



# MAY 2026 BULLETIN

## SHREVEPORT ELKS 122

OF THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



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### Exalted Ruler's Message

We've officially made it through our first month, and it wouldn't have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our amazing volunteers.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out for our recent cleanup day—your time, energy, and commitment truly make a difference. Our Lodge thrives because of members

like you who step up and take pride in keeping our space welcoming and well-maintained.

As we move forward, we're excited to welcome the start of pool season! As a reminder, we are a self-cleaning Lodge, and it takes all of us working together to keep our facilities in great shape.

Please continue to lend a hand when you can so everyone can enjoy a clean, safe, and relaxing environment.

Here's to a great season ahead and continued teamwork!  
Thank you !!

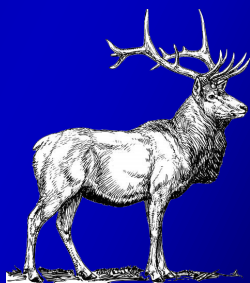
Your Exalted Ruler  
**Melissa Hogue**

### Elks of the Month

**Officer of the Month:** Sharon Evans. Sharon is our Lodge Secretary. She runs this place, from taking membership dues to making and sending out cards during this busy pool season. If you see her, let her know how thankful we are to have her! She stays on top of everything!

**Elk of the Month:** Edwin (Wynn) Simonton. Wynn just keeps on updating our back porch! He recently purchased and installed two new fans, and he's always fixing something!

Thanks for being Great Elks!



### Notes from the Secretary

#### Membership Application Process for New Elks

#### Recruiting New Members

Recruiting new members is an important and rewarding aspect of being an Elk. As a proposer, you are responsible for assisting your friends in completing all sections of their application forms. It is essential that all required information is filled out accurately and completely.

#### Application Requirements

A background check is mandatory for every new member applying to join the Lodge. If the applicant wishes for their spouse to have a separate membership card, a background check must also be conducted for the spouse. Both background checks should be completed and submitted along with the application form. The fee for each background check is \$25.00 and can be paid at the bar.

Incomplete applications or missing requirements will delay the processing

time, which currently takes approximately four to five weeks. Once all application materials have been submitted and processed, the application will be brought before a regular Lodge meeting for a vote.

#### Notification and Next Steps

Applicants will receive notification via email regarding their acceptance or rejection. The email will also include details about the date and time for their orientation and initiation, should they be accepted.

#### Lodge Secretary Office Hours

Please remember that the Lodge Secretary serves in a part-time, volunteer capacity. Office hours are from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The office is closed on Fridays.

Fraternally yours,  
**Sharon Evans**  
Lodge Secretary

**Elks Care — Elks Share**

*Elks Care, Elks Share*



## Happenin' at Lodge 122

### Cookin' in the Kitchen

**Tuesday Lunches**  
Served 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- May 5: Chicken pot pie
- May 12: Hamburgers
- May 19: Muffulettas
- May 26: Chicken salad

**Wednesday Dinners - Auxiliary**

- May 6: Jake's Smashburgers
- May 13: Adrian's fried bologna sandwiches
- May 20: Natalie's Cordon Bleu pasta
- May 27: Chicken enchiladas

**Friday Dinners**

- May 1: Catfish
- May 8: Chicken fried steak
- May 15: Steak night
- May 22: Chicken Monterey
- May 29: No dinner in prep for the Luau



**Cooking Club**

- May 7: Chicken and beef kabobs with cilantro rice
- May 19 (3rd Tuesday Trivia): Jason Heffern's famous wings and fries

### Rockin' in the Lounge

**Tuesdays:**  
Trivia Night, 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesdays:**  
May 6: Andy Fletcher  
May 13: Better Days  
May 20: Casey Martin  
May 27: Michael DeArmond

**Thursdays:**  
May 7: Rock Jam

**Fridays:**  
May 1: Leather and Lace  
May 8: DD4  
May 15: Mojo  
May 22: Floyd Grigsby and 5K Band  
May 29: Plan Z



**Game Room & Around the Bar**

\*Darts \*Billiards \*Video Poker

\*Open every day at 11 a.m.

\*Cork fee - \$10

\*Free Anniversary Champagne

\*Free Birthday cocktail

## Upcoming at Lodge 122

### State Convention

The Louisiana Elks Association will hold its state convention on June 5-7 at the Hotel Bentley in Alexandria, La. All Elk members can attend. Registration forms can be found at the Lodge.

The deadline for registration is May 22.

