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EXALTED RULERS MESSAGE

Nominations of officers and four appointed officers were concluded and elected on February 25, 2025. Congratulations to incoming ER Jimmy Crippin Jr.; all new and returning officers; and appointed officers for the 2025 - 26 lodge year. Support the team and help your Slidell Elks Lodge prosper next year.

Tina and I appreciate serving as your ER and First Lady. We could not have done it without all of your help, charitable work, social events and encouragement. It was a very successful and rewarding year including social events, lodge banquets, football games, dances and approximately 96 bingo sessions, all of which enriched our lodge operating and bingo charitable gaming checking accounts. It was also a record lodge renovation year with impressive improvements to the building to the tune of +\$120,000. I am proud of the financial condition that our checking, savings and CD investment accounts have attained.

The 54th Annual Elks Awards Baquet will be held on Saturday, March 29th at 7 PM to wrap-up all that we achieved last year. See the article inside for details.

On Sunday, March 30th at 1 PM there will be the Installation of Officers ceremony to officially install the new Officers/Appointees for the new lodge year. Although the new crew installs on March 30th, they don't officially start until April 1st. Come congratulate and support incoming ER Jimmy Crippin Jr., new chair and appointed officers as they embark on their new Elk year with new goals and duties. This is his second stint as ER in 25 years. PERs and other past officers may be needed to serve as installing GL Officers. Please arrive not later than 12:45 PM dressed in suits and ties for men and dress slacks or dresses for women. A reception will be held immediately thereafter.

Tina and I wish you a wonderful Easter season.

ER Lee Guillory / 985-290-9974 / leeg4700@bellsouth.net

AUXILIARY MESSAGE

This Year is **Marching Along! Happy St. Partick Day!**

We will be starting a new Elk year on April 1, 2025. **Congratulations** to our **New Auxiliary Officers: Judy Hanrahan**, Auxiliary President; **Lynn Bergeron**, Vice President; **Cathy Neight**, Treasurer; **Laurie Burleigh**, Recording Secretary; **Brandi Rousset**, Corresponding Secretary; **Paula Clark**, Sargent at Arms. As well as **Congratulations** to **James "Jimmy" Crippin, Jr.**, Exalted Ruler, and new **Elk Officers!**

Big Thank You! to all of our outgoing officers and members for a successful year. This years Elks Lodge 2321 Auxiliary helped many school students through the donation of the Student Wellness Bags Project, families in need, and the distribution of four \$500.00 college scholarship funds.

For those of you wishing to pay your **April 1st dues** for the new Elk year, the amount is \$12.00. You can drop your dues off to Tina Guillory, Treasurer at our next meeting. Thanks!

The **54th Annual Awards Banquet** will be **Saturday, March 29, 2025 at 7:00 PM**. Elks Auxiliary Member and Auxiliary Officer of the Year will be announced. If you are able to attend, sign the list posted in the lounge or call the Lodge at 985-641-1266. Join us in showing our appreciation to those who have served through Volunteering throughout the year!

Our **Auxiliary's Installation of Officers** will be **Monday, April 7, 2025, 6:30PM** at the Elks Lodge. Bring your favorite finger food or dessert to share.

Our **Elkette of the month for March** is an active auxiliary member who helps collect and prep for the Annual Auxiliary Dance Parade of Prizes, as well as Veteran door prize donations. Thank you, **Paula Clark**, for all that you do!

Birthday Greetings go out to **Carol Graff** and **Barabra Albrecht!** Wishing you a day filled with happiness and a year filled with joy!

As always thank you to all of our volunteers who continue to give their time supporting Elks Lodge 2321 events, and helping in the kitchen or bar. It takes a lot of work! Please reach out and schedule a time to help in the kitchen or bar. Help is needed during the day on Wednesdays 10:00 AM and Friday nights 5:00 PM.

If you are interested in becoming an auxiliary member please come to our next meeting on **March 10, 2025 at 7:00PM**.

Christy Masson – Auxiliary President



ELK OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH MICHAEL GROUT

Michael is a 6-year member, who has diligently worked as a Bingo pull tab salesman for several years with the Friday night bingo team. Mike's quirky funny personality is a pleasure to behold. Mike and Michelle are active participants in karaoke nights, steak dinners, etc. and are avid Kansas City Chief fans [sorry for the Superbowl loss!!]. They also enjoy playing pool and tennis in their spare time. Thanks, Mike, for sharing your time with us.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- March 3 – Lodge #30 GER Lundi Gras Banquet, 6 PM
- March 4 – Mardi Gras Day, Lodge CLOSED
- March 5,12,19 and 26 – Wednesday Bingo
- March 7,14,21 and 28 – Friday Bingo
- March 8 – Law and Order Banquet, 7 PM
- March 10 - Board of Directors & Auxilliary Meetings
- March 11 & 25 – Lodge Meetings
- March 15 – Marvin's Work Party
- March 22 - Orientation
- March 29 – Elks Awards Night, 7 PM
- March 30 – Installation of Officers Ceremony, 1 PM
- April 2,9,16,23 & 30 – Wednesday Bingo
- April 4,11,18, & 25 – Friday Bingo
- April 7 – Board of Directors & Auxilliary Meetings
- April 8 and 22 – Lodge Meetings

30TH ANNUAL LAW AND ORDER NIGHT PROGRAM

Please join us for the 30th Annual Law and Order Night Program on Saturday, March 8, 2025, at 7 PM. A distinguished panel from several different agencies will inform the audience of their current operations and

answer questions. Five outstanding first responders will be honored by the St. Tammany Parish Sherrif's Office; Slidell Police Department, Fire District 1, and LA State Police Troop L. A delicious complimentary meal will be catered by Silver Slipper Casino Food Services. Boy Scout Troop 315 will assist the excellent Elks kitchen crew staff with serving the meal and dessert. A signup sheet is posted in the lounge to get an accurate headcount. This event is free [except for drinks] and open to the public. Sign-up or call Lee @ 985-290-9974 by February 5th.

