

## Message from the Exalted Ruler, Lowell Neinast



Greetings from the Exalted Ruler,

Happy November! Can you believe it? Let me start this article by thanking all of you who have stepped up to help our lodge. There are several members who will go out of their way to help the lodge succeed and it does not go unnoticed. November will be another busy month with several other activities planned, including our annual Thanksgiving Meal. Please check the bulletin board for sign up sheets for all upcoming activities and volunteer opportunities.

Our Lodge Sweetheart, Amber Lindsey, had to resign her position due to many things going on in her life. I am extremely proud of the effort Amber made in raising money for our state program. With that being said, I have asked Troy Lynn Betenbaugh to finish the year as our sweetheart and she graciously accepted. I am thankful to have someone willing to pick up where Amber left off. Thank you, Troy Lynn, for stepping up. You are going to do great.

I have learned one very important thing this year as Exalted Ruler. It is not a good idea to accept dual roles in Elkdom when one of those roles requires traveling. I am happy to report that all my Vice President visits are completed, and I will now be able to give the lodge my full attention. In fact, it is safe to say that the only time I will not be at the lodge is if I am somewhere else. That's called a Noleyism. Which United States President's father served two terms as Exalted Ruler? This is a great time to recognize one of our members who continually goes out of her way to help yet is often overlooked. Ann Grissom, who oversees the club, is always helping keep the lodge up-to-date and her hard work is often not recognized because she does most of it when nobody is there. Ann, thank you for being you and doing what you do.

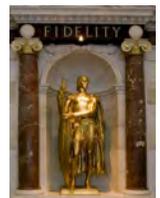
Congratulations to Mike Betenbaugh who was the first to tell me the correct answer to last month's trivia question. Granted, there were a couple people who texted me, but the rules said in person. Those rules apply to this month as well.

A special shout out to the volunteer of the month, Cindy Harris. Cindy recently stepped up to take over as the activities chair and has several interesting ideas to bring to us. Thank you, Cindy, for everything you are doing.

Bring your friends to the lodge, we need new members.

Yours in Elkdom,

Lowell D. "Noley" Neinast / Exalted Ruler



## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY



HAPPY VETERAN'S DAY AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING

It's the official start to the Holiday Season, I hope everyone is prepared. There are a number of Lodge members who are Veteran's, when you see them, take time to show your appreciation for their service and sacrifice. We also have Lodge members who are first responders, it would be nice to show them the same appreciation.

We will be having Thanksgiving Dinner at the Lodge, there will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board to let us know what you are bringing and how many people you are bringing. Please sign up well in advance.

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

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....**

John Gerber

John Richwagen

Darlene Crisamore

Jim Arnold

Jim Grissom

Father of Dan Dube

Bob & Kathy Englander

Renay Bennett

Craig Schmidt of the New Braunfels Lodge



*The Passing of*  
**Ed Swedberg**  
**Ikey Sal Haney**



## FROM THE ESTEEMED LOYAL KNIGHT



Greetings fellow Elks,

Well summer days seem to be behind us and cooler days ahead. There have been some great events that have happened at Houston Lodge 151 with more great events coming. With the holiday seasons rapidly approaching it is a great time to be an Elk. It is a wonderful time of the year to show that Elks share Elks care.

Remember our foundation: To do unto others as we would they should do unto us, even the littlest things can make a person's day better. Say hi and greet a stranger.

As always members this lodge would not be great without the hard work and dedication of its members. If there is anything that you as a member need or would like to see as an event please let an officer know. The officers are here for you the members.

Last but not least if you feel that you have any problems please let me know.

Your Brother in Elkdom,

Richard Novak Jr.  
Esteemed Loyal Knight



## FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It doesn't seem like we are half way through the Elk year.

We have celebrated many events and holidays in the last six months. I hope that many of our members have attended and enjoyed the fellowship that happens at our lodge at these events.

Our hard working Sweetheart needs all the members to keep supporting her.

Bingo is doing well. Charity money made from Bingo was donated to a good cause. Bingo doing well has also been able to cover 15 % of lodge utility bills from its proceeds. But, volunteers are still needed to work. Please consider volunteering to work one Thursday a month.

See you at the weekly lodge meetings!

Have a great Thanksgiving!

Fraternally,

Martha Gutierrez  
Three year Trustee



## From the Past Exalted Rulers Association



Greetings to all our members of Houston Elks Lodge 151 and all Friends of Houston 151,

November is here folks. The cooler temperatures have definitely arrived after a very hot southeast Texas summer. What events are scheduled for November at your Lodge and in the State of Texas? State wise the TESA Fall Conference will take place November 2nd through the 5th in San Antonio.

At your Lodge there will be a Holiday Market on the 18th, and our annual Thanksgiving meal on the 23rd. If you know anyone who would like to participate in the Holiday Market please contact Christy Trevino. For our Thanksgiving dinner there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to contribute to the meal with an entrée, side dish, or desert.

