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News & Views

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## SLIDELL ELKS LODGE

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#### EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

Welcome to a new year of ELKDOM! The 2025-2026 membership year will be a great one! As your Exalted Ruler, I promise to uphold everything the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks stands for. I will do my best to ensure transparency and communicate with all of you as openly as possible. I aim to support all of you and your needs while fulfilling our Lodge obligations. I have previously served as Exalted Ruler and also Chaired many of our lodge Committees. I will use my experience to continue improving your Elks experience and keep the lodge a great place for our members, guests, and families. I am truly looking forward to a great year and getting to know each and every one of you. If we have not already met, please don't hesitate to stop and introduce yourself, or feel free to pick up the phone and give me a call or send me a text.

I wish to start by thanking Lee Guillory and Dee Christian. These extremely dedicated Elks each served two consecutive years as Exalted Ruler – Dee from 2021 to 2023 and Lee from 2023 to 2025. Through their leadership and strong work, along with the help of their committee Chairs and every member, this lodge is in superb shape! I can only hope to keep up the high standards that they have set and continue to move Lodge #2321 in the right direction. I also thank Christy Masson for her multiple consecutive years serving as the Ladies' Auxiliary President and always supporting the lodge and its members. I know that with all our members and the newly elected officers and committee Chairs, we will achieve even more success during the 2025-2026 Elks year. I look forward to the innovative and forward-leaning ideas from my newly elected officers and our incredibly capable committee Chairs. I have included a complete list of our officers and Chairs in this bulletin. I genuinely look forward to working with the Auxiliary and their newly elected President, Judy Hanrahan.

Together, we will continue the lodge renovations that Dee and Lee initiated. Now that we have updated the hall bathrooms and anteroom, we are starting to plan to update the lounge bathrooms. Star Lala, our volunteer bar manager, will continue working on updating the lounge and offering more activities. Come join us on Saturdays in April for Steak Your Way, Bunco, and Game Night! Together, we can continue to lead the Louisiana lodges in supporting the Elks National Foundation – during the past Elk year, our lodge donated over \$13,000 to ENF about 3 times as much as the other 7 state lodges *combined*. Together, we will continue our support of local children through our adopt-a-school and scholarship offerings. Together, we will continue to remember our veterans and invite them to various special events throughout the year. Together, we will have fun and fellowship!

I'll close this month's note with a special thank you to Randy Bergeron for heading up my Installation of Officers Ceremony and to Judy Harahan and the Ladies' Auxiliary for ordering and serving the cake and coffee. See you at the lodge!

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

#### AUXILIARY MESSAGE

Welcome to a New Slidell Elks Auxiliary Year! Many thanks to our outgoing officers. Christy Masson, Mary Clark, Carol Graff, Tina Guillory and Nancy Rousset. These ladies are probably the longest continuous serving board members of our auxiliary. We can't thank you enough for the great job you did. Our 2025 -2026 officers are Judy Hanrahan President, Lynn Bergeron Vice President, Cathy Neight Treasurer, Laurie Burleigh, Recording Secretary, Brandi Rousset Corresponding Secretary and Paula Clark Sargent at Arms.

Congratulations to the Elks Auxiliary Scholarship Award Recipients, Chandler Sam, Kasey Spadoni, Skyler Haab and Rylee Majoue.

I would like to thank the following people for decorating the hall for the Law-and-Order Banquet. Lee and Tina Guillory, Dawn Daricek, Star Lala, Laurie Burleigh, Lynn Bergeron, Cathy Neight, Marvin Fontenot, and Greg and Judy Hanrahan

We need to decide on a theme for our annual fund raiser dance. Bring your ideas to our April meeting. The dance will be held on July 26, 2025. The band will be Witness.

Please remember to pay your yearly dues of \$12 that are due April 1st.

Our Elkette of the month is a lady who is a great asset to our auxiliary. She cooks meals, works bingo, decorates for events, works Bunco, cooks for football games and is always around when needed. Congratulations and thank you Tina Guillory.

