Houston Lodge #151
Elks Tracks
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Message from the Exalted Ruler, Lowell Neinast

Greetings from the Exalted Ruler,

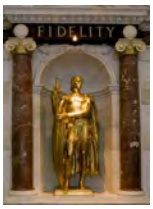
Happy October! This year seems to be going by quickly. Let me start by congratulating our Lodge Sweetheart, Amber Lindsey, who had great success at her first Elks Homecoming event. Along with Kristen Dube and Chris Novak, they were able to put together a great table to represent Houston #151. Good job Amber and thank you for making Houston proud.

We are looking forward to some special events in October so be sure and check the calendar. If you have not been able to get to the lodge, this is your chance to come and see what we are all about. When we work together, we can accomplish so many great things for Elkdom and our community. I am looking forward to a successful month for OUR lodge.

The pool is getting a little cooler despite the hot weather we have been having. If you have not had a chance to enjoy the pool, get it in before it gets too cold. Who was the first Grand Exalted Ruler from the State of Texas? We are looking forward to updating the pool area patio with some new fans provided by the Past Exalted Ruler's Association. The new fans will be larger and work better than the current fans.

I want to see if people actually read these articles, so I am going to conduct a little experiment. I will give a twenty-five-dollar bar tab to the first member who can answer the trivia question about Elks found in this article. You must tell me in person. Stop looking here, you already missed the question.

A special shout out to the volunteer of the month, Melba Doonan. Melba is always willing to step up to the plate and help when needed. She is a new member who jumped in full throttle. Thank you, Melba, for everything you are doing.



Yours in Elkdom,

Lowell D. Neinast
Exalted Ruler

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

FINALLY, A HINT OF FALL

If you didn't attend Homecoming, you missed out on a lot of fun and good fellowship with Elks from all across our great State. We also raised a lot of funds for our State Major Project.

We have a lot of upcoming events at the Lodge, watch for notices of these and make plans to attend.

We are still running behind where we should be in bringing new members into our great Order. We can use everyone's help in this. Bring a friend or neighbor to the Lodge as your guest and let them see what we have to offer.

Hope to see you soon at the Lodge and thanks for all that you do.

Fraternally,

Jim Grissom
Secretary and Gulf Coast District Leader

Sickness and Distress is always in order

Prayers are needed for….

Ikey Sal Haney
John Gerber
John Richwagen
Dave and Bert Hall
David Rawlings
Al Olmos
Jim Arnold
Lynn Delgado
Ann Grissom
Gene Bradwell
Mark Williams
Darlene Crisamore
Cindie Pridy
Mike Betenbaugh

The Passing of

Charles Garrison Hill Jr.
Bill O'Neil

FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The lodge Trustees have been working for the benefit of the lodge. Ceiling fans for the patio have been purchased and delivered. We could use some help getting them hung. Hint, Hint, Nudge, Nudge, Wink, Wink: if you can help, we could use it. The switch by the back door may need to be replaced, but we won't know for sure until we get the fans up and running.

The budget review and adjustment has been happening for a couple weeks and should be ready to present to the Floor next week. Speaking of budget; we are spending more money than we are taking in. We need more participation. Without the income coming in regularly, we will need to look at other options. Closing the lodge a couple more days a week or increasing prices. Your lodge needs your help and participation.

Homecoming in Ottine was a huge success. Thank you to all the members that come out to help and participate. The Gulf Coast PER's have always handled the cake and Spirit wheel, and this year was a record year. We made over $1200.00 for the 1st Lady. Julie Molis had a great idea and procured a bus for those members that did not want to drive to Ottine. 3 lodges participated and really enjoyed it.

Fall Conference is right around the corner, the first weekend in November. It is in San Antonio, so no long 5-hour drives. This should make it easier for those that want to participate. Please get registered and come represent your lodge and your district.

That's all I got folks. Until next time.

