

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS

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News & Views
"Elks Care - Elks Share"

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EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

What a run we are on!! I continue to be truly amazed at how great our lodge is doing! We have great events, a growing bingo following, outstanding lounge and kitchen crews, increasing membership, and a positive atmosphere. Our lodge continues to share our blessings with those in need as we demonstrate benevolence on a consistent basis. We are continuing to improve our infrastructure while maintaining our operating and bingo accounts at the highest levels in many years! This is all because of you, our great family of members, who selflessly give every day!

Our lounge bathroom project is now complete! Both the women's and men's rooms have been totally redone and have handicapped accessible stalls. They are bright and modern adding to the renewal of our lodge facilities. This necessary project wasn't inexpensive, but thanks to the efforts of our bar manager Star Lala, the bartenders, kitchen crew, and all of you, we have already regained the operating account funds that were spent on the bathrooms! That is unbelievable! Thanks to you, we can continue to make the lodge a more inviting and enjoyable location to be with friends!

We have recently made significant contributions to those in need including medical equipment and a monetary donation to Elks Lodge #2081 in Kerrville, Texas. Our Adopt-a-School committee led by Randy Bergeron, Charlesray Neight, and Greg Hanrahan has been busy coordinating the purchase and delivery of school supplies and clothing to many of our local schools and teachers. Our lodge continues to set the bar for Louisiana lodges in Elks National Fund donations this year as our donations currently exceed the combined ENF giving of the other 7 lodges.

Our membership continues to grow! Over the last 5 months, membership chair Marvin Fontenot has coordinated the initiation of 16 new members, 3 transfer dimits, and 5 reinstatements – bringing our total membership to 237! In the past several years, we have struggled to maintain 200 members! New members are stepping in and contributing right away! We've welcomed the Labat family – Michael, Dusty, Dustin and best friend Dawn. They have prepared lodge dinners, donating their time and all of the food, and have donated back 50/50 winnings to the lodge. Thank you, Labat family! With more people involved, we can do more for our community, local youth, and the area's veterans. Every day, I tell someone, "Our lodge is doing so great!!" I'm honored to be part of this wonderful community – thank you for showing what Elkdom is all about.

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

AUXILIARY MESSAGE

Please mark your calendars for our BJ's Restaurant fundraiser, located at 140 Town Center Parkway Slidell LA 70458. Our auxiliary will receive 20% of all food and soft drink sales for dine in, take out, or curbside pickup from 11 AM to 9 PM on Tuesday, September 30th. All you have to do is present a paper copy or a picture on your phone of BJ's fundraiser flyer to your server. I will hand out the flyers at our September meeting for those who want one. Invite your family and friends to enjoy a meal with us.

The Auxiliary would like to thank Wayne Landry and Jan McAllister for their many years of service to our Lodge.

A big thank you to the following people who helped decorate the hall for our Sixties Flower power Dance Mary Clark, Paula Clark, Tina Gillory, Dawn and Jimmy Crippin, Cathy Neight, Lynn Bergeron, Christy and Sam Masson, Greg Hanrahan, Paula Powell, and Laurie Burleigh. Also, many thanks to all who came and made the night so much fun. It was really groovy because of you!

Youth Chairman Charlesray Neight will need help for the kids fishing rodeo to be held on September 13th. Please sign up in the bar. See article in the bulletin for more details.

In observance of Labor Day our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 2nd at 7 pm. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Our Elkette of the Month is a lifetime member. She does most of the shopping for our Angel tree charity and delivers the gifts. is a member of our scholarship committee, is a wealth of knowledge on the workings of our auxiliary, with her daughter Paula is responsible for the -success of our parade of prizes raffle, always volunteers to work the door at our annual fund raiser dance She is a treasure to our Auxiliary. Congratulations and thank you for all you do Mary Clark.

Happy Birthday wishes to Laurie Burleigh and Mary Clark!

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



ELK OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER HAL BIGELOW

Hal Bigelow is the Slidell Lodge's Elk of the Month for September 2025! Hal is one of our unsung heroes! He is always present at our Wednesday and Friday Bingo sessions, serving in any capacity needed. Whether he is on the floor with the players or lending a hand in the kitchen, Hal is always there with a kind word and a can-do spirit! He attends many of our Elks functions and assists with various office tasks. His efforts embody the goals of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks! Congratulations to Hal Bigelow for being selected as our Elk of the Month!

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 1 – Labor Day Holiday and Picnic
September 2 – Board of Directors & Auxiliary Meetings
September 3,10,17 & 24 – Wednesday Bingo
September 5,12,19 & 26 – Friday Bingo
September 6 – Lodge Work Party
September 6,13,20 & 27 – LSU Football
September 7,14,21 & 28 – Saints Football
September 8,15,22 & 29 – Scout Troop 315 Meetings
September 9 & 23 – Lodge Meetings
September 13 – Kids' Fishing Rodeo
September 20 – VFW Dance in the Hall
September 25 – Thursday Night Dinner
September 30 – PER Dinner / Auxiliary Fundraiser
October 1,8,15,22 & 29 – Wednesday Bingo
October 3,10,17,24 & 31 – 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 27 – Officer Ritual Practice

Join us at the lodge!

KIDS FISHING RODEO

Please sign up in the bar to help Youth chairman Charlesray Neight who will be hosting a kids' fishing rodeo open to the public for children ages 3 to 12 on September 13th starting at 9:00 AM. The children will be fishing with cane poles and crickets for bait. Elks members will be on hand to help bait the poles. We also welcome parents to help. There will be various award categories. All present will be treated to lunch and snowballs. Each child will be given a cane pole and rod and reel to take home. Registration is free, but required. Contact Charlesray at 504-669-5679 or Cathy at 504-237-4152.

