

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS

*August  
2025*

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# SLIDELL ELKS LODGE NUMBER 2321

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## EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

The Independence Day holiday at the Slidell Elks Lodge was absolutely awesome!! Bryan Rhodus and his crew exceeded all expectations with what was arguably the best fireworks display every held at the lodge! Thank you to everyone who was part of putting on and cleaning up after the show!

Leading up to the holiday we had an incredible shrimp boil!! Many thanks to the great group that helped obtain, cook and serve – Dawn Crippin, John and Leslie Roques, Lynette Bourgeois, Joe Gaspard and April Harberson. Michael Labat won the shrimp boil 50/50 and donated his portion back to our fireworks fund! We've also closed out our very successful series of summer happy hours and dinners. Thank you to Star Lala and all of her bartenders for their great work and to all of our members who cooked such wonderful dinners. Every one of the Thursday gatherings were awesome, helped build the growing positive momentum we have at the lodge, and added some funds to the lodge operating account so we can continue making your Elks experience better! Speaking of summer activities, the pool area continues to look better and better! The recently added fence, the renewal of the non-skid surface around the pool, and the addition of an automated pool cleaner have all helped. There is no substitute for elbow grease – thank you Tina Guillory for scrubbing the pool so it looked great for the Fourth of July festivities!

Our improvements to the facilities continue! We have completed the renovations to the lounge restrooms! They are now fully handicapped accessible and have been totally modernized. We're looking towards the next items on our work list which include fixing a leak by the fireplace, a leak at the air conditioning unit on the lounge roof, and replacing the suspended ceiling in the lounge. Our goal is to offer brighter, newer, and more inviting facilities for everyone to use. Come out to the lodge and enjoy everything we have to offer!

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

## AUXILIARY MESSAGE

August kicks off football Season. Come out to the lodge and cheer for our Saints and Tigers on game days. Bring a dish to share. Win or lose we always have fun. Check your bulletin calendar for dates and times. I can hardly wait!

The Elks have scheduled a work party on August 2nd at 9AM. They would welcome your help.

I want to thank everyone who supported our auxiliary major fund raiser dance. Without you we would not be able to continue our charitable goals.

We will be completing our yearly donation budget at the August meeting. Please come and share your suggestions.

Our Elkete of the month is a longtime member. She has graciously taken on the role of our publicist, is a super star at getting pictures and articles published in our local newspapers and Elk's magazine, came in from her home in Lumberton MS to help deliver food to the Slidell VA food pantry. She has given generous donations to our Auxiliary in support our charities, has never refused any request, is well known in our community for the many good works she and her beloved husband Pat preformed for numerous years and continues to do so in his honor, and lastly always a joy to be around. Congratulations and Thank you Carol Massarini.

Happy Birthday Johnnie Verrette! We miss you at our meetings. Hope you are well.

Our next meeting will be held on August 4, 2025. at 7PM Hope to see everyone there.

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



## ELK OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST RANDY HENNICK

Randy Hennick is the Slidell Lodge's Elk of the Month for August 2025! Randy is a fixture at Wednesday and Friday Bingo sessions and also leads the kitchen three times each month.

He volunteers to assist with any event we have. Randy truly embodies the volunteer spirit and brings a calming influence to everything he does! You can always find Randy at our Lodge work parties on the first Saturday of every month. Thank you for all you do, Randy, and congratulations on being our Elk of the Month!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 2 – Lodge Work Party – Youth Room Closet
  - August 4 – Board of Directors & Auxiliary Meetings
  - August 6,13,20 & 27 – Wednesday Bingo
  - August 1,8,15,22 & 29 – Friday Bingo
  - August 10,17 & 23 – Saints Preseason Football
  - August 12 & 26 – Lodge Meetings
  - August 12 – Special Election for Lodge Treasurer
  - August 16 – Game Night in the Lounge
  - August 21 – Thursday Dinner starts 6:30
  - August 23 – Karaoke with Debbie
  - August 30 – LSU Football
  - 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 9 & 23 – Lodge Meetings
  - September 13 – Kids' Fishing Rodeo
  - September 20 – VFW Dance in the Hall
  - September 25 – Thursday Night Dinner
- Join us at the lodge!*

### FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

*From Bryan Rhodus*

I want to send out a huge thank you to everyone who helped with the 4th of July Fireworks and everyone who donated to help make this day possible. There is much involved with putting on the firework show for all of our members. It begins with purchasing and picking up the fireworks, unpacking them, separating them, repacking and loading, also unloading and setting up for the show and finally the clean-up. There were many helping hands to make this day happen. I personally want to thank Sam Mason, Jeff and Nancy Cooksley, Tina and Lee Guillory, Aaron Rhodus, Shawn and Gavin Nelson, Brooke and Wanda Rhodus, Wyatt Fricke, Lynette Bourgeois, Jesse Howard, Mark Moody, Marvin Fontenot, Loren Perkins, Darron Stringer, James Pulse. All of these individuals helped in many different ways and Thank You very much for all the help, I greatly appreciate all of you!

