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News & Views

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## SLIDELL ELKS LODGE

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#### EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

What a positive vibe we have going on at our lodge! July is sure to keep that feeling going! We will celebrate the 249th anniversary of our country's independence with a day of picnicking and fellowship on the lodge grounds ending with our annual fireworks display led by Brian Rhodus and his crew.

Celebrating the signing of the "Unanimous Declaration of the Thirteen United States of America" should always be a positive, encouraging and uplifting experience. As I look around our own Slidell Lodge, everything I see continues to be uplifting! The renovations to the lounge bathrooms are nearing completion and the changes are simply amazing to see! The grounds continue to look more beautiful - my thanks to the Auxiliary for taking over the care of our front flower bed and to the building committee for making the pool area safer by repainting the deck to reduce the potential for slips and falls. The incredible efforts of our bingo crew, kitchen teams, bartenders, RV park managers, entertainment coordinators and everyone who volunteers their time and talent, continue to bring in revenue which allows us to continue our charitable works and make our facilities better for all. This month, in addition to the 4th of July celebration, we continue our Thursday evening dinners, will have our first "Game Day" (it will be a BUNCO event) on the afternoon of the 20th, and will support and enjoy our Auxiliary's annual dance and fundraiser on the 26th.

We're already looking at ways to continue our positive improvements. Plans are being developed to reset the HVAC unit on the roof above the lounge to eliminate an annoying leak and then renew the lounge ceiling and lighting. Our membership continues to grow! We're seeing larger attendance at our meetings and more participation in all of our events! Please come to the lodge and be part of these positive, uplifting and rejuvenating experiences!

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

#### AUXILIARY MESSAGE

Congratulations to our Elks. They received many lodge and individual awards at the State convention. Great job Lee Guillory. Congratulations to Jimmy Crippin for winning the Eleven-hour Toast and Tribute to the Flag, Baldo Albrecht was named Slidell Lodge 2321 Elk of the year and Jay Aragon was named State Veterans volunteer of the Year.

Thank you so much Warren Michel for donating the beautiful Charcuterie Board for our raffle. It was a great success, and we received many compliments.

Don't forget about our Major fundraiser Dance July 26, 2025, 8:00 to 11:00 the band is Witness, tickets 25 dollars, each cash bar. Contact Judy Hanrahan 985-259-0109 or Cathy Neight 504-237-4152 to purchase tickets.

Delicious Dinners and drink specials every Thursday in July sign up in the bar to attend.

Don't miss our annual fun for all 4th of July picnic and spectacular fireworks display presented by our resident pyrotechnician Bryan Rhodus.

Our Elkette of the month is a lady who is always willing to help. She volunteered to help Paula collect donations for our parade of prizes, works in the Bingo kitchen, is on the Scholarship committee, took time off from work to deliver summer care bags to needy students. At the state convention she worked the raffle, helped decorate the banquet hall, with the help of her husband Sam made numerous trips unloading and loading decorations and other members luggage who needed help, and provided door prizes for the lady's brunch. Congratulations and thank you Christy Masson.

Our next meeting will be held on July 7th, 2025. Hoping to see everyone there.

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



## ELK OF THE MONTH FOR JULY STAR LALA

(Super) Star Lala is our Elk of the month for July. If you've been around the lounge at all in 2025, you have seen the impact Star has already made! Her efforts with monthly game nights, Thursday happy hours in support of our lodge dinners, a larger group of bartenders, beautification of the bar area, new bar stools, and collecting donations for future improvements are just the start of Star's plans as our bar manager! The bar has become a significant source of income for the lodge and will pay for those plans to be implemented in short order! She is a strong presence at every Bingo and a favorite of our regular players. Star attends nearly all of our regular meetings and shares her voice through her committee reports and opinions on the lodge happenings. Thank you, Star, for everything you bring to our Lodge! You are truly a Superstar and our Elk of the month!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 4 – Fireworks
- July 5 – Lodge Work Party
- July 7 – Board of Directors & Auxiliary Meetings
- July 2,9,16,23 & 30 – Wednesday Bingo
- July 11,18 & 25 – Friday Bingo
- July 3,10,17,24 & 31 – Thursday Dinners and Happy Hour
- July 8 & 22 – Lodge Meetings
- July 19 – Meal & Entertainment
- July 20 – Game Day (Bunco)
- July 26 – Slidell Elks Auxiliary Annual Fundraiser Dance

*Join us at the lodge!*

### FLAG DAY CEREMONY

We had a great Flag Day Ceremony in the Hall on June 14th. The scouts and adult leaders from Troop 315B and Troop 315G served as the flag bearers. PER Dee Christian provided the History of the Flag, 4-Year Trustee Hope Bald who is also an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 315G provided the Response, Sergeant Jake Morris of the Slidell Police Department did the Oration, and our Auxiliary provided and served refreshments after the ceremony. Thanks to PER Randy Bergeron for filling in for the Esquire and to all who helped, participated, and attended!

### UPCOMING SLIDELL ELKS AUXILIARY DANCE

There is still time to purchase your tickets for the Slidell Elks Auxiliary's annual fundraiser dance on July 26th. This year's theme is Sixties Flower Power! Don't miss out on seeing the always-popular band Witness! Tickets are \$25, there will

be a cash bar, and the three-hour dance will start at 8:00 pm. Contact Judy Hanrahan or Cathy Neight for tickets.