Fraternally,

Sally DiPalma
4th Year Trustee

From the Past Exalted Rulers Association

Greetings to all our members of Houston Elks Lodge 151 and all Friends of Houston 151, Well folks, October is finally here after a very hot Southeast Texas summer. Hopefully cooler weather is here for a while. Along with cooler weather it is also MLB playoff time. Go Astros. Keep your eyes opened for Lodge events listed in the Tracks and the weekly What's Happening e-blasts for October.

September had some events at your Lodge that were very well attended. They were the annual Labor Day BBQ, a Prime Rib Dinner and a Play, a Pork Chop Dinner and a Murder Mystery, and the Last Chance and First Chance Chili Cookoffs. Hopefully everyone enjoyed all of these events. Also in September our Sweetheart Amber Lindsey represented your Lodge at Homecoming at Ottine. Well done Amber. Thank you to everyone who supported Amber.

What are the main components of a building? Let's for a moment imagine that the entrance to your Lodge is a stone archway. The foundation of the building has to be strong to support the weight of the building. The walls of the building have to be held together thoroughly enough to support the roof. The roof has to be resilient enough to withstand all the elements of the weather. The stone archway has a capstone which is the last stone put in place. The capstone is respect. Without a capstone in place the archway collapses. After that the rest of the building slowly follows.
When you enter your Lodge show respect at all times. When respect is in place everything else works together for a common cause.

Let's all look forward to a successful rest of the 2023-2024 Elks year at your Lodge. See you all around the Lodge.

Fraternally,

Mike Betenbaugh,
Houston 151 PER President

Happy Birthday!

Birthdays for the Month of OCTOBER

01	Terry Doig
	Charles McMullen
02	Melba Doonan
03	Brian Crawford
04	Pauline L. Tamsett
08	Jason Pritchard
10	Shauna Yelverton
11	Holly A. Keller
12	Junice Lawrence Cooley
	Thomas D. Kanak
17	Matthew Gabrilska
18	Mandy Lindsey
	Eduardo Penafiel
20	William Herndon
22	Juan Colchado
	Tom Nuckols
24	Marcus Ostrowski
27	Nancy Ayres
	Joyce Cooley
	Troy McMullen
	Veron R. Neal
28	Ginger Bierman
	Glenn C. Schulz
29	Kathleen Hinkle
	Sean Alan Tamsett
	Bruce G. Wilkins
31	John Cheek
	Mary Suzanne Neal

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

VOLUNTEER POWER!

Melba Doonan

VOLUNTEER POWER!

Upcoming Events

Oct. 7 Veteran's Day at the Lodge 11am
Oct. 13 Steak Night 6pm $10
Oct. 14 Deb T's Memorial Cookoff
Oct. 21 Line Dancing Family Fun 6pm
Oct. 27 Ribs for sale $25 per rack (advance sales only for ENF)
Oct. 31 Trunk n Treat 5pm - Happy Halloween

Nov. 18 Holiday Market 10am
Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Dinner 2pm

Dec. 15 Lodge Christmas Party 6pm

Jan. 13, 2024 Houston Lodge Hoop Shoot
Jan. 20 InterLodge at Clearlake Lodge
Jan. 27 District Hoop Shoot in Galveston

Lodge Meeting 7:30pm – every Tuesday
Wednesday Wings n Things 5pm – every Wednesday
BINGO 7pm (gates open at 6pm) – every Thursday
Sunday Football Fun Day Noon – every Sunday
watch the game with friends and bring an appetizer to share with at least 10 others

Labor Day BBQ

Family Fun at Friday Night Dinner

Gulf Coast District Deputy Team Official Visit to our Lodge

Fun at Homecoming

VETERANS
Appreciation Day

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

To come enjoy the day with some of our Veterans
from the local facilities.

11-3pm on Saturday, October 7 at Houston 151

Lunch will be served, the pool will be open, and
BINGO will be played!

