Elks #216 Is open serving food

Wednesday night
Hamburgers served
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Please RSVP
Check the Facebook
page for more
information



Find us on
Facebook

For the latest information about
the goings on at the
San Antonio Elks #216
go to our Face Book page

facebook.com/saelks

Elks Care Elks Share



Veteran's Activities

April 2021



Until further notice our monthly activities have been suspended

Even though we are not physically able to do any activities at the Audie Murphy V A Hospital we continue to support the patients and staff in the G L - A & B Units.

“As long as there are Veteran's in our hospitals they will never be forgotten”

Jack Huggins, PER



Elks National Foundation

The San Antonio Elks #216 finished the Lodge year 2020-2021 with total donations to the Elks National Foundation of \$2,718.54. Thank you to all who participated with your donations.

This past Lodge year 2020-2021 we received from the Elks National Foundation \$7,500.00 in grant money. The grants were used to provide support for our Veterans. A big screen television, stand and DVD player were purchased for the GL B Unit at the Audie Murphy V A Hospital. Outdoor activity games was purchased for the Villa Serina Unit. Grant money was use in support of our homeless Veterans. Smile Bags provided to children in our local hospitals.

We purchased \$21,959.00 in Welcome Home Kits. Items for Veterans moving into apartments to new homes.

We had \$12,000.00 in scholarships for high school students going to college.

We received almost **\$42,000.00** from the Elks National Foundation to help us fund these projects and activities for our community.

Please consider making a contribution to the Elks National Foundation. A little bit can go a long way. You can make a contribution in Honor or in Memory of someone. Give the gift that keeps on giving. Make a secure online donation at **enf.elks.org/MyLodge**

For more information contact the Lodge Secretary



The membership key card locks will be changed on April 1, 2021 (no fooling)

You will need to access the Lodge with your new green key card after April 1st.

Until then continue to use your current yellow card.

Greetings From The House Committee

Hello Fellow Elks

Another Elks year has ended, and a new Elks year begins. The House Committee would like to thank all who volunteered for the Curbside dinners we have had this past year, and all who participated in buying plates. Thank you for supporting OUR LODGE!

We are planning to have another Curbside on April 18th with the last Day to order April 14th. We also have our Wednesday Night Burger Night from 6pm-8pm. Please continue to wear a mask and Social Distance to keep yourself and All Members safe.

Please help us to have a great and productive year by Volunteering when you can, this Lodge runs through volunteers.

We hope and pray you are all safe.

Thank You,
Paula Albert



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April

2	Charles Homola
4	Hector Lopez
8	Tom Madison
10	Cove Robbins
11	Myrna Tiley
12	Albert Estrada
17	Enrique Villarreal
30	Gordon Daniels

San Antonio Elks Lodge 216



Wednesday is Burger Night
Bar will be open and Burgers served from 6pm-8pm. Please
RSVP for Burgers, and we are asking that you continue to
wear your Mask & Social Distance!
See you at the Lodge!

Winter of 2021 Update



As the plumbers fixed one leak another one appeared. They were able to get all the leaks repaired. The restrooms in the dining area are now in working order. The broken PVC pipe in the R V lot is being repaired.

Thank you to the Board of Directors for their quick action in getting the repairs done and the water back on in the Lodge.

EIKS #216

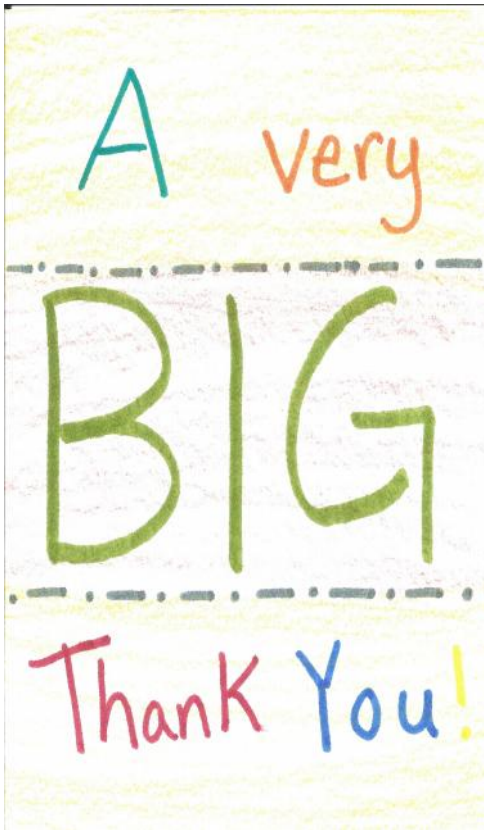
we
appreciate
you!

Thank you for your
Donation to the
Vet's in villa Serena
EIKS #216 we
gratefully appreciate
your kindness and
Supporting Texas
Veterans, Please note
that, we had so
much, Fun and we
will always remember
that day, and the
EIKS Club donation.

Part of the Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant was used to purchase some outdoor games for the V A Hospital Villa Serina Unit.

While the Veterans are there attending classes and receiving treatment there is not much for them to do except watch television. Due to the COVID restrictions many of the activities have been cancelled.

The games provide an opportunity for the Veterans to get outside and enjoy the Spring time weather and get some exercise.



These cards were made and sent by the Veterans of Villa Serina to the San Antonio Elks #216 as a way of saying THANK YOU for remembering them. And for providing them with recreational equipment to use during their stay at the Villa.

This is what your contributions to the Elks National Foundation are all about.