



Message from the Exalted Ruler, Cindie Pridy

The lodge has been a very busy place lately. We ended March with the initiation of five new members and a community Easter Egg Hunt attended by over 50 children and their parents. April began with an outstanding turnout for Steak Night on April 5th where our new member Dakota provided acoustic guitar entertainment, our Sweetheart held painting like Bob Ross, Movie Night where Friends of 151 served their famous Hoagies with root-bear floats, and we have begun renovations of our swimming pool! Two of our young scholars received ENF Most Valuable Student Scholarships and three more received scholarships from the Texas Elks State Association. At our second annual Houston 151 Scholarship and Community Achievement Awards dinner on April 19th five young scholars received scholarships from our lodge. We also hosted a two-day Gulf Coast District inter-lodge which, by the way, any member can attend and learn more about Elkdom and what's happening in our district. If you haven't been around lately, you've missed a lot of good fellowship with your other Elks!

The one event that was notably missing was initiation of new members. As summer approaches it's a great time to invite friends to one of our activities to see our lodge, tell them your story of why you became an Elk, and help them fill out the application when they say; I want to be part of that. On May 15th we are participating in the VA Walk-a-thon as part of our Freedom Grant from ENF. You'll be hearing more about this event but it's an opportunity for Elks to shine and support our veterans. Activities like this make the slogan "Elks Care, Elks Share", meaningful.

We are all leaders and ambassadors for Houston 151 and the Elks. What we do and say both inside the lodge and outside in the community sets the perception others will have of us. Perceptions then become reality impacting the positive good that all our programs offer. I told you last month that my role is to listen to you, the members, and to lead through stewardship. What activities do you want, what ideas do you have, how can we make our lodge stronger and attractive to new members? You are all leaders! I want to hear your ideas.

Fraternal Yours,

Cindie Pridy, Exalted Ruler





FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

We now have one month of our Elk year under our belt. Exalted Ruler Cindie Pridy and her team of Officers have been quick getting out of the gate and have already gotten several things done.

Our new leaders and committee chairpersons are working diligently to come up with new ideas to increase the participation and enjoyment of our members.

The swimming pool has been completely resurfaced and will be ready in a couple of weeks. Let's plan on having a fun summer with lots of activities and events.

Through the hard work and dedication of several members of the membership committee we were able to close the 2023-2024 Lodge year with a plus one in membership. Two of our members who put forth extra effort were Tom Player and Richard Novak. As Gulf Coast District Leader I am happy to report that each Lodge in the District achieved at least a plus one in membership. I don't recall the last time we did that. Many thanks to District Deputy Len Meyers from Clear Lake Lodge #2322 for his efforts in achieving this. We are starting the new Lodge year off right with 4 new members in April. Let's keep it up.

Watch the calendar and come out and support some great activities that we have planned for this year.

Hope to see you soon at our great Lodge, and as always thanks for all that you do for our Lodge and our great order.



Fraternally,
Jim Grissom
Secretary and Gulf Coast District Leader

Prayers are needed for

John Gerber
Jim Grissom
Lynn Harris
Rachel Agriesti
Mother of Kara Leos
Alexanne Albert
Grandfather of Dakota Harper
Earline Grabbe
Jim Arnold, PSP
Royce Butler, PSP
Kristen Baker
Renay Bennett
Mike Kelly
Bonnie Griffies
Shirley Morrow— Mother of Kathleen Hinkle
Cody Lindermann
Patricia Gilberto—Mother In Law of Dan Dube



Message from the Loyal Knight

This being my first article for the tracks since Moby Dick was a sardine, I shall attempt to write it with some intelligence. During last week's board of directors meeting, a list of capital improvements was handed out. It listed a number of suggestions or projects for the future.

Some of these we can do and some involve serious considerations and funds. It is important for you the member to attend a board of directors meeting to express your views or assist in getting those proposals forward. To learn what is being considered or have your input on the list or add something, flag down

a responsible member of the board and mention your thoughts. As you know, timeliness, funds and other considerations often decide what goes or not.

The best way to learn what going on in the lodge is to attend the house and board of directors meeting

Fraternally,
Jack Grabbe, PER
Loyal Knight



Message from the Board of Directors



The swimming pool is being made ready for summer fun. Our lodge Sweetheart, Troy Lynn, is working hard to raise funds for our state project, the Summer Camp at Ottine. Please feed the Red Pigs with loose change or some big bucks.

The National Convention will be held in Austin, Texas just a hop, skip and jump from our city, so go and meet fellow Elks from other states.

You will be surprised how many new friends you will make. And learn more about this great organization, Elks.

Just a reminder, all members may attend the House Committee/Board Meeting held on the second Tuesday of each month. You will learn more about your Lodge by attending these meetings. Be sure to check the bulletin board to find out more about what's happening at the Lodge.

See all of you at the Lodge!

Martha Gutierrez
2 Year Trustee



Happy Birthday!