Wishing the happiest of birthdays to Marcie Broussard.

Our Auxiliary Installation of Officers will be held on Monday April 7th at 6:30 pm. Bring a finger food or dessert to celebrate the start of our new year.

Hope to see everyone there. If you have any questions, please call me at 985-259-0109

Judy Hanrahan - Auxiliary President



# ELK OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL TOMMY OSTEN

Tommy is in her first year as an Elk and is lovingly known as "The Boss"! She has been a constant force in the kitchen for all Wednesday and Friday bingo sessions. Tommy attends all Elks functions, including meetings, special dinners, bunco, karaoke, and anything else that comes up each month. She is always looking to learn something new and is just a pleasure to be around!! Thank you, Tommy, for all of your superb support to the lodge and congratulations on being the Elk of the Month for April 2025!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 2,9,16,23 & 30 – Wednesday Bingo
- April 4,11,18 & 25 – Friday Bingo
- April 7 – Board of Directors & Auxiliary Meetings
- April 8 & 22 – Lodge Meetings
- April 12 – Orientation
- April 12 – Steak Your Way and Karaoke
- April 19 – Bunco
- April 26 – Game Night
- May 7,14,21 & 28 – Wednesday Bingo
- May 2,9,16,23 & 30 – Friday Bingo
- May 5 – Board of Directors & Auxiliary Meetings
- May 13 & 27 – Lodge Meetings
- May 22 – Veterans Luncheon

*We hope to see you at the lodge!*

### LODGE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Adopt A School ..... Randy Bergeron,  
Charlesray Neight, Greg Hanrahan
- Bar Manager ..... Star Lala
- Bingo ..... Lee Guillory
- Buildings ..... Marvin Fontenot
- Bulletin ..... Ron Bald, Greg Hanrahan
- Campgrounds ..... Lee Guillory
- Drug Awareness ..... Rick Wooley
- Elks National Fund ..... Lee Guillory
- Entertainment ..... Dee Christian
- Flag Day ..... Jimmy Crippin
- Grounds ..... Lee Guillory
- Indoctrination ..... Rick Wooley
- Kitchen ..... Dee Christian
- Law And Order Banquet ..... Randy Bergeron
- Membership ..... Marvin Fontenot
- Mother’s Day ..... Lynette Bourgeois
- Parliamentarian ..... Ron Bald
- Ritual ..... Bryan Rhodus
- Scholarships ..... Dee Christian
- Veterans Co-Chairs . Randy Bergeron , Greg Hanrahan
- Youth Activities ..... Charlesray Neight

### LOUISIANA ELKS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

The 89th Louisiana Elks Association (LEA) state convention will be held June 6-8, 2025, at the Hotel Bentley, 200 Desoto Street, Alexandria, LA. State President Wayne Landry and his convention committee have revamped the weekend! Friday night will start with a Block Party at the hotel that will feature a buffet dinner, music by a local disc jockey, and potentially a corn hole tournament. All of the state lodges are contributing to a single hospitality room, allowing us to meet more of our fellow Elks and increase camaraderie throughout Louisiana Elksdom. The awards banquet will still be held on Saturday evening. The all-inclusive registration cost for each member and guest is \$75. The deadline to register is May 23rd and there will not be any late or "day of" registration. The Hotel Bentley has established a room block for the Louisiana Elks that will also be available until May 23rd. The discounted rate for a king is \$129 and for a double queen is \$139. Call Wayne or Jimmy for registration forms or additional information. This is an excellent weekend to fraternize with our LEA Elk friends across the state.

### STEAK NIGHT & KARAOKE WITH DEBBIE

Join us on Saturday, April 12th for another great evening of food and fun! Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. Plates are \$20 each and include a filet, potato, salad, bread, and dessert. Music and singing goes from 7:30 p.m. through 11:30 p.m. Sign up is mandatory!

