



February 2023

The Antler

Official Newsletter of the Galveston Elks Lodge #126



- pg2** **From the Exalted Ruler**
Off to a Good Start
- pg4** **A Word from the Sweetheart**
Time to depart
- pg5** **Upcoming Events**
All the Fun Stuff!
- pg7** **Committee Corner**
Grants Committee

GUMBO COOKOFF



Galveston Elks Lodge #126
1518 23rd St., Galveston, Texas 77550
Benefiting charitable programs on the island.

1ST ANNUAL

FEBRUARY 28TH, 2023

MUSIC - FOOD - CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT - GOOD TIMES



Great music, games, corn hole tournament, and the always popular dessert auction! Guests and cooking teams don't have to be Elk Members, they just need to be signed in by a member.

Volunteers
Cooking Teams
Sponsors
Cake and Pie Donations

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
A Fraternal Organization

Galveston Elks Lodge #126
1518 Tremont Street Galveston, Texas 77550
Office: (409) 762-1212
Return Service Requested

For the latest Lodge information follow us on Facebook.





Elks Websites

(click below for websites)



[National Elks](#)



[Texas State Elks](#)



[Elks National Foundation](#)



[Texas Elks Camp](#)



A word from the Exalted Ruler

Fellow Members of Galveston Lodge,

Welcome to February! If the Antler is a little late this month, I'll take the blame. There has been a lot going on and I wanted to include all events into this article. In January, we had a serious meeting led by Sally regarding the future of our lodge. It was good to air some of the problems our lodge is facing and hear the input from so many new members of our lodge. The momentum of that meeting led to a fantastic Wednesday Steak dinner where we sold over 70 steaks. This resulted in the lodge making money to pay our bills... It was a fantastic night where all had fun and enjoyed the lodge. Later in the week, I held a volunteer meeting for all wanting to help. Again, a great turnout with about 15 people! (the last time I tried a volunteer meeting, we had 2 people show

up) We will keep up this positive momentum! Together we can ignore the negativity and focus on our future.

February 11, is the Sweetheart Ball in Clearlake. If you haven't bought your tickets yet, please see Asta. Let support our Sweetheart and cheer her on.

February 14 is of course Valentines day. It's also our lodge meeting where nominations will be taken for next year's officer positions. Please show up and nominate your next leadership team

February 12 is the Big game. With that is a SuperRib event at the lodge. Paul, Maddog, and team will smoking the famous ribs (outside until our pit room is fixed). Please join us for a great time... and a game.



On February 18, our State Hoop shoot competition will be held in Dallas. We have 3 Kids from the Galveston area that will be attending! This is very exciting for our Kids and they have a chance to make it to Chicago for the Finals. I'll

be posting a couple requests for donations to assist our Shooters in this exciting opportunity.



On Feb 25, we will have a Gumbo Cook-off where I'll be inviting as many lodges as I can. This will be a fun time for our lodge and a chance to show off our lodge to visiting Elks. Please help us out by volunteering for this fun event. Robert Corkren is heading this up and can use as much help as he can get.

February 28, is the 2cd lodge meeting in February and we will hold elections for the nominated officers.

[\(galvestonelkser@gmail.com\)](mailto:galvestonelkser@gmail.com)

Let's make 2023 the best year for the Elks of Galveston!

Joe



From the Chaplin

A new year brings new beginnings. A fresh start . A clean slate. A time for change.

It is very rightly said that nothing in life is permanent except change . Change is almost inevitable and one of the most prominent changes that we experience every second of the day is time itself.

We grow up , meet new people in life, lose loved ones along the way, and move to different places during our lifetime. Since change is unavoidable , you might as well learn to embrace it. Once you do that, you will learn that change often brings a lot of new opportunities and experiences that are actually good for us.

Change is never easy but something we all face as we go through this life rather we choose to make a change or things change around us beyond our control.

That said, be a force for change not a subject for change. You can change your life and

someone else's life for the better if you choose to change.

So long as you embrace change, you will find that your situation does not have to last forever and you will progress on to something bigger and better. If you reject change, experiences and opportunities in your life are likely to pass you by.

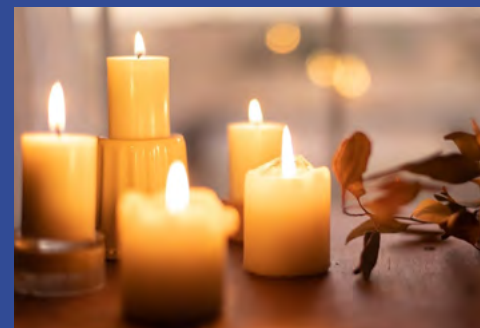
In this life we have participants and spectators. Be a participant and you will be a force for change! Be a spectator and you will be a subject of change. Think about it..... what changes can you make in your life or someone else's to make a positive difference? The world is ever changing and so must we. Be that force for positive change in your life and someone else's.

