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SLIDELL ELKS LODGE NUMBER 2321

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EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

A veteran is a person who served in the active military, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, and the Coast Guard and was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable. Our lodge is honored to have a significant percentage of veterans among our membership. We are grateful to the individuals who protected and defended our country so we can continue to enjoy the freedom and liberties available in the greatest nation on Earth. Our current group of officers includes veterans from 5 military services. All 4 of our chair officers are veterans as are three of our trustees, our inner guard and our tiler. While Veterans Day is in November, I am taking time this month to specifically ask everyone in our lodge to support veterans' events that are already scheduled in November. Please consider making plans now to attend our Veterans Banquet on Saturday, November 15th at 7:00 pm in the hall. It will be catered by Phil's Marina. The Slidell Veterans Appreciation Luncheon will be held at the Slidell Auditorium on Saturday, November 2nd. I also wish to feature the name of every member of our lodge who is a veteran in the November bulletin. Please send me or Secretary Hope Bald the name, service, and separation month/year by the end of our vote meeting on Tuesday, October 14th so we can recognize those who served.

Yours Truly,

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

AUXILIARY MESSAGE

The Auxiliary was busy in September delivering charitable donations with the funds we made from our fundraiser dance. Dawn Crippin, Cathy Neight, and I delivered a \$500 check to the Ainsley' Angels Chairty. Laurie Burleigh delivered a \$200 check to the St Tammany Animal resource Team. Carol Massarini, Paula Powell, Laurie Burleigh, and I delivered a \$250 check to The Ladies for liberty. Carol Massarini, Laurie Burleigh, and I delivered cat food, towels, blankets, newspaper, and empty medicine bottles to the St. Tammany Parish Animal Shelter.

Thank you, Charlesray and Cathy Neight for all your work planning the Kids Fishing Rodeo. It was a big success. All the little ones had a great time.

Don't miss out on the October 23rd Thursday night dinner. Nancy Rousset will be serving her now famous Eggplant Lasagna. Trust me it is delicious!

At our October meeting we need to start planning our Thanksgiving and Christmas potluck dinners. Please come with a dish to share in mind.

Our Elkete of the Month is a long-time active member. She works the bingo kitchen regularly, tends to lodge gardens, volunteers to work in the kitchen for Elks and

Auxiliary functions. helps decorate the hall for events, came out to help at the fishing rodeo, and last but not least She is the Head cheerleader at our Saints and LSU games. Thank you and Congratulations Wanda Rhodus
Wishing everyone a Happy and Safe Halloween

Our next meeting will be held on October 6, 2025. at 7pm Hope to see everyone there.

Auxiliary President Judy Hanrahan, 985-259-0109, Judyofslidell@yahoo.com



ELK OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER CHARLESRAY NEIGHT

Charlesray Neight is the Slidell Lodge's Elk of the Month for October 2025! A Past State President and Past Exalted Ruler, Charlesray continues to benefit our lodge and Elkdom with his tireless efforts to help others. As Chair of the Scholarship Committee, Charlesray leads the effort to evaluate local applicants and distribute over \$10,000 to students in our area. Charlesray is also Chair of the Youth Activities Committee. He organized last month's kids' fishing rodeo and coordinates all events for the Slidell STARC community. He is a co-Chair and participates in all Adopt-a-School committee efforts and deliveries. There is no slowing down for Charlesray and our lodge and community are the beneficiaries of his actions! Congratulations to Charlesray Neight for being selected as our Elk of the Month!

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1,8,15,22 & 29 – Wednesday Bingo
October 3,10,17 & 24 – Friday Bingo
October 4 – Lodge Work Party
October 5,12,19 & 26 – Saints Football
October 6 – Board of Directors
& Auxiliary Meetings
October 6,13,20 & 27 – Scout Troop 315 Meetings
October 10 – Pink Out Bingo
(Breast Cancer Awareness)
October 11,18 & 25 – LSU Football
October 14 & 28 – Lodge Meetings
October 23 – Thursday Night Dinner
October 25 – Game Night in the Lounge
October 27 – Officer Ritual Practice

November 1 – Lodge Work Party
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November 2 – Slidell Veterans
Appreciation Luncheon
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

Join us at the lodge!

KIDS FISHING RODEO

By the smiles on their faces, the Kids' Fishing Rodeo held on Saturday, September 13th was a huge success! The weather was perfect for the day with 45 kids eager to fish and many parents and grandparents there to help. The pond yielded dozens and dozens of fish which were all released back into the water. Everyone enjoyed our beautiful grounds, as well as hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and a special treat of snowballs, thanks to Retro Sneaux. Each child fished with cane poles and crickets for bait, then received a rod and reel to take home with them. Thank you to all who came out to help – Charlesray & Cathy, Greg & Judy, Randy & Lynn, Don & Karen, Star, Tommy, Lynette, Bryan & Wanda, Jesse, James, Dawn, Tina, Carol, Jay, Randy, Chuck, Steve & Carolyn, Alaina and Chris, Cody & Kaitlyn. Special thanks to Chris for all the beautiful photos!

LODGE OFFICER UPDATE

At the initiation meeting on August 26, Sam Masson was elected to fill the remaining term of the vacant Four-Year Trustee position. On September 9, James Pulse was appointed by ER Jimmy Crippin to replace Sam as the Inner Guard. Thank you to Sam and James for their service to the lodge!

PINK OUT BINGO

Join us at Friday Bingo on October 10 as we host a Pink Out Bingo to generate awareness of breast cancer and support for those currently suffering from the diagnosis as well as those who are now cancer-free. There will be door prizes and special events throughout the evening. The Lodge will be making a \$2,000 donation to the SMH Foundation, a local 501(c)(3) charity, for their efforts in cancer research.