DONATION TO ELKS LODGE #2081 IN KERRVILLE, TEXAS

The catastrophic flooding in Kerrville, Texas, that occurred on July 4th resulted from the Guadalupe River rising 26 feet in 45 minutes. Caught up in the devastation was Elks Lodge #2081. Upon a motion by Hope Bald, the Board voted to send the lodge most affected by the flooding \$5,000 to help its recovery. Greg Hanrahan researched and identified Lodge #2081 as the worthy recipient of our donation. The Kerrville lodge expressed their sincere appreciation for our support.

NEWS & VIEWS

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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 Samuel (Sam) Masson
Tiler Shaun Rueggar
Presiding Justice Ron Bald
Alt. Rep to Grand Lodge Dee Christian

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

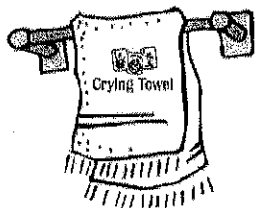
1 Year Trustee William (Bill) Graff
2 Year Trustee Randy Bergeron
3 Year Trustee Dee Christian
4 Year Trustee Vacant
5 Year Trustee Lee Guillory

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.



LODGE OFFICER UPDATE
On August 12, Wayne Landry, Past Exalted Ruler, Past State President, Past District Deputy, and a mainstay of our lodge, ended his decade-plus tenure as our lodge Secretary. We all give a huge thank you to Wayne for all he has done for the lodge and our Order. He has been a huge part of the continuing success of the Slidell Elks! Thank you, Wayne!

At the lodge meeting on August 12, we elected Hope Bald as our new lodge Secretary. We also elected Chris Hymel to fill the office of lodge Treasurer for the rest of the Elks year. Finally, Hope resigned her position as the Four-Year Trustee. ER Jimmy announced there will be an election for the now-vacant trustee position at the lodge meeting on August 26 and opened nominations.

NEWS FROM THE LOUNGE

It's football season! September begins the full onslaught of Saints and LSU games and your lounge will be open for every one of them! Get ready for our watch parties with \$2 bottled beer, football pools, and big fun! We'll have informal potluck with each kickoff so please bring something to share. Keep an eye on the calendar so you don't miss a single series of action! Come in, hang out, and cheer loud!! Thursday Night Dinners are back! Join us once a month for a delicious home-cooked meal served with love by one of our amazing volunteer chefs! Each dinner is coupled with Beer Happy Hour from 4-7 PM with dinner starting at 6:30 PM. Please sign up in the lounge to attend and be part of the fun, food and fellowship! See you there!!

ATTENDANCE JACKPOT

Crying towels were awarded to:
Lesley Mizell – July 22
Harvey Bollinger – August 12

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AUXILIARY FUNDRAISER AT BJ'S BREWHOUSE

Join us at BJ's Brewhouse in Slidell on September 30th for an Auxiliary fundraiser! Present the fundraiser flyer between 11 AM and 9 PM and the Auxiliary will receive 20% of the sales from your dine in, take out or curbside order except for alcohol. Contact Judy at 985-259-0109 for the flyer or pick one up in the lounge.

"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.



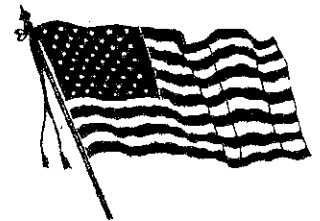
If you have any questions, contact Star (985.634.0082).

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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Labor Day Holiday	2 Auxiliary & Board Meeting 7:00 PM	3 Bingo 11:30 AM Kitchen: Dave C.	4	5 Bingo 7:00 PM Kitchen: Randy H.	6 Lodge Work Party 9:00 AM LSU vs Louisiana Tech 6:30 PM Potluck Lounge
7 SAINTS vs Arizona 12:00 Noon (CBS) Potluck in Lounge	8 Scout Troop 315 Patrol Leaders Council 7:00 PM	9 Vote Meeting 7:00 PM	10 Bingo 11:30 AM Kitchen: Dave C.	11	12 Bingo 7:00 PM Kitchen: Tina	13 Kid's Fishing Rodeo 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon LSU vs Florida 6:30 PM Potluck Lounge
14 SAINTS vs San Francisco 12:00 Noon (FOX) Potluck in Lounge	15 Scout Troop 315 Troop Meeting 7:00 PM	16	17 Bingo 11:30 AM Kitchen: Randy H.	18	19 Bingo 7:00 PM Kitchen: Christy / Sam	20 Orientation In Lounge 5:30 - 6:30 PM VFW Dance In Hall Dinner 6:00 PM Dance 7:00 PM LSU vs SE Louisiana 6:45 PM Potluck in Lounge
21 SAINTS @ Seattle 3:05 PM (CBS) Potluck in Lounge	22 Officer Ritual Practice 6:00 PM Scout Troop 315 Troop Meeting 7:00 PM	23 Initation Meeting 7:00 PM	24 Bingo 11:30 AM Kitchen: Randy H.	25 Thursday Dinner Shrimp/Chicken Pasta Beer Happy Hour 6:30 PM	26 Bingo 7:00 PM Kitchen: Dee / Wanda	27 LSU @ Ole Miss TBA Potluck In Lounge
28 SAINTS @ Buffalo 12:00 Noon (CBS) Potluck in Lounge	29 Scout Troop 315 Troop Meeting 7:00 PM	30 PER Dinner Auxiliary Fundraiser BJ's Brewhouse 6:30 PM				