Take control of your life ! Make a positive change in the world around you and make 2023 the best year , this year!

I want to wish all Elks a very happy 2023.

If I may be of service to you please call me at (281) 935-9950.

Chaplain Joe





My final days as Sweetheart are here already. XO

The Gulf Coast Elks District Sweetheart Charity Ball is Feb 11 th , 6- 11pm at [Clear Lake Elks Lodge # 2322](#) (623 Hanson Rd, Kemah, TX 77565). Tickets are \$35 each. (Includes dinner, beer, wine and rail drinks, music and dance.)

The theme is "Back to the 80s"! I hope everyone will join me and other fun elks to celebrate our hard work this year! RSVP #608-576-9055. We are still arranging group transportation or a carpool to the event.

As we all know, currently, our lodge needs our financial attention. Since I'm on my last

days, this is my final PUSH for totals. All district Sweethearts submit their total amount raised in form of a check at 5pm on that Saturday, Feb 11 th . The Sweetheart in the District that has raised the most money will be crowned the District Sweetheart and then move on to compete for STATE Sweetheart.

I would love THAT TIARA!!!!!!

But it is most important to remember that ALL OF THIS is FOR THE KIDS! All monies benefit Texas Elks Children's Services Inc. This year we helped Aiden Adams and Sophie Barkdull with special grants and sent many kids to Texas Elks Kids Camp in Gonzales, TX over the Summer. Let's increase our totals so we can help more local kids with their needs (hearing

aids, uncovered medical costs, special medical equipment, or services...). And maybe, we - ELKS LODGE

#126 - can win DISTRICT! I don't think we have ever won!!

But I still need your help to reach the GOAL! Even SPOT has been going around town selling raffle tickets and raising money for the kids. If SPOT can do it, so can WE! GO SPOT GO! Donations are also accepted. TECS Inc. is a 501(c)3. Start your tax write- offs for 2023! Thank you for all your love and support! It has been challenging but FUN!

Love, Jista





Sweetheart's

via Carol McCoy donations

Valentine's Goodies

- Pick the items
- Make a donation
- Place \$\$ in the bucket.

Benefitting Texas Elks Children's Services Inc.

HAPPY MARDI GRAS



\$5

FOR Texas Elks Children's Services Inc.



FEB 2♥23



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01 Steak dinner donated by H&R Meats	02 Volunteer Meeting @ 6pm	03 El Napolito cooking for our Lodge	04
05	06 Membership Meeting @ 6pm	07 Chicken Fried Steak	08 PER Meeting @ 5pm	09 Spaghetti Dinner donated by Mario's	10 Sweetheart Ball – Clear Lake 	11
12 Superbowl 	13 Lodge Meeting @ 6pm – Officer Nominations PER Recognition Day!	14 Pork Chops	15	16 Pulled Pork Tacos by Kara	17 State Hoop Shoot – Dallas 	18
19	20 House and BoD meeting @ 6:30pm	21 Chicken fried Chicken	22	23	24	25 Gumbo Cook-off
26	27 Lodge Meeting @ 6pm – Officer Elections	28				



If you have a chance, reach out and wish these Elks a Happy Birthday!

January Birthdays Missed in the January Antler

Ray Molina
Rickey Morrison
David Pennington
Larry Poe
John Ritter
Christopher Robertson
Natalie Robertson
David Salyer
Sandra Scardino
Andrew Shelton
William Silkowski
Linda Stephens
Chelsea Sutton
Charles Taylor
Gregory Ustinoff
Raul Vanda

February's Birthdays

Dirk Archer
John Barry
Elena Brasher Schroeder
F W (Rusty) Carnes
Carl Christensen
James Davis
Renkert DesPrez
Matthew Farragher
Annette Felts
Dean Franklin
Linda Garcia

Bartley Gray
Karen Greenan
Charles Head
Katherine Herrin
Richard Huepers
Robert Joha
Mikko Kuch
Stacy Mathews
Tracy Mathews
Ralph Nusbaum
Dana Pate
Crystelle Pierce
Brian Ponce
Sylvia Rekoff
Donald Rogers
Paul Rogers
James Scharbach
Preston Smith
Helen Stroud
Robert Thierry
Cheri Ustinoff
Catherine VanNess
John Walker
Ann Wallace
Jeffrey Warren
Kenneth Wegner
William Westrup
Linda Dobbs Willis



One of the ways you can help is volunteer in the Lodge a few hours here and there. Either behind the bar helping keep things clean or serving a cold beverage. And lets not forget the kitchen or the weekly bingo!