### NEW LODGE AWARD

#### VETERANS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The Slidell Elks Veterans Committee has established a new annual award to recognize the lodge's Veterans Volunteer of

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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 ..... Wayne Landry  
Treasurer ..... Jan McAllister  
Esquire ..... Joseph (Joe) Gaspard  
Chaplain ..... Lynette Bourgeois  
Inner Guard ..... Samuel (Sam) Masson  
Tiler ..... Michael (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 ..... W. Hope Bald  
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.



the Year. This award will recognize the member who has done the most for veterans during the year. Every member of the lodge can participate in the selection process. All you have to do is submit your pick to the lodge Secretary or any member of the Veterans Committee when the voting opens. The award will be presented at the annual awards ceremony. If you have any questions, call one of the committee members – they are Hope Bald, Greg Hanrahan, and Randy Bergeron.

### LODGE TREASURER UPDATE

Our long-time Lodge Treasurer, Jan McAllister, tendered her resignation effective July 31, 2025. ER Jimmy Crippin ordered an election be held on August 12, 2025 to fill the vacancy through March 31, 2026. Jimmy has also appointed Chris Hymel as the interim Treasurer for the period between the effective date of Jan's resignation and the election. Many thanks to Jan for her 9 years of service to the Lodge as our Treasurer!!

### YOUTH ROOM CLOSET CLEANOUT

On August 2, Marvin will lead a full cleanout of our Youth Room closet. Many years of items that have been collected and stored will be taken out and reviewed. Only items we need will be returned to the closet. If you have any items in the closet, please get them beforehand, or come out on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> to grab them and, hopefully, lend a hand to the effort!

### ATTENDANCE JACKPOT

The winners keep coming! Tommy Osten cleared the \$22 pot on June 24 when her name was called and she was present at the lodge meeting. Congratulations, Tommy! On July 8, the crying towel was awarded to

Jason Bowen. Come to any regular lodge meeting, sign up with a dollar donation and your Elks membership number, and you can be the next attendance jackpot winner!



### **"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.



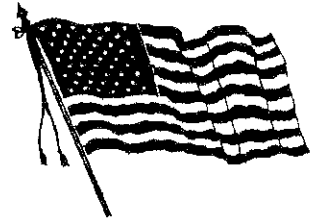
If you have any questions, contact Star (985.634.0082).

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 Bingo 7:00 PM Kitchen:Randy H.	2 Lodge Work Party * Youth Room Closet 9:00 AM
3	4 Auxiliary & Board Meeting 7:00 PM U.S. Coast Guard 235th Birthday	5	6 Bingo 11:30 AM Kitchen: René	7	8 Bingo 7:00 PM Kitchen: Tina	9
10 SAINTS @ LA Chargers Pre-Season 3:05 PM Potluck in Lounge	11	12 Vote Meeting 7:00 PM	13 Bingo 11:30 AM Kitchen: René	14	15 Bingo 7:00 PM Kitchen: Christy / Sam	16 Game Night in Lounge 6:30 - 10:00 PM
17 SAINTS @ Jacksonville Pre-Season 12:00 Noon Potluck in Lounge	18 Officer Ritual Practice 6:00 PM	19	20 Bingo 11:30 AM Kitchen: Randy H.	21 Thursday Dinner Starts at 6:30 PM	22 Bingo 7:00 PM Kitchen: Dee / Wanda	23 Saints vs Denver Pre-Season 12:00 Noon Orientation in Anteroom 5:30 - 6:30 PM Karaoke with Debbie 7:00 PM
24	25 Scout Troop 315 Fall Court of Honor 7:00-8:30 PM	26 Initiation Meeting 7:00 PM	27 Bingo 11:30 AM Kitchen: Randy H.	28	29 Bingo 7:00 PM Kitchen:Randy B.	30 LSU @ Clemson 6:30 PM Potluck In Lounge VFW Paviloin Rental - All Day