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News & Views

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EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

We've reached November and the kickoff of the holiday season! There are lots of activities to celebrate our veterans during the first half of the month. On Saturday, November 2nd, there will be a veterans appreciation luncheon at the Slidell Auditorium where I will do the Prisoner of War / Missing in Action Table reading. I'll also do the reading at Lakeshore High School on Veterans Day. We will host our own veterans' banquet on Saturday, November 15th in the hall starting at 7 PM. We will have three distinguished speakers and the dinner will be donated and catered by Phil's Marina. Veterans Day is officially held on November 11th. Originally called Armistice Day, it was an acknowledgement of the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Compiègne, France, for the cessation of hostilities which took effect at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. The armistice was extended several times until the state of war ended with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on June 28, 1919 – exactly five years after the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife, which led to the war.

Slidell Lodge #2321 is incredibly proud of the military service and sacrifices made by many of our Elks members and their families. We are continuing to update our records to ensure we capture all of our veterans in the Elks membership database. Those we are aware of are listed in this bulletin. I apologize if we've missed anyone, and please be sure to let me or our secretary know if a member with military service isn't appropriately listed.

LSU and Saints football games continue on Saturdays and Sundays, respectively, throughout November. We'll have a Thursday Dinner on the 13th. December will be rocking as usual! Please start planning now to participate in our many activities – the Saints games on Sundays, the Auxiliary holiday dinner (1st), Thursday Dinner (4th), Murder Mystery Game Night (6th), the annual Elks Memorial Service (7th), our lodge Elks Christmas Party with Overboard (13th), and the New Year's Eve Dance with Witness (31st). We will also appreciate everyone's help as we host the STARC Christmas party on Friday the 5th. Our last bingo session of 2025 will be held on Friday the 19th.

I am extremely thankful to have all of you as part of my extended Elks family. Our membership continues to grow and we're close to reaching 250 members – a number we haven't seen in quite some time. We have a great mix of long tenured members and new Elks who are making a significant difference in our lodge and in the lives of those in our community through our benevolent programs. A great example happened last month when we hosted the Krewe of Selene for the first time. A mis-communication led to the need for our members to quickly pitch in and do some rearranging of the hall. The recovery was fantastic and we made \$1,468 between the rental, kitchen sales, and bar revenue! Even better, the Selene membership is looking forward to its next meeting here. All of you are living the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. Together, we continue to demonstrate that Elks Care and Elks Share. Thank you all!

Yours Truly, Exalted Ruler Jimmy Crippin / 985-960-0059 / jimmycrippin@yahoo.com

AUXILIARY MESSAGE

A Great Big Thanks to all the people who supported our Auxiliary BJ's fundraiser. Special thanks to Steve Daigle for scheduling the PER dinner to coincide with our fundraiser.

Please sign up in the bar to attend our annual Veterans Banquet on November 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM. A complimentary meal will be provided by Phil's Marina Cafe.

At our November meeting we will be finalizing our Holiday potluck dinner plans. Start thinking about what dish you would like to bring.

After our meal we will have a ladies Yankee Swap. If you would like to participate, just bring a \$15.00 wrapped gift. All lady Elks and Auxiliary members are invited to play.

The Auxiliary added two more charitable donations to our list. We donated \$200 to The Slidell Memorial Cancer Foundation and Donated food for the Elks Veterans Stand Down.

AUXILIARY MESSAGE CONTINUED INSIDE



ELK OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER HARRIS LAGRANGE

Harris Lagrange is the Slidell Lodge's Elk of the Month for November 2025! Harris is a super member of our lodge! He works Wednesday and Friday bingos, participates in every workday supporting the lodge buildings committee, and attends all of our functions. Harris is always around the lodge and willingly pitches in and helps in any way possible. He is a joy to have in our membership! Congratulations to Harris for being selected as our Elk of the Month!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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November 1 – Lodge Work Party
November 1 – Game Night in the Lounge
November 2,9,23 & 30 – Saints Football
November 3 – Board of Directors & Auxiliary Meetings
November 3,10 & 17 – Scout Troop 315 Meetings
November 5,12 & 19 – Wednesday Bingo
November 7,14,21 & 28 – Friday Bingo
November 8,15,22 & 29 – LSU Football
November 11 & 25 – Lodge Meetings
November 13 – Thursday Night Dinner
November 15 – Veterans' Banquet
November 24 – Officer Ritual Practice
November 27 – Thanksgiving Day
December 1 – Board of Directors & Auxiliary Meetings
December 1 – Auxiliary Holiday Dinner
December 3,10 & 17 – Wednesday Bingo
December 5,12 & 19 – Friday Bingo
December 5 – STARC Christmas Party
December 6 – Lodge Work Party
December 6 – Murder Mystery Game Night
December 7 – Elks Memorial Service
December 7,14,21 & 28 – Saints Football
December 9 – Lodge Meeting
December 13 – Lodge 2321 Elks Christmas Party
December 15 – Scout Troop 315 Winter Court of Honor
December 31 – New Years' Eve Dance
Join us at the lodge!