### HONORS RECEIVED AT THE 89TH LOUISIANA ELKS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

Our Lodge was well represented at the state convention in June with 15 Elks and 7 guests attending. Outgoing State President Wayne Landry guided everyone through the agenda and state officers Charlesray Neight, Randy Bergeron, and Greg Hanrahan successfully completed their year of service. Jay Aragon was honored as the 2025 Louisiana Elks Veterans Service Volunteer of the Year! Our Exalted Ruler Jimmy Crippin swept the Ritual contests winning both the 11th Hour toast and the Flag Charge. The Slidell Lodge also received two plaques for its support of the Elks National Fund as both the highest overall contributor and highest per capita contributor among the Louisiana lodges for the 2024-2025 Elks year.

### THIRSTY THURSDAY HAPPY HOURS CONTINUE!

Throughout July, our Thirsty Thursdays Happy Hours will continue each week! Come hang out in the lounge each Thursday this month from 4 PM until 7 PM for drink specials, light snacks, great fellowship, and a lot of laughs. Remember that you can bring a friend or a co-worker (or both!) to enjoy the atmosphere! See you on Thursdays!

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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) 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 ..... 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.



### DAYTIME BUNCO IN THE LOUNGE

Here's a twist for you! Our next gaming adventure will be held during the daytime! Come to the lounge for Bunco at 3:00 pm on Saturday, July 20, which also happens to be the 56th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. The event is open to Elks members and their guests only. There is limited seating and *prepaid reservations* will be seated first. Reserve your spot with any bartender. The entry fee is \$10 which goes towards the monetary prizes for the winners. Join us and please consider bringing a snack to share with the crowd. Don't miss out on a fun day of fast-paced dice and friendly competition!

### VETERANS LUNCHEON AND BINGO

On May 22 ,2025 The Elks hosted a Veterans Luncheon and Bingo games for 65 Veterans. The Veterans came from 9 different Nursing Homes and assisted living faculties. The Veterans were treated to a great lunch of Hamburger Steaks brown gravy, smothered onions, cream potatoes, and green bean casserole. For dessert we served Cake and Ice cream. Eighteen Door prizes were given away to the lucky winners. I was very proud of the many Elks that showed up in force numbering eighteen to help. Thanks also to the fifteen Ladies Auxiliary members. Great job cooking, cleaning, serving, and most of all spending time visiting with our Veterans!

Veterans Co Chairmen Greg Hanrahan and Randy Bergeron.

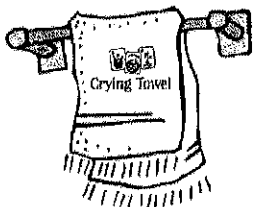
### INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS

Spend your Independence Day holiday at the lodge! Bring your own items to barbeque, enjoy a water slide and the grounds, then hang out for the annual fireworks display at around 9:00 pm. Donations are always welcome.

### ATTENDANCE JACKPOT

We have another winner!! That makes it 3 winners in the last two months! Jesse Howard was present on May 27 (and this time had actually paid his dollar) when his name was drawn! He won the pot of \$31! Congratulations, Jesse! At the June 10th meeting, C.J. Bordelon was awarded the

crying towel. 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 (985.534.0082).

Approximately 69 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!

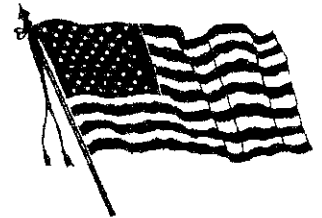


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Bingo 11:30 AM Kitchen: René	3 Happy Hour in Lounge 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Dinner - 6:30 PM	4 NoBingo Independence Day Holiday Fireworks - Approx 9:00 PMish	5 Lodge Work Party 9:00 AM
<b>GRAND LODGE CONVENTION, KANSAS, MO</b>						
6	7 Auxiliary & Board Meeting 7:00 PM	8 Vote Meeting 7:00 PM	9 Bingo 11:30 AM Kitchen: René	10 Happy Hour in Lounge 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Dinner 6:30 PM	11 Bingo 7:00 PM Kitchen: Tina	12 Pool/Patio Party Raelynn Fowler Ceremony 9:00 AM- 11:00 AM
13 Youth Room Reserved Zeke Hoover Time TBD	14	15	16 Bingo 11:30 AM Kitchen: Randy H.	17 Happy Hour in Lounge 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Dinner 6:30 PM	18 Bingo 7:00 PM Kitchen: Christy / Sam	19 Orientation in Anteroom 6 - 6:30 PM Meal & Entertainmant 6:30 - 10 PM Slidell Women's Civic Club STARC Dance 6 - 8 PM
20 Game Day BUNCO in Lounge 3:00 - 6:00 PM	21	22 Initation Meeting 7:00 PM	23 Bingo 11:30 AM Kitchen: Randy H.	24 Happy Hour in Lounge 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Dinner - 6:30 PM	25 Bingo 7:00 PM Kitchen: Dee / Wanda	26 Slidell Elks Auxiliary Dance 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM
27	28	29	30 Bingo 11:30 AM Kitchen: Randy B.	31 Happy Hour in Lounge 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Dinner - 6:30 PM		