



## Message from the Exalted Ruler, Lowell Neinast

Greetings from the Exalted Ruler,

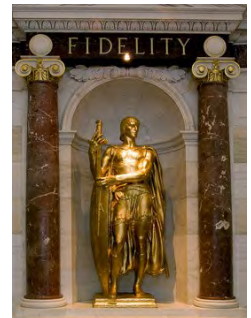
Let me start by saying how honored I am to once again be the Exalted Ruler of Houston Lodge #151 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. I am looking forward to a fun and productive year in Elkdom. I feel that we have a new officer team who are all in this for the right reasons. I am proud to be an Elk and even more proud to be a member of Houston Lodge #151. In the past two years there have been two new lodges formed, both in the great State of Texas, Canyon Lodge #2887, and more recently Navasota Lodge #2888. I have had the honor of leading a ritual team from Houston #151 to initiate the new members of both of these new lodges. We, at the Houston Lodge are respected around the state as the "go to" lodge when it comes to ritual and getting things done correctly. You as a member of Houston #151 are part of that team. That in itself should make you proud to be a member of our lodge.

As we begin a new year, I want to assure you that every member of this lodge is important to our existence. I realize that not everyone wants to be involved on the officer level, and that is okay, you are still a vital part of this lodge. Your opinion matters, as does your support for the lodge. I am in a dual role this year as the Exalted Ruler and the Gulf Coast District Vice President. While I am going to take both roles seriously, rest assured my heart is with OUR lodge. I have appointed committee chairpersons to handle the obligations of Elkdom and I know they are going to do a great job. We are also welcoming back, in a different way, a new committee, Friends of 151, formerly Ladies Auxiliary. This committee is going to be both non-member spouses and Elks who are volunteering to help out during significant events. There will be no officers or specific agenda for this committee, just volunteers who want to get involved and help our organization. If you are interested in being part of this committee please contact Ann Grissom for more details.

Elkdom is alive and well. The Great State of Texas is leading the way in new lodges and is continuing to grow in membership. Be proud of the obligation you took to become an Elk. Invite someone to come with you to an event at the lodge. Let's work hard to get our membership active and involved in the great programs the Elks organization offers. We all joined for a reason, and we all have our own story. Help me and the 2023-2024 officers make this a successful and memorable year for OUR lodge.

Yours in Elkdom,

Lowell D. Neinast  
Exalted Ruler





## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

### Congratulations to our new Lodge Officers for the Lodge Year 2023 – 2024.

Our new Officers have a lot of plans for fun activities this year, come out and be a part of it. We have some enthusiastic new members with some great ideas. Exalted Ruler Lowell Neinast has plans for a very active Lodge year for our members.

**MEMBERSHIP:** We need the help of all members to help our Lodge grow. We took a big hit las Lodge year and need to recover from that. In March we brought in 4 new members and 2 transfers. We need to strive for that kind of month all year. Please help us in achieving this goal.

See you at the Lodge.

As always, thank you for what you do for our Lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Jim Grissom  
Secretary  
Gulf Coast District Leader



### NOMINATION FOR HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

*Members of Houston Lodge No. 151, Below is a request for Honorary Life Membership. This request is set for ballot during the regular Lodge meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. This serves as the official notice as required by Grand Lodge statutes.. Any questions, please contact Jim Grissom, Secretary Houston Lodge No. 151.*

In accordance with Grand Lodge Statute 14.270, I would like to propose an Elk who has served our order with distinction at all levels within our order for Honorary Life Membership in Houston Lodge 151 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

This member was initiated into our Order in 2004. In local Lodges he has served as Loyal Knight, Leading Knight, as Exalted ruler in two different Lodges, Trustee eleven years, Chairman of the Board of Directors four years and President of the Past Exalted Rulers Association four years. He has served on the following committees in local Lodges, House Committee eleven years, four years as Chairman, Youth Committee for six years, Hoop Shoot Committee for five years, Scholarship Committee Chairman for six years and as Government Relations Committee Chairman for six years, he has served as the Presiding Justice in his own Lodge for eleven years and for other Lodges for ten years and has served as Mediator for various Lodges for ten years.

At District level he has served as Interlodge Chairman, Scholarship Committee for five years, Americanism Committee Chairman for seven years, Hoop Shoot Committee and District Advisory Committee.

At the State Level he has served on the Committee on Laws for nine years, Texas Elks State Association Vice President, Texas Elks Endowment Inc. for eighteen years, ten years as Chairman, one year as Vice Chairman and one year as Secretary/Treasurer, the State Business Practices Committee fourteen years, six of those as Chairman, TESA Training Committee for five years and on the Ad Hoc committee for two years.

At the Grand Lodge level he has served as Auditor to the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler twice, as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, District Leader, Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary for six years, as Trustee of the Defunct Austin Lodge, is currently Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for Texas and in July of this year he will become a member of the Grand Forum.

