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From The Exalter Ruler



Greetings Elks

We were finally able to conduct our first membership meeting of the new year.

We addressed the A/C ductwork. The Corona Virus is still going strong and Albert Flores, Chairman of the membership committee, has his committee working on calling Members to see how they are doing and if they are in need assistance. We will be putting in sheet metal ducts, so we won't have to keep replacing the coil ducts that critters kept tearing up. This should help lower our electricity bill now that we will no longer be cooling the attic for the critters.

Thanks to Paula Albert who is doing a great job taking inventory and taking care of the RV Park. I would like to thank Leading Knight Ron Arteaga for the long hours of work he has been putting in here at the lodge. Ron and I spend many hours here at the lodge during the week attending to whatever needs to be done, helping Paula with the inventory, cutting the grass in the RV park, working on the budgets. I would also like to thank Brother Albert Flores for his help and the many hours, he has put into helping get the lodge in order and with the upkeep of the Lodge.

Thanks goes out to Lee Hincer, who came out to help with the budgets. Thank you to Frank Arechiga for your work in paying the bills and with work needed outside to keep the lodge looking good. Thank you to Jack Huggins for your diligent work making sure the business of the Lodge is taken care of. We have members working hard to make our Lodge better.

I challenge all our Lodge officers to volunteer and help better our Lodge by volunteering to cook burgers on Wednesdays and help with the yard work. As officers we must lead by example not just sit in our chairs. I ask our members to volunteer to help better our Lodge.

When we open we will need cooking teams for our Wednesday burger night to cook or you can help cleanup. We need volunteers to help with the outside work, cutting grass, clean up the beer garden. We need members to come out and support our Lodge, your lodge. When we open I hope to see you at the many functions the House committee is planning. Most importantly, we need you, the membership to come out and support our lodge functions. Remember it's your Lodge.

Stay Safe.

Albert Estrada, Exalted Ruler



Elks Care - Elks Share



FROM THE LODGE SECRETARY

The regular membership meetings for June 2020 are Tuesday, 2nd and 16th 7:30 p.m. at the Elks Facility.

Our current membership is 120. We currently have 32 members that have not paid their dues for this Lodge year.

If you have not paid your dues for this Lodge Year 2020-2021 please do so. You may send your payment to the Lodge, pay in person at the Lodge by credit card, cash, or check. And on the Lodge website sanantonioelks.com

UPCOMING ENENTS

- *Flag Day June 14th
- ***ELKS FLAG DAY CEREMONY** June 16th 7:00p.m.
- *First Day of Summer June 20th
- *Father's Day June 21st



Wishing all a Happy Father's Day

During these times when we are experiencing dramatic changes in our daily lives give a member a call and let them know you are thinking of them and hoping they and their loved ones are safe and well.

Help us keep our records up to date. If you have a change of your mailing or email address or get a new phone number please notify the Lodge Secretary.

The Lodge Secretary is in the office one hour prior to Lodge meetings for any Lodge business.

See you at the Lodge soon

Jack Huggins, PER, Secretary
Office Phone # (210) 697.3331
email secretary@sanantonioelks.com



Elks Flag Day Ceremony

**Tuesday, June 16th
7:00 p.m
(prior to the Lodge meeting)**





Elks Events Cancelled Due to Concerns for Health and Safety

*The Grand Lodge National Convention to be held in Baltimore has been cancelled for this year.

*The Texas Elks State Association Convention in Dallas this June has been cancelled. There will be a business meeting via the internet on June 6, 2020.

*The Summer Camps for the special kids at Ottine have been cancelled for this year.

*The Veterans weekend scheduled for this spring has been cancelled. The October Veterans weekend is still on the calendar.

*The Southwest District Officer Training will be held in August this year in conjunction with District Deputy/Vice President Clinic. At the Kerrville Elks #2081.

Greetings from the House Committee

As our world is starting to open-up we pray you are staying safe and in good health, but please use caution when venturing out among others. You are a valued person and we appreciate you.



The House Committee is working toward different projects and getting the bar up and running in a safe and controlled manner, and to follow guidelines that make us all safe. Please be patient we are thinking of the safety of everyone.

Please know just because we are closed things are still getting done. We are asking when the Lodge opens please use the Member's entrance on the side of the building giving you better access to the Member's Lounge.

Thank you and please stay safe!

Paula Albert
House Committee Chairman



Veteran's Activities

June 2020

Until further notice our monthly activities have been suspended



"As long as there are Veteran's in our hospitals they will never be forgotten"

Jack Huggins, PER



Scholarship Winners

Two high school seniors with ties to San Antonio Lodge #216 have been notified they are winners of the

Elks National Foundation Legacy Scholarships:

- Amber Lally is the granddaughter of Tom Lally
- Vada Kirsch is the granddaughter of William Davis

Both will receive \$4,000 over four years to assist with college expenses. ENF Legacy Scholarships are available to children and grandchildren of Elks members. Nationwide, 300 students received Legacy awards this year.

These outstanding students join Most Valuable Student Scholarship **Kaylee Burgess**, a senior at Taft High School, in bringing the total amount of scholarships awarded by ENF to Lodge #216 applicants to \$12,000 this year.

Applications for the 2021 Legacy awards will open around September 1st.

