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**Exalted** Ruler Ted Figueroa

Dear Fellow Elks,

May was an extremely busy month at the lodge. Painting and lounge improvebusiness is booming. I want to thank all of our guest

chefs and volunteers who have been working hard to maintain and make improvements.

At the time I am writing this, we have not had our Board of Directors meeting for May yet. However, we will be deciding on how to move forward with the roof ments are coming along and repairs. There a few moving parts involved so I will ask for your patience while we

navigate our way through this.

As we move into June, we will celebrate Flag Day and Father's Day on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>. We have a hall rental on the 14th so we will combine both Flag and Father's Day on Sunday. The Flag Day ceremonies will take place first in the hall at 12

PLEASE SEE **ER**, PG 6

From the House Committee



Fellow Elks.

May was an amazing month for the lodge. June is going to be just as good, if not better. We have quest chefs planned for Thursday's and Friday's throughout the month, we also have our annual Flag Day celebration and Father's

Day. We are going to have a soul food potluck for Juneteenth and we will be having Taco Tuesday for our first monthly meeting night and potluck for the second with a theme of summer eats.

I would like to thank all the guest chefs and volunteers for all they do for our lodge. Shout out to Will Hale for painting the light switch covers around the lounge. I would also like to thank our bartenders for all they do for us and the extra help they put it as Elks. The lounge remodel is coming together nicely and is about 75% complete. If anyone

would like to volunteer, please get in touch with me and we will gladly put you on the schedule.

Fraternally, Jessica "Red" Myers



# LODGE MEETINGS SCHEDULES

### **LODGE MEETINGS**

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

### **HOUSE COMMITTEE**

2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 PM.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Last Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM.

### **PER ASSOCIATION**

Quarterly on the fourth Tuesday at 6:30 PM. January, April, July, and October.

ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

# **LOUNGE HOURS**

MONDAY 3 - 9 PM

TUESDAY 3 - 9 PM

WEDNESDAY 3 - 9 PM

THURSDAY 3 - 9 PM

FRIDAY 3 - 9 PM

SATURDAY 3 - 9 PM

SUNDAY 3 - 9 PM

# **2024/2025 Officers**

Exalted Ruler......Ted Figueroa
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Loyal Knight......David Florez
Lecturing Knight.....Jacqueline Schwartz
Secretary.....Idotha Battle
Treasurer.....Elizabeth Garza
Tiler......Thomas Morgan
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Presiding Justice....Nathan Fugate

# **Board of Directors**

Have an announcement, picture, article, etc.?
Submit by the 20th to bpoe1926bulletin@gmail.com

# **COMMITTEES**

J Dean Craig, PER
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Cindi Ray
Tony Deel
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Rolando Garza
Ken Moses, PDDGER
Jessica "Red" Myers
Jessie Battle
Krystal Peterson
Sara Robertson, PER
Vacant
Frank Evans
Ken Moses, PDDGER

# **SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

Please keep your fellow Elks and Elk Family in your thoughts and prayers:

**In Memory of Mark Burgard** 

Kevin Clark
Chuck Ellis
Nancy Holliday

If you know or hear of an Elk or family member who is ill or has passed away, please notify us by leaving a note with the Lodge Attendant or emailing bpoe1926bulletin@amail.com.



- **O1** Anthony Carrales
- 04 Bradley Lile
- 06 Manuel Castaneda III
- 07 Ted Figueroa
- 09 Michael Klepac
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- 22 Detauraus Holliday
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- 25 Carmen Llacuna
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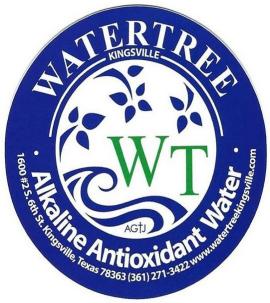
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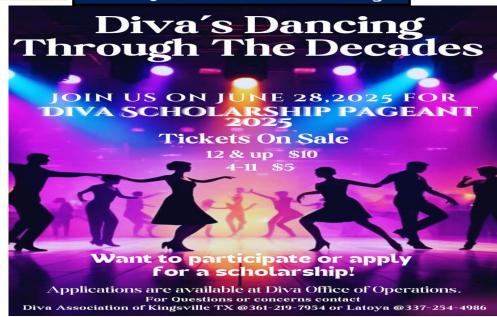
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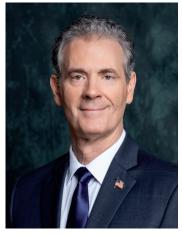


# Big June weekend celebrates the US flag, fathers

It's Grand Lodge Convention time! We will be getting together from June 29 to July 2 in Kansas City, Missouri. I hope to see you at the convention.

Please take advantage of all the wonderful seminars, meetings, and ceremonies. Visit the exhibit halls and booths and spend time with other states' gatherings and events to meet Elks from across America. States come together to discuss and swap their best ideas. Elks Care — Elks Share is our motto.

Flag Day on Saturday, June 14, is an important mandatory service for Elks. It's a great



way to involve local Scout groups and JROTC teams to participate in your ceremony. Invite veterans to attend and participate during the ceremony. Pass out flag pins. Our flag is precious to us as Elks, and we need to display it with reverence and dignity.

Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler Douglas A. Schiefer

Our fathers are also precious to us. Father's Day is on Sunday, June 15. My father and my grandfathers were Elks, and they started the legacy for me and my son and sonsin-law. I am proud to say that I got my dedication to service from what I saw my father and grandfathers do. Thank the dads in your life.

It's been an amazing honor and privilege to serve you and our great Order as Grand Exalted Ruler for 2024-2025.

Thank you all.

God bless you, God bless our troops, and God bless America!

# 2025-2026 Lodge Sweetheart, Forrest Lanmon

Hey everybody, how y'all doing? I am doing great.

The queen of hearts is starting to build up pretty good so come in anytime of the week to get your tickets.

I am also taking donations for the dance we will be having in February for the hopefully live auction if I can collect enough items. If not, it will be a silent auction.

We would like to have a strong presence at homecoming this September as the south district is in charge this year. So get with me or leave your name at the lodge so we have a list of everyone that is attending to send to the higher ups.

Thank you to all that have already donated and to everyone helping me raise money for our children's camp.

Fraternally,

Forrest Wayne Lanmon



### **ER**, FROM PG 1

noon and Father's Day will start at 3pm in the lounge. We will be serving fajita tacos with rice and beans.

I am also looking for a volunteer to help with the marquee sign in front of the lodge. If you would like to help, please let me know.

We will be installing two new members during our second meeting in June and balloting on more in the weeks to come.

Fraternally yours,

Ted Figueroa / ER





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# Mahalo, Y'all! by J. Dean Craig, PER

On a recent trip to Hawaii, Michelle and I made a



point to
visit Honolulu Lodge
#616. If
you watch
Magnum,
P.I. reruns
between 2
3am, you
may have
already
seen it.

The location has appeared in several episodes as Ricks' King Kamehameha Club. You will also see it in

Hawaii FiveO and Lost
as well as
The Descendants
with
George
Clooney.
You can also check
out the surf
live on their
Shaka Cam.



As our car pulled up to the valet stand, I was immediately struck by its setting: nestled between the iconic silhouette of Diamond Head volcano and majestic Waikiki Beach, the location couldn't be more breathtaking if it tried. Inside, we were greeted with a warm, "Aloha," by staff who knew we were

visiting from our home lodge on the mainland. The Executive Director shared that they currently maintain a membership of 5,000 with a two-year waiting list.

Dinner on the open air *lanai* offered a competing view of the pool and the Pacific, both picturesque with a cool breeze. I sampled *ube* pudding for the first time, its unique texture and subtle flavor surprising me. Michelle had ciopinno with local fish. On the *pupu*, the fresh *poke* was simply divine. Ha-



waiian cuisine truly shines when enjoyed with the soundtrack of gentle waves nearby. And of course because it's the Elks, great company.

As the afternoon sun cast golden light across the grounds, I couldn't help but feel grateful for the fellowship that connects Elks across the country. While it's always a treat to visit and see how our fellow Elks do things elsewhere, across the country or the sea, nothing quite beats the warm embrace of our own lodge back home, where the same spirit of Elkdom thrives. For that, I truly feel *mahalo*.

# Flag Day Celebration



It is to be expected that an organization dedicated to patriotic service should seek to promote a proper knowledge of, and respect for, the American Flag, and all that it represents. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has done this in many ways. Perhaps the most effective of its prescribed activities is the Flag Day Service. Each Subordinate Lodge is required to conduct this service annually on June 14th, the anniversary of the birth of the American Flag.

The idea of a Flag Day Service was first suggested to our Order by the then Grand Exalted Ruler at the 1907 Grand Lodge Session in Philadelphia. Of the dates submitted for consideration at that time, June 14th was adopted by the session and was called "Elks Flag Day." The following year, in Dallas, the Grand Lodge approved a ritual for the Flag Day ceremony.

The 1911 Grand Lodge Session at Atlantic City made the observance of Flag Day mandatory for Subordinate Lodges by the adoption of Section 229 of the Statutes: "It shall be the duty of each Subordinate Lodge to hold the service known as "Flag Day Services" at the time and in the manner prescribed by the ritual of the Order.

Later on - at the Grand Lodge Session in Atlantic City in 1930 - there was added to this statute an amendment, reading: "The Grand Exalted Ruler may, in exceptional cases and for good cause, grant a dispensation for a different day or to any two or more Lodges to hold such services jointly."

It was not until August 3rd, 1949 that the President of the United States signed Public Law 203, designating June 14th as Flag Day. Thus our Order was not only the first fraternal organization to celebrate Flag Day, but had made this ceremony mandatory long years before the date on which the observance became a nation-wide practice by legal decree.

The ritual for the occasion is an elaborate one and it is quite generally conducted as a public ceremonial. It is designed to be informative as well as inspirational; and the colorful pageantry provided lends itself admirably to the achievement of these objectives. It was President Harry S. Truman who signed the Flag Day bill into law on August 3rd, 1949, who was himself an Elk.

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