It is my honor and privilege to nominate my friend John Atwood to be an Honorary Life Member of Houston Lodge 151 of the B.P.O.E.

James Grissom  
Special Representative/District Leader  
Texas Gulf Coast District 8560



## FROM THE ESTEEMED LECTURING KNIGHT



Hello Everybody,

I am Honored to be coming to you as the new Lecturing Knight for 2023-2024. We have a great group of Knights representing Lodge #151 to work with you in your needs for this forthcoming year. We are very committed with our very accomplished Exalted Ruler Lowell Neinast in bringing all of you one the best new seasons of Elkdom ever.

We are committed to raising more money for our charitable causes, expanding our membership, and helping our fellow Elks while taking care of Veterans.

Lets all join in and a have great time doing things for others. Remember this is everybody's Lodge. Please continue to check your friends and family, making sure they are well.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

John Gerber  
Esteemed Lecturing Knight



## FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Message from Mark Sal Haney, new 5yr Trustee

I am honored to be elected to be the 5 year Trustee and look forward to serving the Lodge members. To all of our new members, please become involved in the Lodge activities. This is your Lodge and we can always use an extra helping hand assisting with the planning, setting up, and can always use help in the kitchen. Look for sign-up sheets in the bulletin board or just ask an Officer what you can do to help. Our pool is in great shape, so be sure to come out and enjoy it when the weather gets warmer.

Fraternally,

Mark Sal Haney  
5th year Trustee



## From the Sweetheart



Hi everyone!

My name is Amber Lindsey. I am 21 years old and I became an Elks Member around August of 2022. I took on the role of sweetheart to bring in fun games, events, and more to our lodge and most importantly raise money for our kids.

I am a Registered Behavior Technician working in ABA Therapy which allows me to work hands on with children and students who were diagnosed with Autism and other disabilities. I am very passionate about the field I am in and when presented with the opportunity to become sweetheart, I knew I couldn't resist.

I am very excited for this upcoming year and all of the wonderful events I have planned. Thank you so much for allowing me to have the opportunity to help out even more kids and meet many more amazing people!

Sincerely,  
Amber Lindsey



## From the Past Exalted Rulers Association



Greetings to all our members of Houston Elks Lodge 151,

First of all, I would like to say that it is an honor to have been chosen as the incoming president of your Houston Elks Lodge 151 PER association. I have been asked to write a monthly article to let all of our members of Houston Elks Lodge 151 know what your PER association does for your Lodge.

The PER association has a goal for your Lodge, and that is to keep helping to promote and carry through with various projects around your Lodge to provide items that will hopefully be enjoyed by all of our members, and to provide inspiration to folks who drive by your Lodge. Some of the recent projects that have been carried out are as follows:

New American flags to be displayed along West Airport Boulevard during events like Labor Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, and the Fourth of July; along with new American, POW, and Texas state flags as needed to be flown from the flagpoles in front of your Lodge building, and new military service flags as needed to be displayed during Veterans Day and Veterans lunch or dinner events. Televisions that have been sponsored and installed on the patio adjacent to your pool. Pergolas that have been installed on the opposite side of your pool. The latest PER event was the PER reverse draw that took place on March 17<sup>th</sup>, Saint Patrick's day. It included not only an Irish themed dinner, but also a chance to win up to \$1,000 in the drawing.

If any of our members have any questions about what your PER association does, or would like to help with any upcoming projects or fundraisers please ask any of your PER's about that.

Fraternally,  
Mike Betenbaugh,  
151 PER Association President.



*Death of a  
Member*  
**Mike Moore**  
**Past Trustee**



*Sleep My Brother  
and may Peace be with you....*

*Sickness and Distress  
is always in order*

**Prayers are needed for....**

**Cindy Rowland**

**Mike Callahan**

**Amber Lindsey**

**Chris Nowak**

**Cindie Pridy**

**Ron Gruber**

**Debra Cooper's daughter, Jenice**

**Tracy Callaway the Wife of  
New Mexico SDGER & PSP Rick Callaway**

**PSP, PGLK Barbara Jarrett**

**Susan Amen, Wife of**

**PGER & State Sponsor John Amen**

**Charles F. Williams PGER,  
Past State Sponsor**



**April Volunteer of the Month**

**Mark Sal Haney**



# Happy Birthday!

## Birthdays for the Month of : **APRIL**

- 02 Ignas, Leonard M  
Suminski, Sarah
- 04 Campbell Jr, Darwin E  
Luna, Debra  
Novak, Richard L
- 08 Ballard, Fred  
Boyd, Kenneth K  
Dole, Terry C
- 09 Brewster, John  
Stroud, Velia
- 10 Cooper, Michael
- 11 Carr, Ed  
Fitzgibbons, Kori
- 22 Buchanan, Edward L
- 29 Lopez, Luciano