With these opportunities though, comes some mandated training. Click the logos below for more information.





Grants Committee

Dear Members,

Winter has been an exciting time for the Lodge's Grants Committee! In conjunction with the Elks National Foundation, our Lodge has awarded \$3,500 in grants to two community nonprofits.

CHRISTUS OUR DAILY BREAD is the focus for Members of the Lodge in January and February. A Donation Box, located in the front foyer of the Lodge until February 11, enables Members to donate coats, jackets, new underwear, razors, body wash and trial size deodorant for Our Daily Bread's clientele.

In December 2022, the Lodge's Gratitude Grant donation of \$2,500 was awarded to the Resource and Crisis Center of Galveston County for their annual Santa for Survivors. This

event enabled the residents of their domestic violence shelter to be able to select gifts to give to members of their family for the Holidays. The children even shopped for their loved ones! Everyone had the opportunity to talk to Santa, have their selected gifts wrapped and enjoy cookies and punch. This grant helped with the purchase of gifts for all age groups plus provided Happy Holidays and lots of smiles. The picture below is Dianna Puccetti with volunteers at the Santa for Survivors event.

The 2023 Freedom Grant of \$1000 was used by Lodge members to purchase items so Health and Hygiene Kits could be assembled and given to homeless Veterans. Items for the kits include: 2 t-shirts, 2 pairs of socks, 2 men's briefs or Ladies underwear, full size toothpaste, toothbrushes, Flashlight with

batteries, standard size shampoo and conditioner, standard size bar soap, lip balm/lip moisturizer, lotion, and a first-aid kit. A handwritten card and a Star from a retired US Flag were included in each kit.

Our Lodge members want the homeless Veterans served to know and understand that Galveston Elks care about them, their health and their safety. Members also want to say "Thank you for your service to our Country" which is a debt we can never repay. Elks live by the motto, "As long as there are Veterans, the Elks will never forget them".

Thanks everyone!

Dianna Puccetti and Constance Rivers,

Grants Committee

Mardi Gras Poster Winner

Tia Haynes, wife of member Kenneth Haynes, presented a Mardi Gras poster to Galveston Lodge #126. Tia won first-place in the annual contest. Her entry, "Hooray for Hollywood", was designed and created to depict this year's theme for the Krewe of Gambrinus.



To make a difference in someone's life, you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful, or perfect. You just have to care.

~ Mandy Hale



Some of Our New Members

(Welcome aboard. We're Glad You Joined)



(L-R) Don Burlison, John Ondrasek, Bryan Roberts, Nancy Starr, Mike Starr, Todd Bsnight, Bill Martin



(L-R) Bobbie Christian & John Mcain

Veterans Day Quilts of Valor

Last month, we had a ton people come together for a great cause. An army of quilters created true works of art and heirlooms these veterans will be able to cherish for many years to come. This is what Elksdom is all about. Helping our community and working together as Elks should always do. Elks Care. Elks Share.

Quilters

- Marilyn Simmons
- Pat Reed
- Shannon Shock
- Marian Hoffman
- Ruth Marquez
- Dena Yngve
- Patricia Legg
- Cheryl Tessitore

- Helena Acoin
- Katy Farmer
- Jeri Jaquis

Veterans receiving Quilts

- Ron Woods
- Jimmy Bacon
- John Dapra
- Jim Gilmore
- Jerry Jackson
- Mike Aleman
- Lenny Van Noord
- Tom Verkin
- Stan Humphries
- Harry Milo
- Sonny Taormina
- Rachel Sanderson
- Tom Scott
- John Carlson





2022-2023 Officers

Exalted Ruler	Joe Miller
Leading Knight	
Loyal Knight	Natalie Robertson
Lecturing Knight	
Secretary	Belinda Miller
Treasurer	Tammy McCall
Chaplain	Joe Simmons
Esquire	John Bullacher
Tiler	John DaPra
Inner Guard	Jim May

2022-2023 Trustees

5th Year	Linda Muehlberger
4th Year	Kris Graves
3rd Year	Dianna Puccetti
2nd Year	Stef Cochran
1st Year	Stanley Marinos

Previous ERs

Michael Burckett	Julie Molis
Richard Carroll	Dianna Puccetti
Jack Cross	Paul Rogers
Bill Jamison	Dennis Zapalac
Chubby Lauzon	Jim May
Loraine McKinney	