SLIDELL LODGE #2321 VETERANS LISTING

Army – Randy Bergeron, Mark Moody
Army National Guard – Paul Newfield
Navy – Ken Buckner, Jeff Cooksley, Nancy Cooksley, Kenny Howell, Douglas Maximo, Rick Wooley
Marine Corps – Jimmy Crippin, Jr., Randy Hennick
Air Force – Pat Burke, Jesse Howard, Chris Hymel
Air Force National Guard – Danny Diliberto
Coast Guard – Dustin Absher, Hope Bald, Ron Bald, Glenn Lemoine, James Pulse

Additional Lodge members who have served: Baldo Alberecht, Jay Aragon, Hal Bigelow, Marvin Fontenot, Bill Graff, Wayne Leblanc, Bob Osborn.

We apologize if we missed anyone. If you aren't listed and should be, please contact Secretary Hope Bald with your service information.

ANNUAL VISIT FROM THE DISTRICT DEPUTY

On September 23rd, the Lodge hosted Ms. Puddy Gondrella who serves as our District Deputy to the Grand Exalted Ruler. Puddy and her crew reviewed our records, policies, and facilities. Overall, we did really well! She was impressed with the progress we have shown over the last year. We also received some new direction regarding a few safety items – mostly signage and putting slip-resistant coatings on our ramps – and some administrative processes. To comply with Grand Lodge policy, the Board voted at its October meeting to eliminate all Lodge credit cards. The secretary and treasurer will be making other changes to ensure we comply with all direction.

VETERANS BANQUET OPEN TO ALL

Please sign up in the lounge to attend the Veterans Banquet on November 15th at 7:00 pm. The program will be held in the hall and a complimentary dinner will be provided by Phil's Marina Cafe. We will have three keynote speakers providing information on Veterans programs – Hope Bald will discuss the work of the non-profit Military-Veterans Advocacy, Don Baye will talk about the Louisiana Elks Association's Veterans Program, and Richard Breaux will provide information about the Slidell VA Clinic. Our ER, Jimmy Crippin, will do the POW/MIA Table reading. We look forward to seeing you there.

SUPPORT FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS AND PINK OUT BINGO

Our Friday Bingo session on October 10th was dedicated to breast cancer awareness and support for those currently suffering from the diagnosis as well as those survivors who are now cancer-free. A big thank you to Star Lala who coordinated the event with dozens of door prizes and lots of special events throughout the evening. The Lodge Board designated the SMH Foundation, a local 501(c)(3) charity, as the recipient of this year's Slidell Elks donation to assist their efforts in cancer research. The donations from the Lodge and from our bingo players totaled \$3,339! Thank you to everyone who supported the event with their time, effort, and funds!

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

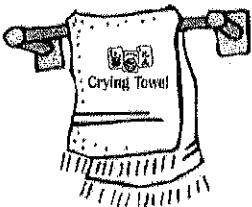
1 Year Trustee William (Bill) Graft
2 Year Trustee Randy Bergeron
3 Year Trustee Dee Christian
4 Year Trustee Samuel (Sam) Masson
5 Year Trustee Lee Guillory

SECRETARY'S HOURS

Monday - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Meeting nights - 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM
All others by Appointment only

PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Pending applicants will be posted on the bulletin board; candidates interviewed; and processed during the month.



ATTENDANCE JACKPOT

Crying towels were awarded to:
Hal Bigelow – September 23
David Crippin – October 14
After the October 14 meeting, the Jackpot stands at \$138.

NEWS FROM THE LOUNGE

The lounge is open for every Saints and LSU football game! Please come join us, bring a dish to share as part of our potluck buffet, and play our pools. We also have two Super Bowl pools running. Hurry before they fill up! The back bar has been refreshed with new lighting and fresh paint! Join us for game night on November 1 and sign up for the Thursday Night Dinner on November 13! Put December 6 on your calendar now as we will have our first participative murder mystery event! Everyone gets to act out a character as we all try to figure out whodunit!

NEW YEARS EVE DANCE TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

Come ring in 2026 with your fellow Elks at our annual New Years Eve Dance! Our theme this year is Denim and Diamonds! Tickets are now available at \$35 each and, as usual, they are selling fast! We always have a great time and many non-Elks in the local area enjoy spending the evening in our safe and fun environment. Doors will open at 8:00 pm, Witness will begin playing at 8:30 pm. Food is not included, attendees can bring snacks for their table. Cash bar, no outside alcohol/drinks allowed. Contact Dee Christian at (985) 290-9973 to ensure you get your spot!