**Bingo is at the Lodge every Thursday at 6pm!**

**Volunteers are needed...**

**Contact Joy Olmos**

## LODGE OFFICERS 2023- 2024

Exalted Ruler	Lowell Neinast, PER
Est. Leading Knight	Cindie Pridy
Est. Loyal Knight	Richard Novak
Est. Lecturing Knight	John Gerber
Secretary	Jim Grissom, PDDGER SRDL
Treasurer	Joy Olmos, DDGER
Tiler	Chris Novak
Esquire	Lynn Harris
Chaplain	Terrie Wetz
Inner Guard	Susan Mydgett
1-Year Trustee	Vacant
2-Year Trustee	Andy Mishaga, PSP, PDDGER
3-Year Trustee	Martha Gutierrez
4-Year Trustee	Sally DiPalma, PDDGER
5-Year Trustee	Mark Sal Haney



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## COMMITTEE CHAIRS/COORDINATORS 2023-2024

Accident Prevention	Mark Sal Haney
Americanism	Al Olmos PER
Auditing & Accounting	Ken Boyd PDDGER
Bar Manager	Ann Grissom
Bingo	Joy Olmos, DDGER
Community Activities	Cindie Pridy
Drug Awareness	Richard Novak
Elks Memorial Day	Ramona Mishaga, PER, PFL
Elks National Foundation	Renay Bennett PER
Flag Day	Lowell Nienast PER
Fraternal Comm.	Jim Grissom PDDGER SRDL
Friends of 151	Ann Grissom
Grant Coordinator TECSI	Sally DiPalma PDDGER
Grant Coordinator CIP	Ramona Mishaga PER
Government Relations	John Atwood, SDGER,
Hoop Shoot	Ken Boyd PDDGER
Indoctrination	Mike Callahan
Investigation	Jack Grabby PER
Lodge Activities	Lowell Neinast PER
	Renay Bennett, PER
Membership	Sally DiPalma PDDGER
Membership Retention	Jim Grissom, PDDGER, SRDL
National Veterans Service	Lynn Harris
PER Association	Mike Betenbaugh
Public Relations	Ramona Mishaga, PER, PFL
Ritual	Andy Mishaga, PSP
Scholarship	Cindie Pridy
State Major Project	Amber Lindsey
Veterans Services	Lynn Harris
Youth Activities	Cindy Harris
	Ramona Mishaga, PER, PFL



**American  
Red Cross**

**Donate today!**

*your donations makes a difference*



**Join us on Saturday the 8th for an Easter egg hunt for the kids.  
All kids ages 1yr – 10 yrs are welcome.  
Sign ups start at noon with the egg hunt starting at 1:00 p.m.  
Bring your own basket.  
Refreshments will be served.**

**Saturday, April 8th**

**Houston Elks Lodge # 151  
10150 W Airport Blvd, Stafford**





## What's Happening around the LODGE

### GULF COAST DISTRICT TRAINING at HOUSTON 151



### AWARDS and SPECIAL RECOGNITION

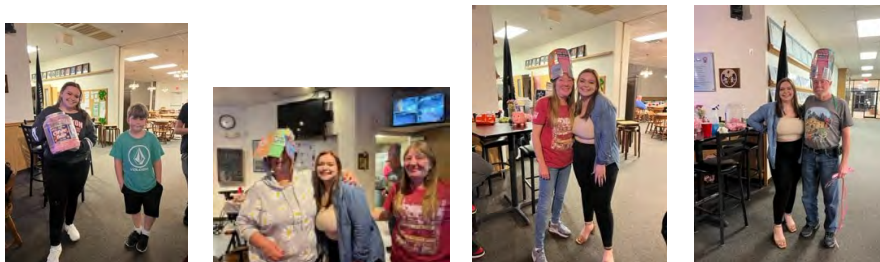


### PER REVERSE DRAW ST. PATRICKS DAY DINNER PARTY



### LODGE SWEETHEART DINNER and RAFFLES

### TRAVELING RVer's



## *What's Happening around the LODGE*

### INSTITUTION AND INSTALLATION OF NAVASOTA LODGE #2888



## UPCOMING EVENTS



- Apr 1 - New Officer Installation 10:00 AM
- Apr 1 - District Sweetheart Event at Houston 151 2:00 PM
- Apr 2 - Skeet Shoot at Katy Lodge
- Apr 8 - Children's Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 PM
- Apr 9 - Happy Easter - Lodge Closed
- Apr 14 - Steak Night 6:00 PM
- Apr 15 - Interlodge at Clear Lake Lodge 2322
- Apr 16 - VP & DD Clinics at Clear Lake Lodge 2322
- Apr 21 - Sweetheart Dinner
- Apr 23 - Philip Hudson's Celebration of Life Service
- Apr 23 - Blessing of the Fleet in Kemah
- Apr 29 - Gumbo Cook Off at Clear Lake Lodge