### BUNCO!

Our next BUNCO night will be held on Saturday, April 19th. Please arrive by 6:45 p.m. to sign up your team! There is a \$10 buy-in. We will start the games at 7:00 p.m.

### GAME NIGHT IN THE LOUNGE!

Come join us on Saturday, April 26th, starting at 7:00 p.m. for a fun-filled evening of games, laughter, and great company! We have a variety of games available

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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) Woolley  
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.



or feel free to bring your favorite to share. A main dish will be provided - please bring a dish, side, or dessert to share! A cash bar will be available. Don't miss out on a night of friendly competition and good times.

### ELKS NATIONAL FUND (ENF) UPDATE

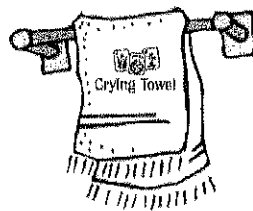
This has been an incredible year for our lodge's ENF contributions. Final numbers will be published in the May bulletin, but since April 1, 2024, we have contributed over \$13,111 which exceeds our previous year total by 309%. Our per-member giving average of \$62.73 makes us eligible to apply for a Gratitude Grant. We have already earned 3 of the 4 \$500 Gratitude Grant bonuses for membership support, increasing our fundraising, and having fidelity club members who give monthly through automatic donations. All of our ENF contributions allow us to help support Elks programs nationally and provide local students and veterans with scholarships and activities.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

April 1st started the 2025-2026 membership year. Please contact Wayne or Jimmy to renew your membership. The total cost including all local and Grand Lodge assessments is \$130. You can also make an optional ENF donation when you renew your membership. The Slidell Lodge accepts cash or check. We don't yet have the ability to receive payments through the My Elks app or through online cash transfer applications.

### SENDING PRAYERS TO STATE PRESIDENT AND LODGE SECRETARY WAYNE LANDRY

In mid-March, Wayne was admitted to the hospital after suffering a mild stroke. The officers and members send their prayers for Wayne's full recovery.



### ATTENDANCE JACKPOT

**Attendance Jackpot:** The following members were selected for the attendance jackpot at recent lodge meetings. However, they were not present and missed out on claiming a significant amount of AJP cash. They settled for the crying towel and the jackpot continues to grow!

Ansel Brassette, Jr.	2-25-25
Carey Saucier	3-11-25

### "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 54 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!

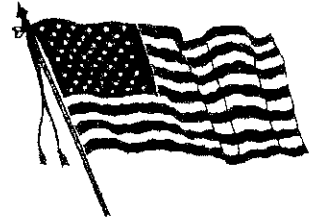


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Start of New Elks Year	2 Bingo 11:30 AM Kitchen: René	3	4 Bingo 7:00 PM Kitchen: Randy H	5 Pavillion GSA 30119 SU Field Day 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
6	7 Auxiliary & Board Meeting 7:00 PM BSA 315 Meeting 7:00 - 8:45 PM	8 Vote Meeting 7:00 PM	9 Bingo 11:30 AM Kitchen: René	10	11 Bingo 7:00 PM Kitchen: Tina	12 Orientation 6:00 PM Steak Your Way 6:00 PM Karaoke - 7-10 PM
13 PALM SUNDAY	14	15	16 Bingo 11:30 AM Kitchen: Randy H.	17	18 Bingo 7:00 PM Kitchen: Christy / Sam	19 BUNCO 7:00 PM
20 Pavillion Rental Brassette FAAST Picnic	21 Youth Room BSA 315 Meeting 7:00-8:45 PM	22 Initiation Meeting 7:00 PM	23 Bingo 11:30 AM Kitchen: Randy H.	24	25 Bingo 7:00 PM Kitchen: Dee / Wanda	26 Game Night 7:00 PM
27	28 BSA 315 Court of Honor 7:00-8:45 PM	29 PER Dinner 6:30 PM	30 Bingo 11:30 AM Kitchen: Randy B.			