2022-2023 Committees

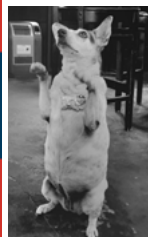
Committee	Chairperson
Accident Awareness	Claudia Mendel
Americanism	Kathy Nesbitt Aarom
Auditing & Accounting	
Bingo	
Community Activities	
Club Room	
Drug Awareness	Constance Rivers
Elks National Foundation	
Entertainment	
Garden/Yard	
Gov't Relations	Kris Graves
Hoop Shoot	
Investigation	Joe Conti
Indoctrination	
Kitchen	Matt Farragher
Lodge Activities	
Membership Committee	Richard Percy
Memorial Day (Lodge)	Joe Miller
Memorial Team	Jim May
Newsletter	Robert Corkren
Pool	
Public Relations	Chair Officers
Relief	Stephenie Schlett
Scholarships	Paul Rogers
Veteran's Programs	
Visiting	
Youth Activities	Natalie Robertson

OFFICER NOMINATIONS
FEBRUARY 14TH,
LODGE MEETING @ 6PM

Officers & Trustees

OFFICER ELECTIONS
FEBRUARY 28TH,
LODGE MEETING @ 6PM

ELKS LODGE #126
GALVESTON, TEXAS



THE BIG GAME PARTY



BBQ Ribs & Sausage
Potato Salad
Pinto Beans
Bread

\$15

DREAM TEAM



on
the **BIG SCREEN**

Sunday - Feb.12th
noon until sold out



KATIE'S SEAFOOD MARKET
Galveston, Tx. PIER 10



Nicholas Gutierrez
Manager
P: 409.763.8160
F: 409.621.2884

1902 Wharf Rd.
Galveston, TX 77550
katie'sseafoodmarkettx@gmail.com
katie'sseafoodmarket.com

SINCE 1987
STEWART'S Packaging

Patrick Henry
Sales Rep.

patrick@stewartspackaging.com
409-539-5913 t
817-239-8701 m
409-632-2953 f

Stewart's Packaging, Inc.
1227 23rd St.
Galveston, TX 77550
stewartspackaging.com

H&R Grocery & Meat Market
1428 35th Street
Famous Walt Burgers
Italian Sausage • Black Angus Ribeyes
For Custom Orders call Walter Whiteman
Meat Market 762-3765 Store 762-4510
Store Hours 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

J&J Telecommunications, Inc.



Eddie Janek
President
Ejanek@jandjtelecom.com
Direct: (409) 948-0000
Main: (409) 744-5868
jandjtelecom.com

VOICE GT
Turbocharge your business!



Golden Isle Local Handy Services
Leslie Nichols - 409-370-5450 - Lnichols1988@yahoo.com
Handy Services, Plumbing, and General Home Repair

JM Sales & Service, Inc.
Asphalt • Concrete Paving • Seal Coating • Striping

Jack Muecke (Mickey)

Two offices to serve you: Houston and Galveston
P.O. Box 16851
Galveston, TX 77552

(713) 294-3805
jack_muecke@yahoo.com



Whether it's sitting around the pool at Lodge, working in the community, volunteering on one of the many committees, or maybe even a meeting with some of your fellow Elks. Heck, maybe you went on a once in a lifetime trip or had a neat experience on the island - this is your chance to tell your fellow Elks what you've been up to! So this is a friendly reminder... share your photos with the Elks Editor at the email below. Just send an email explaining the event, who's in the picture, what's the location.

elks126editor@gmail.com



51st Street Towing
LOCAL & LONG DISTANCE TOWING
Julie Molis
OWNER
4328 WINNIE ST.
GALVESTON TX 77550/51
HABLA ESPANOL
409-744-4244
TOWING51@YAHOO.COM
ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS

Broadway Palms
www.VRBO.com/556595
Vacation Rental/Reunions/
Wedding & Baby Showers/etc!
1627 Broadway
Galveston, TX 77550
Mike: 281 639 1041
Lisa: 281 507 3772
texansfirstmtgco@aol.com

Michael Landry
construction /
Handyman
Licensed/Bonded/Insured
granite7@sbcglobel.net
409-497-5935

CB
Carnes Brothers Funeral Home
WHERE THE FAMILY NAME ON THE OUTSIDE
IS THE SAME FAMILY ON THE INSIDE
1201 Tremont
Galveston, Texas 77550
Franklin W. "Rusty" Carnes, III
RustyCarnes@aol.com
Office (409) 765-8080
Fax (409) 765-8052