In addition to the above events listed for your Lodge it is still football season. Come on over to your Lodge on a Saturday for NCAA football, or on a Sunday for NFL football.

An update for you on this years PER project for your Lodge. The proposed deck by the pool has been tabled until next year. Your PER's have purchased 4 new ceiling fans to be installed on the patio by the pool.

Since Thanksgiving is coming up this is a reminder for all of us to be thankful for what we are blessed with. Keep others in mind especially during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. I hope to see you all around your Lodge.

Fraternally,

Mike Betenbaugh,  
Houston Elks Lodge 151  
PER Association President.



## SWEETHEART EVENT



Plan to come on over to Houston 151 on  
Saturday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> for a day of fun for everyone !

Fun & Games begin at 10 am  
There will also be a soup off ( watch for more details ) and then  
plan to stay and enjoy *Painting with a Twist* at 3 pm

See the signup sheet on the bulletin board—space is limited  
Cost is \$30 per person which includes all supplies



*All proceeds to benefit  
Houston Sweetheart program.*



# Happy Birthday!

## Birthdays for the Month of NOVEMBER

01 John Salverson  
02 Susan Midyett  
03 Cary Plocheck  
05 Jim Grissom,  
06 Ann King Tebow  
10 Mark Williams  
11 Renay Bennett  
Ann Grissom  
Tim Hauck  
Cynthia Nail  
16 Dan McDonald  
Mike Vinson  
19 Jyh-Hwa Doong  
Rodger Weiler  
20 Timothy Hadsell  
23 Joy Olmos  
24 Michael Crisamore  
25 Rylie Anderson  
26 Elise Diane Hornback  
28 John Sheridan  
30 Vanessa Haynes  
Tom Levernez  
Jesse Parra

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



*Cindy Harris*



# Upcoming Events

- Nov. 3-5 TESA Fall Conference in San Antonio**  
**Nov. 10 Steak Night**  
**Nov. 18 Holiday Market 10am**  
**Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Dinner 2pm**  
**Dec. 1 Steak Night**  
**Dec. 3 Annual Memorial Service 1pm**  
**Dec. 9 Painting with a Twist**  
**Dec. 15 Lodge Christmas Party 6pm**  
**Dec. 16 Veterans Christmas Party**

## **2024**

- Jan. 13 Houston Lodge Hoop Shoot**  
**Jan. 20 InterLodge at Clearlake Lodge**  
**Jan. 27 District Hoop Shoot in Galveston**