All members in good standing will be allowed to vote during the business meeting held Saturday morning, June 6.

Dress for the meeting will be business casual including jeans. No hats or shorts will be allowed.

The banquet will be held on Saturday night. Sunday morning the convention will conclude with a meeting and memorial service.

• HAPPY •  
*Mother's Day*  
**LUNCH**

May 10, 1-3 p.m.

**Cost:**  
Mom's eat free,  
\$20 for adults,  
\$10 for kids  
12 and under

Text Melissa for Reservations:  
**318-347-5770**

**WATER Aerobics**  
— AT THE —  
**ELKS POOL!**

**CLASSES BEGINNING MAY!**

**SATURDAY MORNINGS**  
**10:00 AM**

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**  
**5:30 PM**

LOW IMPACT. BIG BENEFITS!  
Fun for All Fitness Levels!

♥ Move More. Feel Better. Have Fun!  
WEATHER PERMITTING



*New initiates*



Welcome to our most recent Lodge initiates (In alphabetical order): Max Anderson, Michelle Booth, Roderick Casey, James Harper, Buddy Hudson, Jr., Brittany Kelly, Michael Kuhr, Sarah Langham, Mandi McClellan, Cherry Powell, Gregory Preslar, Mark Six, Rhonda Strain, Todd Neal Thompson, and Daphne Zeidan. Please greet them and make them feel welcome!



The Lodge recently used our Spotlight Grant from Elks National Foundation to provide almost \$1,500 worth of food to the Oakwood Home for Women. This facility has done so much good for 75 years in our community and we want to show them our support. PERs Ruby Blackwell and Tracey Belanger delivered the food. We also got the soil and mulch for their above ground gardens ordered and delivered. Thanks to Andy Austin for taking care of that..



It was another great day at the NWLA Veterans Home Elks Easter Party! The Easter Bunny (also a vet), a fabulous floor show by Roger, snacks and drinks made for a great day. We are so thankful to serve those who served us!



The grants team delivered pajamas and toiletries April 15 to Project Geaux for kids. It is a non profit that provides Geaux bags filled with necessities for youth being transferred to foster care, sometimes in the middle of the night. The bags are given to Sheriff and police officers who take the children to their new location. This is a wonderful cause which we are proud to support. It was a great day to be an Elk!

## Auxiliary News

I am looking forward to the coming of month of May; it makes me feel happy that the warmer months are around the corner.

Let me congratulate our 2026-2027 Lodge officers. The Auxiliary is looking forward to working with our new officers and wish them the best for their upcoming year.

The auxiliary would like to congratulate the 2026 of Elks Auxiliary Scholarships recipients. We wish them the best with their future plans. They are as follows:

**Leslie Catherine Powers**  
**Hope Elizabeth Juneau**  
**Sloane Addison Gardner**  
**Gilbert Thomas Pedrotty**

Be on the lookout in this newsletter for dates and details about our events we

have scheduled for May, especially the Chichen Charbroil and Luau. We look forward to putting these on for you! Presale tickets for both are available events from the bar (see Cat Owens) or any auxiliary member.

Let me take a minute to wish all Lodge mothers and grandmothers a Happy Mother's Day.

The Auxiliary meets once a month. If you are interested in joining us, we usually meet the fourth Monday on each month at 6:30 pm.

This month we are meeting on May 18 due to event schedules. We would love for you to join us in all the fun!

**Gloria Howard**  
 Auxiliary President  
 Email: gloriahoward754@yahoo.com  
 Ph: 504-202-7174



## Baked Goods needed!

The Auxiliary needs baked goods of cookies and brownies donated for the bake sale to be held in conjunction with the Memorial Day Char-Broil chicken dinner sale. Baked goods can be dropped off at the Lodge on Sunday, May 24.



## Elks Lodge Luau 2026

Get ready for one of our most exciting events of the year! Join us on May 30th at 4 p.m. for our annual Luau—an afternoon filled with great food, fun and fellowship.

This year, we're making a big push to grow our Elks family, so bring your friends and family to enjoy the Lodge, the pool and the luau. Let's introduce them to what makes our Lodge so special!

This event is also an important fundraiser benefitting our Unhoused Veterans Christmas Dinner, helping us give back to those who have served our country. Admission is \$20 (cash only)

### Calling all cooks!

Our cooking team spots are almost full, and the deadline to sign up is May 10. If you've been thinking about joining in, now is the time—only a few spots remain! Sign up today at the Lodge or call/text Michelle Booth at



318-573-3323 to secure your place.