DIANE MOORE, REALTOR® Associate
O: 409.737.5200 | C: 409.789.6330
diane.moore@garygreene.com
dianemoore.garygreene.com
Better Homes and Gardens REAL ESTATE
GARY GREENE
GALVESTON WEST END OFFICE | 13450 FM 3005
GALVESTON, TX 77554

Absolute HOSPICE
When care matters.
When Care Matters
Emily L. Wagner, RN
Admin / DOCS - 832-425-6496
www.AbsoluteHospice.com
AbsoluteHospiceInc@gmail.com
700-2nd St. - Suite B - League City, Tx 77573
on-call: 409-223-0055
fax: 409-316-4548
ofc: 409-440-8199

Twice Around Treasures
Records, comics, toys, etc. twicearoundtreasures@aol.com
Call for a appointment
Monday-Friday 12-5
409-888-0529
Galveston Texas

Tammie Caballero
Sr. Mortgage Consultant
tcaballero@city.bank
Galveston, TX 77550
825 Town & Country Ln Ste. 100
Houston, TX 77024
(832) 827-8589 Direct
(469) 602-8962 Cell
To apply online:
mortgagesbytammie.com
City Bank MORTGAGE
NMLS #291223
Member FDIC Equal Housing Lender

Your Ad could be right here—just **\$100** a year for advertisement. We **STRONGLY** encourage our membership to support those who advertise with us!

GUMBO COOKOFF

1ST ANNUAL

FEBRUARY 25TH, 2023 - GALVESTON ELKS LODGE #126

MUSIC - FOOD - CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT - GOOD TIMES

The weekend following Mardi Gras will be time to put those cooking skills to the test in the 1st Annual Galveston Elks Gumbo Cookoff!

Great music, games, corn hole tournament, and the always popular dessert auction! Guests and cooking teams don't have to be Elk Members, they just need to be signed in by a member.

ENTRY & REGISTRATION

Free - Elks Members
(donations are also welcome)
\$10 Donation - Guests
\$40 - Cooking Teams

SCHEDULE

8 am - Registration Table & Check-in
9 am - Quick Team Meeting
10 am - Bar Opens
11 am - 3 pm - Music &
Corn Hole Tournament
12 noon - Gumbo Tasting
2 pm - Judging & Dessert Auction
3 pm - Awards
5 pm - Areas Cleaned Up

**More Information can be found
on the Elks Facebook page and
in Lodge email communication.**

Event Site Click Here



Galveston Elks Lodge #126
1518 23rd St., Galveston, Texas 77550
Benefiting charitable programs on the island.

CONTACT

Robert Corkren - Communication Committee
Galveston Elks 126
713-805-8660 - elks126editor@gmail.com

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Drink Sponsor - \$750

- 2 team entries
- Company Name / Logo on all materials (including event emails, website, and Elks newsletter)
- Commemorative Plaque
- Special mention at the event

Sign Sponsor - \$500

- 1 team entry
- Company Name / Logo on all materials (including event emails, website, and Elks newsletter)
- Commemorative Plaque
- Special mention at the event

T-Shirt Sponsor - \$300

- 1 team entry
- Logo prominently displayed on the front of shirt
- Company Name / Logo on all materials (including event emails, website, and Elks newsletter)
- Commemorative Plaque
- Special mention at the event

Trophy Sponsor - \$250

- 1 team entry
- Company Name / Logo on all materials (including event emails, website, and Elks newsletter)
- Commemorative Plaque
- Special mention at the event

Event Supporters- \$40

- Name, Company Name, or Logo on all materials (including event emails, website, and Elks newsletter)
- Special mention at the event

PRIZES

- First Place - cash and a trophy
- Second Place - cash and a trophy
- Third place - cash and a trophy
- People's Choice - cash and a trophy (Ticket Drop @ Cooking Table)
- "Most Hype Team"
- "Best Decorated Tent"

WHAT'S PROVIDED

By The Teams

- 150 Gumbo portions / 3oz portions for attendees (quantity may change)
- Propane, cooker, pots, utensils, tables, and ingredients, etc.
- Wash/Sanitation Station
- Ice Chests are allowed only for items necessary for cooking

By The Lodge

- 1 quart containers for judging.
- 3oz sampling cups, spoons, napkins
- Serving bowls and spoons, for paid portions
- Ticket boxes (People's Choice)
- Tickets and Wrist Bands

Volunteers Needed!

**Cake and Pie Donation
SignUp Sheet in the Lodge.**



Galveston Elks Lodge #126
1518 23rd St., Galveston, Texas 77550
Benefiting charitable programs on the island.