NEWS FROM THE LOUNGE

We have a kegerator!! The new addition to our bar can hold three kegs and will have three taps. The purchase was made through generous donations of our

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2025-2026 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler James (Jimmy) Crippin
Leading Knight Jesse Howard
Loyal Knight Ronald (Ron) Bald
Lecturing Knight Howard (Rick) Wooley
Secretary W. Hope Bald
Treasurer Christopher (Chris) Hymel
Esquire Joseph (Joe) Gaspard
Chaplain Lynette Bourgeois
Inner Guard James Pulse
Tiler Shaun Ruegger
Presiding Justice Ron Bald
Alt. Rep to Grand Lodge Dee Christian

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1 Year Trustee William (Bill) Graff
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 - 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Wednesday - 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM
Meeting nights - 6:30 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.



**PLEASE JOIN US IN
HONORING OUR VETERANS**

Admittance is Free

Sunday, November 2nd, 2025

1:00pm - 3:00pm

at the
Slidell Auditorium
2056 Second St.
Slidell, LA

www.veteransappreciationreception.org

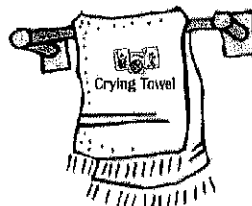
members and guests over the course of the last year. October brings cooler weather, more Saints and LSU football, a Thursday dinner, a game night, and much more! Come join us for good times and great camaraderie.

FACILITIES UPDATE

Our new lounge bathrooms are fully operational! They are ADA compliant, bright, and beautiful! They are a great match to the recently renovated bathrooms in the Hall. We are in the process of replacing our sewage tank. This significant project was mandated by the State of Louisiana following updates to their regulations. We have State Charitable Gaming approval to utilize bingo funds for the approximately \$70,000 upgrade. Had we not moved forward with the tank replacement, we would not have been permitted to renew our alcohol license. A huge thank you to Dee Christian who was the driving force behind the effort to get the state to approve our plan and issue the license. There are several repair projects lined up. We're able to do much of this work because of the amazing amount of income being generated by bingo, the lounge, and the campground. Big shout outs to Lee Guillory and his bingo team, and to Star Lala and her bartenders for all of their incredible volunteer work for the lodge!

ELKS NATIONAL FUND UPDATE

As of September 9, 2025, our lodge continues to lead all Louisiana Elks lodges in terms of ENF giving. We have collectively given \$2,124.23 which is \$9.880 per member based on our April 1st membership of 215. We have set a goal of \$10,000 for the Elks year which runs through the end of March. Please consider being a Fidelity Club member and set an automatic donation each month for as little as \$5. We receive extra scholarship funding when we hit certain metrics. Please see ENF Chair Lee Guillory if you have any questions or to donate.



ATTENDANCE JACKPOT

Crying towels were awarded to:
Harvey Bollinger – August 12
Baldo Albrecht – August 26
Carl Marinello – September 9

"MY ELKS" app

This app will keep you connected to 'your' lodge with real-time updates and reminders, event calendars, volunteer opportunities, and nearby lodge locations – ALL ON YOUR PHONE!!

Use this QR code or search "MyElks" in the Google Play or Apple Store, today.



If you have any questions, contact Star (985.534.0082).

Approximately 71 of our lodge members have joined the My Elks app. Use the QR code to download the app to your phone or tablet so you get all of the up-to-date notifications of upcoming lodge events, parties, and activities. Contact Star Lala if you need any assistance with the app!

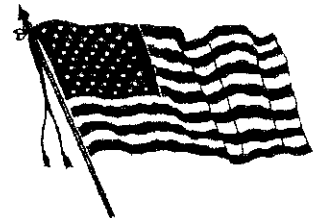


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October 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Bingo 11:30 AM Kitchen: Dave C.	2	3 Bingo 7:00 PM Kitchen: Randy H.	Lodge Work Party 9:00 AM LSU vs Monegan Reservation Youth Room/Pavilion
5 SAINTS vs Giants 12:00 Noon (CBS) Potluck in Lounge	6 Auxiliary & Board Meeting 7:00 PM Scout Troop 315 Patrol Leaders Council - 7:00 PM	7	8 Bingo 11:30 AM Kitchen: Dave C.	9	10 Pink Out Bingo 7:00 PM Kitchen: Tina Baye Reservation Youth Room/Pavillion	11 LSU vs South Carolina Homecoming Potluck in Lounge Baye Wedding
12 SAINTS vs Patriots 3:25 PM (CBS) Potluck in Lounge	13 Columbus Day Holiday Scout Troop 315 Troop Meeting 7:00 PM	14 Vote Meeting 7:00 PM Submit Names of Veterans to ER/Sec'y	15 Bingo 11:30 AM Kitchen: Randy H.	16	17 Bingo 7:00 PM Kitchen: Christy / Sam	18 LSU @ Vanderbilt Early Kickoff Window Potluck in Lounge
19 SAINTS @ Bears 12:00 Noon (FOX) Potluck in Lounge	20 Scout Troop 315 Troop Meeting 7:00 PM	21	22 Bingo 11:30 AM Kitchen: Randy H.	23 Thursday Dinner Kitchen - Nancy Eggplant Lasagna 6:30 PM	24 Bingo 7:00 PM Kitchen: Dee / Wanda	25 Orientation in Anteroom 6:00 - 6:30 PM Game Night in Lounge LSU vs Texas A & M Potluck in Lounge
26 SAINTS vs Tampa Bay 3:05 Noon (FOX) Potluck in Lounge	27 Officer Ritual Practice 6:00 PM Scout Troop 315 Troop Meeting 7:00 PM	28 Initiation Meeting 7:00 PM	29 Bingo 7:00 PM Kitchen: Randy B.	30	31 BINGO CLOSED HAPPY HALLOWEEN	