**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*

# The Cook Off



# Veteran's Appreciation Party



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# Ms. Martha's Visit



Thank you for the frames donations



Visiting Elks



Line Dancing Party



The newest addition to our Social Quarters

Movie Night

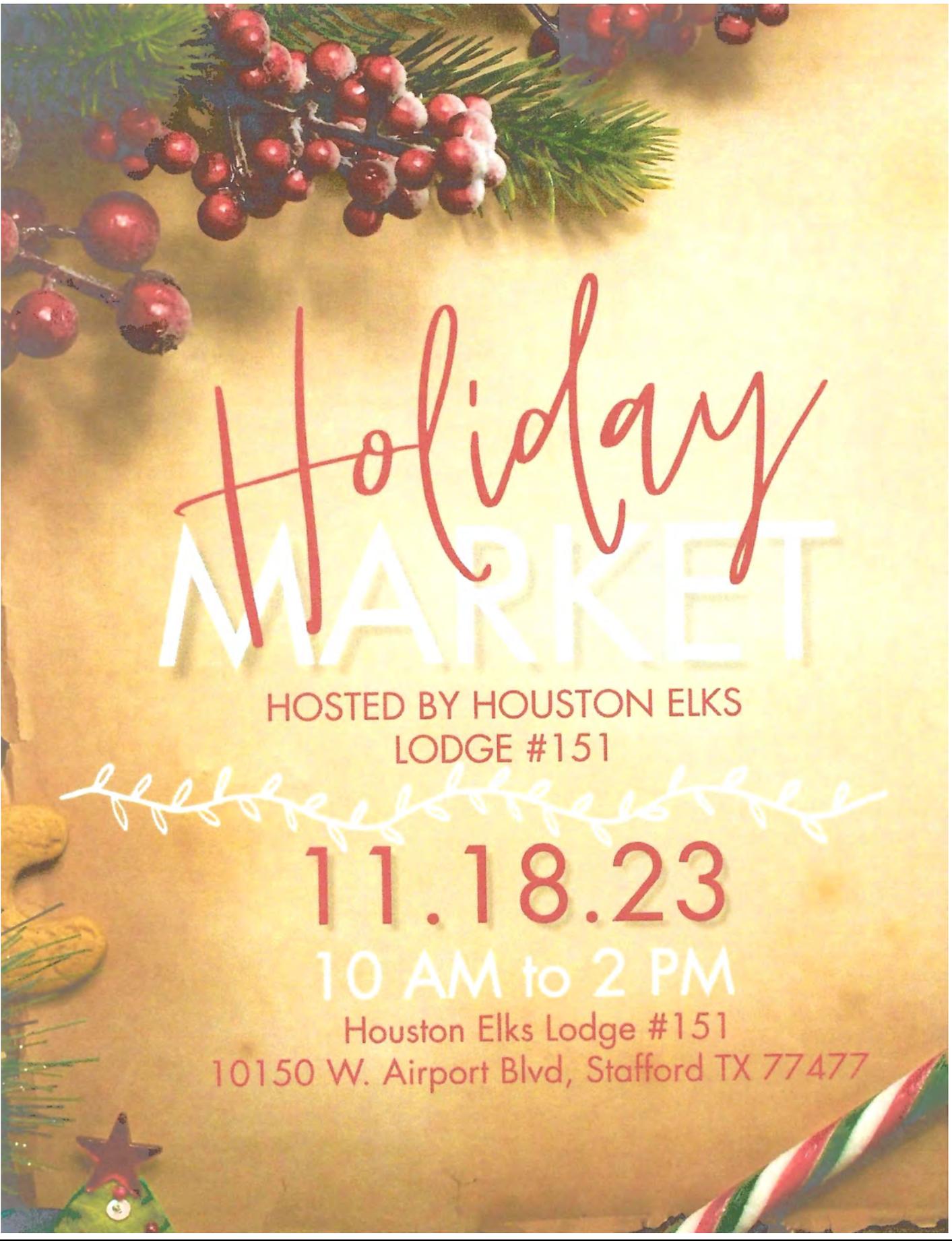




**HAPPY**  
**THANKS**  
- GIVING -  
— Day —

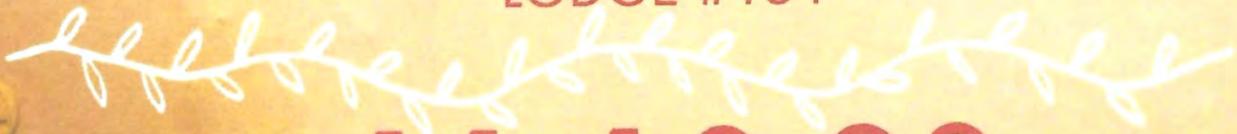


Mark your calendar now and plan to have  
Thanksgiving Dinner at Houston 151  
2pm, on Thursday, November 23.  
Just bring a dish to share.  
Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.



# 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, PDDGER
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

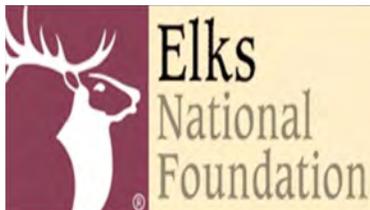
## COMMITTEE CHAIRS/COORDINATORS 2023–2024

Accident Prevention	Mark Sal Haney
Americanism	Al Olmos PER
Auditing & Accounting	Ken Boyd PDDGER
Bar Manager	Ann Grissom
Bingo	Joy Olmos, PDDGER
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 Grabbe PER
Kitchen Manager	Renay Bennett, PER
Lodge Activities	Cindy Harris
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	Trpy Lynn Betenbaugh
Veterans Services	Lynn Harris
Youth Activities	Cindy Harris



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

**Volunteers are needed...  
Contact Joy Olmos**



**Donate to**

**Elks National Foundation**  
*"it's the best buck you will ever spend"*

**elks.org**

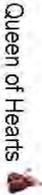
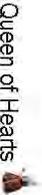
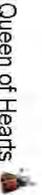


**American  
Red Cross**

**Donate today!**

*your donations makes a difference*

# November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Wings n Things 5-6 pm 	2 BINGO 7pm	3	4
<b>TESA FALL CONFERENCE</b> in San Antonio						
<i>Queen of Hearts Drawing will only be on                      Wednesday's - No more Saturday drawings.</i>						
5 TESA Fall Conference	6 	7 Dinner 6pm \$11 Membership Mtg 7 pm Lodge Meeting 7:30pm and PER meeting to follow	8 Wings n Things 5-6 pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 	9 BINGO 7 pm House Committee and Board Meeting 6:30 pm	10 Steak Night Dinner 6pm \$10 Market Night at Katy Lodge	11 Happy Veteran's Day 10:30 am Ikey Sal Haney Celebration of Life Hall Rental 3-7 OOD: Andy
12 	13 	14 Dinner 6pm \$11 - PER Spaghetti Lodge Meeting 7:30pm Tracks Deadline	15 Wings n Things 5-6 pm Queen of Hearts drawing 	16 BINGO 7pm	17 Galveston Lodge Greek Night Festival	18 Holiday Market 10am -2pm
19 	20 	21 Dinner 6pm \$11 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	22 No Wings n Things No Drawing	23 No Bingo Happy Thanksgiving 	24	25
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