Menu:

- Pork Ribeyes
- Blackened Chicken Pasta
- Eggplant casserole
- Southern Style green beans
- Mashed potatoes and gravy
- Cookies
- Cake

Honorees:

- Lt. Allison Champagne** - St. Tammany Parish Sheriff Deputy of the Year
- Officer Zachariah Colgan** - Slidell Police Dept Officer of the Year
- David Berns** - Fire District 1 Firefighter of the Year
- Kamron Murphy** - Fire District 1 EMT of the Year
- Trooper Joshua Dennis** - LA State Police Troop L Trooper of the Year

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2024-2025 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler Lee A. Guillory
Leading Knight James Crippin, Jr.
Loyal Knight Jesse Howard
Lecturing Knight Rick Wooley
Secretary Wayne Landry
Treasurer Jan McAllister
Esquire Mark Moody
Chaplain Samuel Masson
Inner Guard Kenneth Howell
Tiler Shaun Ruegger

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1 Year Trustee Keith Rossignol
2 Year Trustee William Graff
3 Year Trustee Randy Bergeron
4 Year Trustee Deidre Christian
5 Year Trustee Hope Bald

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**

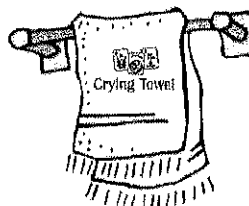
Pending applicants will be posted on the bulletin board; candidates interviewed; and processed during the month.



ATTENDANCE JACKPOT

The following members missed out on significant AJP money and received the crying towel. The jackpot keeps on rolling!

- #20326 Mike Bothe 2-11-25
- #2555 Darren Stringer 2-18-25



MEMBERSHIP:

We started this lodge year at 209 members, and we have initiated throughout the year bringing our membership rolls to 212 [after dropping 13 delinquent members in March]. A few more candidates are in the works this month. Let's close out the lodge year on a high note of +3 or even +5. Keep this momentum going into the 2025-26 lodge year.

54TH ANNUAL ELKS AWARDS BANQUET

One and all members and guests are invited to attend the 54th Annual Elks Awards Banquet on March 29th, at 7 PM. ER Lee Guillory will present awards in recognition of all the accomplishments achieved in the 2024-25 lodge year. Ten [10] Elks Most Valuable Student [MVS] scholarships will be presented by PER/Trustee Deidre Christian. Four [4] Elks Auxiliary scholarships and other awards will be presented by President Christy Masson. Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year, GER recognition awards and the Citizen of the Year will be presented and honored by ER Lee Guillory. The lodge has hired R & L Catering Company, owned by member Lesley Mizell, to prepare a delicious catered meal for all to enjoy. The banquet is free except for your drinks from a cash bar. A sign-up sheet is posted in the lounge to get an approximate head count. Call Lee at 985-290-9974 to get on the list.

Menu:

- Brisket
- Smothered Green beans
- Au Gratin potatoes
- Bread
- Salad
- Cake

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



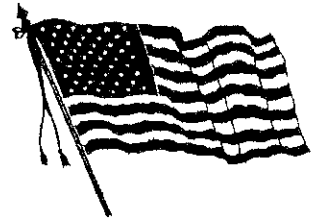
If you have any questions, contact Star (985.634.0082).

Approximately 48 of 212 members have joined the myElks app. Download it asap so you get all the up-to-date notifications of upcoming lodge events and parties. Just ask Star if you need any assistance.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3 Lundi Gras, Lodge #30 GER Banquet 6:00 PM	4 HAPPY MARDI GRAS Lodge Closed	5 Bingo 11:30 AM Kitchen: René	6	7 Bingo 7:00 PM Kitchen: Randy H GSA 30274 Cookie Booth 7-9 PM	1 8 Law & Order Banquet 7:00 PM
9	10 Auxiliary & Board Meeting 7:00 PM BSA 315 Meeting 7:00 - 8:00 PM	11 Vote Meeting 7:00 PM	12 Bingo 11:30 AM Kitchen: René	13	14 Bingo 7:00 PM Kitchen: Tina	15 Work Party Marvin 9:00AM
16	17 Youth Room & Pavillion BSA 315 Meeting 7:00-8:45 PM	18	19 Bingo 11:30 AM Kitchen: Randy H.	20	21 Bingo 7:00 PM Kitchen: Christy / Sam	22 <i>Work Party</i> Orientation 6:00 PM
23	24 Youth Room BSA 315 Meeting 7:00-8:45 PM	25 Initiation Meeting 7:00 PM	26 Bingo 11:30 AM Kitchen: Randy H.	27	28 Bingo 7:00 PM Kitchen: Dee / Wanda	29 Elks Awards Night 7:00 PM
30 Installation of Officers 1:00 PM	31 Youth Room BSA 315 Meeting 7:00-8:45 PM					