INTERESTED IN CPR AND FIRST AID TRAINING?

We are planning our first CPR/First Aid training session since 2023. Most of the administrative work will be done online and the practical portion will be completed in one day at the lodge. If you're interested, contact Alaina Miller at (985) 774-1910 or the Lodge Secretary at Elks2321.sec@gmail.com. The date and cost are still being determined, but the lodge will pay for lodge members who complete the certification.

SHOW YOUR PRIDE WITH ELKS LODGE 2321 SHIRTS AND HATS

Are you new to the lodge, see everyone wearing those cool Slidell Elks polos, and want to get one? Are you missing that perfect color from your shirt collection? Need a new ballcap to help show your lodge spirit? Our shirt coordinator, Alaina Miller, has arranged for smaller orders of shirts and hats to be printed. We no longer have to wait for a dozen orders! Prices vary based on color, sleeve length, and pockets. Contact Alaina at (985) 774-1910 to place your order and show your Slidell Elks pride!

AUXILIARY MESSAGE CONTINUED

Stand Downs are community-based events in which VA staff and volunteers provide health screenings to homeless and at-risk Veterans. In addition, Veterans also receive referrals for health care, housing solutions, employment, substance use treatment, mental health counseling and other essential services. Veterans can come and take items they need, such as shoes, socks, shirts, pants, food, jackets, sweaters, wheelchairs, walkers, books, DVDs, and many other necessities. This year the event will be held at the Veterans Hospital in New Orleans.

Our Elkket of the Month is a very busy lady. She shows up to decorate the hall for Elks functions Always brings beautiful decorations of her own for us to use, came with us to deliver our donation to the Ladies for Liberty, helped at Elks STARC Picnic, Christmas Party and our Veterans luncheon, she hosts parties at our lodge for STARC citizens, Volunteers at nursing homes where she also hosts parties. She is a very caring lady who brings joy to veterans and the elderly. Congratulations and thank you Paula Powell.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday November 3, 2025. Hoping to see everyone.

Happy Elks Thanksgiving to the best people in the world. Hope your day is filled with joy, love and laughter!

Judy Hanrahan Auxiliary President 985-290-0109 judyofslidell@yahoo.com

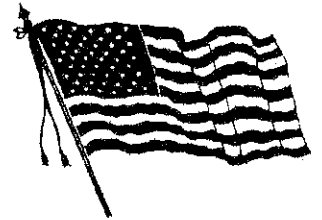


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						Lodge Work Party 9:00 AM Scouts USA Rocketry - Grounds 9-1 PM Game Night in Lounge 7:00 PM
SAINTS @ Rams ² 3:05 (FOX) Potluck Veterans Apprecia- tion Luncheon Slidell Auditorium	Auxiliary & Board Meeting ³ 7:00 PM Scout Troop 315 Patrol Leaders Council - 7:00 PM	⁴	Bingo ⁵ 11:30 AM Kitchen: Dave C.	⁶	Bingo ⁷ 7:00 PM Kitchen: Randy H.	LSU @ Alabama ⁸ Early Kick Window Potluck in Lounge
SAINTS ⁹ @ Panthers 12:00 Noon (FOX) Potluck in Lounge	¹⁰ Scout Troop 315 Troop Meeting 7:00 PM	VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY ¹¹ Vote Meeting 7:00 PM	Bingo ¹² 11:30 AM Kitchen: Dave C.	Thursday Night Dinner ¹³ 6:30 PM	Bingo ¹⁴ 7:00 PM Kitchen: Tina	LSU vs Arkansas ¹⁵ Veterans Banquet Catered Phil's - 7PM GSA 30222 Field Day 10:00 - 3:00
<i>Panthers - Girls Kicked - Celebration of the Panthers - Rallyman Familiar</i>	¹⁷ Scout Troop 315 Troop Meeting 7:00 PM	¹⁸	Bingo ¹⁹ 11:30 AM Kitchen: Randy H.	ER's Birthday ²⁰	Bingo ²¹ 7:00 PM Kitchen: Christy / Sam	Orientation ²² in Anteroom 6:00 - 6:30 PM LSU vs Western Kentucky Potluck in Lounge <i>Grand 7:15 to 11 PM</i>
SAINTS vs Falcons ²³ 3:25 PM (FOX) Potluck in Lounge	²⁴ Officer Ritual Practice 6:00 PM	²⁵ Initiation Meeting 7:00 PM	No Bingo ²⁶	²⁷ THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY	Bingo ²⁸ 7:00 PM Kitchen: Dee / Wanda	LSU @ Oklahoma ²⁹ Early Kick Window Potluck in Lounge Troop 315 Campout Thank
SAINTS @ Dolphins ³⁰ 12:00 Noon (FOX) Potluck in Lounge Troop 315						