Don't miss this fun, festive afternoon—great food, great company, and a great cause. We can't wait to see you there!

**Michelle Booth**  
 Ladies Auxiliary



## Elks Lodge 122 Scholarship Banquet

On Monday, April 28th, we proudly celebrated an incredible group of students and their achievements!

- 18 Student of the Month winners
- 2 Returning Sophomore winners
- 4 Auxiliary Scholarship winners
- 1 Heritage (PER) winner
- 3 Legacy (ENF) winners
- 3 Most Valuable Student (LA Elks) winners
- 1 Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student winner

Total Scholarships Awarded: **\$72,000**

Congratulations to all of our outstanding recipients! Your hard work, dedication, and bright futures make us proud.



*Lodge Info*

# Shreveport Elks Lodge #122

## 2026-2027 Lodge Officers

**Exalted Ruler**  
Melissa Hogue

**Esteemed Leading Knight**  
Jena Hall

**Esteemed Loyal Knight**  
Adrian Page

**Esteemed Lecturing Knight**  
Damon Tilton

**Lodge Secretary**  
Sharon Evans

**Treasurer**  
Andy Austin

**Tiler**  
Roy Hall

**Inner Guard**  
Catherine (Cat) Owens

**Chaplain**  
Denise Jensen

**Esquire**  
Chris Anderson

**Trustees:**  
**1 Year Trustee**  
Tony Nations

**2 Year Trustee**  
Tracey Belanger

**3 Year Trustee**  
Ruby Blackwell

**4 Year Trustee**  
Joe Davis

**5 Year Trustee**  
Shannon McDaniel

**District Deputy**  
Charleste "Puddy"  
Gondrella  
puddygondrel-  
la@yahoo.com



### Hours of Operation

**Officer Hours**  
Monday—Thursday  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Lounge Hours**  
Sunday - Thursday  
11 a.m. - 11 p.m.

**Friday & Saturday**  
11 a.m. to midnight

### RV Park

We have 50-amp service, water and sewer service for all six RV sites. Rental is \$25 per night.

To make a reservation, we require a payment for two nights. Call the office for reservations at 318-868-5301.

### Facility Rental

Need to host a party or event? The Lodge Room and Dining Room are available for rent. For rentals, contact our new event coordinator, Cat Owens at 469-474-5483.

### Promotional items available for purchase:

Koozie: \$5; T-shirts: \$25; Lodge pins: \$5

We also have reloadable gift cards available from \$5 to \$500

### Lodge Meetings

The regular session of the Lodge shall be held on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m., except in July, November and December, when sessions of the Lodge shall only be held on the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.



## New Lodge 122 Event Coordinator

*Cat Owens*

**Shreveport Elks Lodge 122**

EVENT COORDINATOR



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# Lodge News



## May Calendar

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |
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| *You may opt-out of receiving this newsletter and future Lodge e-mails by clicking the UNSUBSCRIBE button in the e-mail that sent this. |  |   |  |   | 1<br>Catfish<br>Leather and Lace                    | 2   |
| 3   | 4  | 5<br>Chicken pot pie<br>Trivia  | 6<br>Jake's Smashburgers<br>Andy Fletcher              | 7<br>Rock Jam<br>Cooking Club: Chicken and beef kabobs with cilantro rice                                   | 8<br>Chicken fried steak<br>DD4 (Dave Deaton)       | 9   |
| 10<br>Mother's Day Brunch<br>11 a.m. - 1 p.m.   | 11   | 12<br>Hamburgers<br>Trivia  | 13<br>Adrian's fried bologna Sandwiches<br>Better Days | 14<br>Lodge Meeting<br> | 15<br>Steak night<br>Mojo                           | 16<br>Think First Crawfish Boil Fundraiser<br>Noon - 4 p.m. |
| 17  | 18   | 19<br>Muffulettas<br>Trivia<br>Cooking Club: Jason Heffern's famous wings and fries | 20<br>Natalie's Cordon Bleu pasta<br>Casey Martin      | 21  | 22<br>Chicken Monterey<br>Floyd Grigsby and 5K Band | 23  |
| 24  | 25<br>MEMORIAL DAY<br>(Pool Opens)<br>11 a.m.-2 p.m.<br>Chicken Charbroil sale | 26<br>Chicken salad<br>Trivia   | 27<br>Chicken Enchiladas<br>Michael DeArmond           | 29<br>Lodge Meeting<br> | 29<br>*Kitchen closed to prep for Luau<br>Plan Z    | 30<br>Lodge Luau  |