Lee Hincer, Scholarship Committee Chairman

Texas Elks State Association

Andy Mishaga, President
Mike Callahan, President Elect
Orville Weiss, Secretary
Steve Weatherly, Treasurer

Southwest District Officers

Dave Stewart
District Deputy Grand Exalter Ruler

Chris Stansbry
Southwest District Vice-President

Newsletter Articles due by the 20th of the month



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event at the
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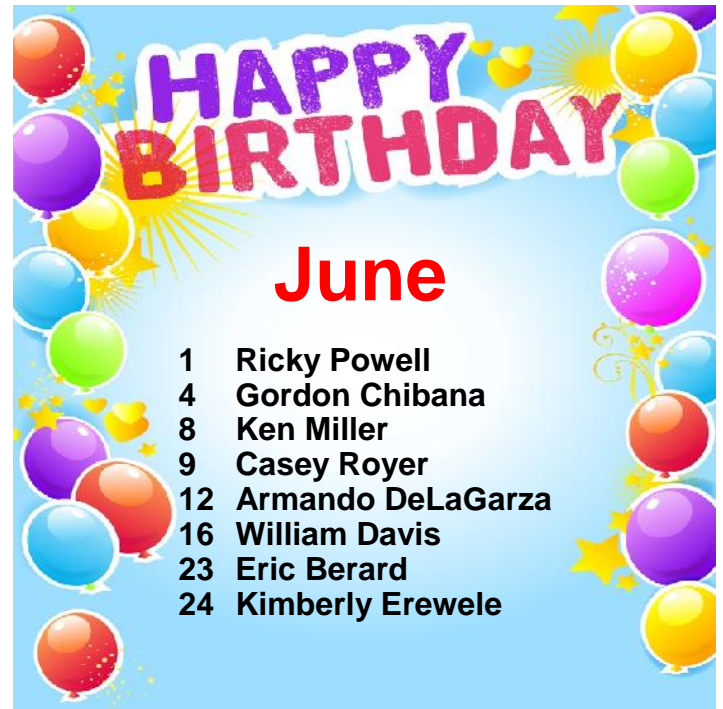
Call 210.697.3331

LODGE OFFICERS 2020-2021

Exalted Ruler	Albert Estrada
Esteemed Leading Knight	Ron Arteaga
Esteemed Loyal Knight	Edward Jones
Esteemed Lecturing Knight	Tommy Hernandez
Esquire	Lawrence Brown, PER
Chaplain	Ed Migdalski
Secretary	Jack Huggins, PER
Treasurer	Frank Arechiga, PDDGER
Inner Guard	Paaula Albert
Tiler	
Trustee 1 year	James Walker
Trustee 2 year	Lee Hincer, PDDGER
Trustee 3 year	Albert Flores
Board of Directors	Chair Officers & Trustees
Mediator	Tommy Hernandez

Your officers are here to serve you. They will keep you advised of the functions and activities of the Lodge. If you have questions or comments they are the ones who can help you.

Happy to serve the members of Elks #216



Elks National Foundation

So far this Lodge year 2020-2021 we have
\$645.00 in donations to the Elks National Foundation.

Make your contribution today.

Thank you for your support of the Foundation and the many programs that are provided by your contributions.

Southwest District News Update

*Congratulations to Craig Melms, Kerrville Elks #2081 for be selected as Southwest District Elk of The Year.

*Congratulations to the new Southwest District Sweetheart Penny Tojca San Angelo Elks #1880.

*The Southwest District Deputy/Vice President Clinic and Officer Training will be held August 15 & 16 at the Kerrville Elks #2081. More information will be forthcoming.

Flag Day

June 14th





DEA launches Secure Your Meds campaign, calls on Americans to keep Medications safe

WASHINGTON - With families encouraged to stay at home due to the nationwide health crisis, the Drug Enforcement Administration is asking Americans to keep prescription medications safe and secure until they can properly dispose of them.

The Secure Your Meds awareness campaign addresses a vital public safety and health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. The campaign also prompts families to discuss the issue of controlled prescription drug abuse.

DEA holds its National Prescription Drug Take Back Day twice a year, however, because of the current nationwide corona virus pandemic, DEA postponed the 2020 Spring Take Back Day, originally scheduled for April 25, 2020. DEA will reschedule Take Back day for a date shortly after the health crisis recedes and national emergency guidelines are lifted.

In the meantime, DEA wants to remind Americans to clean out their medicine cabinets and secure unused, unwanted, and expired prescription medications for the next National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, on a date to be determined.

Rates of prescription drug abuse in the United States are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

Once the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lifts restrictions, DEA will reschedule Take Back Day. More information on the Secure Your Meds campaign and Take Back Day is available at www.DEATakeBack.com.

Frank Arechiga
Drug Awareness Chairman

San Antonio Elks #216

Committees for 2020—2021

Activities Committee - Albert Flores, Chairman

Community Projects & Activities - Ron Arteaga, Chairman

Youth Activities - Edward Jones, Chairman

Hoop Shoot - Ron Arteaga, Chairman

Drug Awareness - Frank Arechiga, Chairman

Fraternal Committee - Frank Arechiga, Chairman

Americanism - Lawrence Brown, Chairman

Elks National Foundation - Jack Huggins, Chairman

Flag Day/Memorial Day Service - Jack Huggins, Chairman

Membership Committee - Albert Flores, Chairman

Veterans Services - Albert Flores, Chairman

Accident Prevention - Edward Jones, Chairman

Past Exalted Rulers - All P E R's

Standing Relief - Lodge Officers

Public Relations - Gordon Daniels, Chairman

Government Relations - Lawrence Brown, Chairman

State Major Project - Albert Estrada, Chairman

Scholarship Committee - Lee Hincer, Chairman

House Committee - Paula Albert, Chairman