Come on over to Houston Lodge 151 on **Saturday October 21**

from 6-8pm for a Family Fun Event.

OPEN TO EVERYONE!

HALLOWEEN LINE DANCING PARTY

Snacks and Drinks provided.

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be for sale.

$5 cover charge. Children 9 and under are free.

TRUNK or TREAT
HALLOWEEN
Tuesday, October 31st
Houston Elks Lodge #151
10150 W. Airport Blvd.
Stafford TX 77477
5 pm – 8 pm

Mark your calendar now and plan to have
Thanksgiving Dinner at Houston 151
2pm, on Thursday, November 23.
Just bring a dish to share.
Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Holiday
MARKET
HOSTED BY HOUSTON ELKS
LODGE #151
11.18.23
10 AM to 2 PM
Houston Elks Lodge #151
10150 W. Airport Blvd, Stafford TX 77477

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 Midyett
1-Year Trustee	Renay Bennett , PER, PGCVP
2-Year Trustee	Andy Mishaga, PSP, PDDGER
3-Year Trustee	Martha Gutierrez
4-Year Trustee	Sally DiPalma, PDDGER
5-Year Trustee	Mark Sal Haney

Bingo is at the Lodge every Thursday doors open at 6pm!

Volunteers are needed...
Contact Joy Olmos

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, PFL
Government Relations	John Atwood, SDGER,
Hoop Shoot	Ken Boyd PDDGER
Indoctrination	Mike Callahan, PSP
Investigation	Jack Grabby PER
Kitchen Manager	Renay Bennett, PER
Lodge Activities	Renay Bennett. PER
Lodge Bulletin	Ramona Mishaga, PER,PFL
Membership	Sally DiPalma PDDGER
Membership Retention	Jim Grissom, PDDGER,SRDL
National Veterans Service	Lynn Harris
PER Association	Mike Betenbaugh, PER
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

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October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **Football Fun Day! Texan (home)Football Game at Noon** **First Chance CookOff**	2	3 Dinner 6pm $11 Membership Mtg 7 pm Lodge Mtg 7:30pm and PER meeting to follow *National Night Out Against Crime*	4 Wings n Things 5-6:30pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30pm	5 **BINGO 7pm** Hall Rental 10am-1pm	6 TESA Veteran's Retreat at Ottine	7 Veteran's Day at the Lodge 11-3pm
8 **Football Fun Day! Texan (away)Football Game at Noon**	9	10 **Dinner 6pm $11 PER Spaghetti** **Lodge Mtg 7:30pm**	11 Wings n Things 5-6:30pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30pm	12 **BINGO 7 pm** *House Committee and Board Meeting 6:30 pm*	13 Steak Night Dinner 6pm $10	14 **Debra T. Memorial Cook Off at Houston Lodge** Stampede at Galveston Lodge & Benefit for Becky Jordon at Clearlake Lodge
15 **Football Fun Day! Texan (home)Football Game at Noon** **Katy Sweetheart Golf Tournament at Katy Lodge**	16	17 **Dinner 6pm $11** ***Chicken Marsala by Melba*** **Lodge Mtg 7:30pm** *Tracks Deadline*	18 Wings n Things 5-6:30pm Queen of Hearts drawing 7:30pm	19 **BINGO 7pm**	20 Sweetheart Dinner *Menu TBA*	21 Family Fun Night Line Dancing Party 6-8pm
22 Sunday Fun Day (by week no Texans Football)	23	24 **Dinner 6pm $11** ***Stuffed Chicken by Midyett, Grabbe, & Huddle*** **Lodge Meeting 7:30pm**	25 Wings n Things 5-6:30pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30pm	26 **BINGO 7pm**	27 Rack of Ribs Sales to benefit ENF $25 per rack *Pre-Sale-Only*	28
29 **Football Fun Day! Texan (away)Football Game at Noon**	30	31 **No Meeting No Dinner** **Happy Halloween! and Trunk n Treat 5-8pm**				

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