Birthdays for the Month of MAY

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| 03 | Debra L. Thomas Shawn Vernon |
| 04 | John S. Grabbe |
| 05 | Heather Borchardt Vincent Michael Clancy |
| 08 | Susan Nix |
| 10 | Deborah Plance Cynthia Whittenburg |
| 14 | Minerva Perez |
| 16 | Cindie Pridy |
| 17 | Theresa B. Moore |
| 19 | Charles M. Betenbaugh Dale Wehrley |
| 21 | Ricardo Benitez |
| 22 | Bill J. Philbert |
| 24 | Robert Donellan |
| 25 | Martha Gutierrez Lowell D. Neinast |
| 26 | Pat Tracey |
| 29 | John C. Gerber Debra Favor Vinson |
| 30 | John Robert Kahler |

Upcoming Events

***Watch for email and Facebook updates and
the weekly "What's Happening"***

MAY 2024

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| May 3 | Steak Night 6pm |
| May 4 | Painting w/ a Twist 1pm |
| | Kentucky Derby party 4pm w/ Taco Bar for Dinner |
| May 10 | Mother's Day Ceremony and Dinner 6pm |
| May 11 | Sweetheart Jewelry Making Party 5pm |
| May 18 | GC Charity Ball at Galveston Lodge |
| May 26 | Memorial Day BBQ – Lodge opens at Noon |

JUNE 2024

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| June 7 | Steak Night 6pm |
| June 7-9 | TESA State Convention |
| June 14 | Flag Day Ceremony w/ Dinner to follow |
| June 16 | Father's Day Ceremony and Cookout Noon |
| June 22 | Veteran's Pool Party |
| June 18 | Friends of 151 Meeting 5pm |
| June 22 | Veterans Pool Party |

JULY 2024

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| July 4 | 4th of July Party w/ Hotdogs and Cake Walk |
| June 30 - July 1-3 | Grand Lodge Convention in Austin |
| July 13 | Chili Cook off and Amber Lindsey's Graduation Party |
| July 20 | GC District Picnic at Galveston Lodge |

Queen of Hearts Wednesday @ 6:30pm and Friday @ 7pm

Wednesday Wings n Things 5pm – Wednesday

BINGO 7pm (gates open at 6pm) – Thursday

Scholarship Awards Presentation



Some of our new Members receiving the 3 meeting Elk pin !



Congratulations to those Members who received the
Grand Exalted Rulers Certificate of Recognition for bringing in 3
or more new Members for the 2023-2024 Lodge Year.

Lowell Neinast
Jim Grissom
Jese Parra
Brian "BY" Youngs



BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !

Having some Bingo FUN!!!!

Members it really is Fun!!! Come join us, be part of the Bingo team!!!
We need Floor Workers, Bingo Callers, and Back Room Workers!!! NO
Experience needed!!! We can and will Train You ❤️





Run for the Roses Meets Cinco de Mayo

Saturday May 4th
Festivities begin at 4
Tacos & Trimmings \$8 at 6
Post Time 6:45



Win / Place Squares



Mother's Day Ceremony & Dinner

Friday, May 10th
beginning at 6pm \$10

Dinner will be served immediately following the Ceremony

*Menu: Breaded Cordon Blue, Rice,
Salad, & Dessert*



LODGE OFFICERS 2024- 2025

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Exalted Ruler | Cindie Pridy |
| Est. Leading Knight | Richard Novak Jr. |
| Est. Loyal Knight | Jack Grabbe, PER |
| Est. Lecturing Knight | Susan Midyett |
| Secretary | Jim Grissom, PDDGER SRDL |
| Treasurer | Lynn Harris |
| Tiler | Mike Betenbaugh, PER |
| Esquire | Ramona Mishaga, PER,PFL |
| Chaplain | Chris Novak |
| Inner Guard | Troy Lynn Betenbaugh |
| 1-Year Trustee | Andy Mishaga, PSP, PDDGER |
| 2-Year Trustee | Martha Gutierrez |
| 3-Year Trustee | Sally DiPalma, PDDGER |
| 4-Year Trustee | Ann Grissom |
| 5-Year Trustee | Brian BY Youngs |



**Bingo is at the Lodge every
Thursday doors open at 6pm!
Volunteers are needed...
Contact Joy Olmos**

*COMMITTEE CHAIRS/COORDINATORS 2024-2025

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| Accident Prevention | Brian BY Youngs |
| Americanism | Charles Betenbaugh, PER |
| Auditing & Accounting | Ken Boyd PDDGER |
| Bar Manager | Ann Grissom |
| Bingo | Joy Olmos, PDDGER |
| Community Activities | Cindie Pridy |
| Dinner Committee | Troy Lynn Betenbaugh |
| Drug Awareness | Richard Novak Jr. |
| Elks Memorial Day | Ramona Mishaga, PER, PFL |
| Elks National Foundation | Susan Midyett |
| Flag Day | Lowell Nienast PER |
| Fraternal Comm. | Jim Grissom PDDGER SRDL |
| Government Relations | John Atwood, SDGER, |
| Hoop Shoot | Ken Boyd PDDGER |
| Kitchen Manager | Renay Bennett, PER |
| Lodge Activities | Cindy Harris |
| Lodge Bulletin | Ramona Mishaga, PER, PFL |
| Membership | Renay Bennett, PER |
| Membership Retention | Jim Grissom, PDDGER,SRDL |
| Veterans Service | Charles Dingas |
| PER Association | Kara Leos |
| Public Relations | Lowell Nienast, PER |
| Ritual | Ramona Mishaga, PER, PFL |
| Standing Relief Comm | Mike Callahan, PSP |
| State Major Project | Cindie Pridy |
| Youth Activities | Melba Doonan |
| | Lynn Harris |
| | Richard Novak Jr. |



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 Wings n Things 5 pm Queen of ♥ 6:30pm Annual Charity Report Due | 2 Bingo 7pm | 3 Queen of ♥ 7pm Steak Night Dinner 6pm \$10 Veterans Retreat @ Tecot | 4 Kentucky Derby Fun Day events Painting w/ a Twist 1pm \$35 Dinner – Taco Bar Veterans Retreat @ Tecot |
| NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK CELEBRATION | | | May 1-7 | NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK CELEBRATION | | |
| 5 Veterans Retreat @ Tecot Cinco de Mayo | 6 Lodge Closed | 7 Dinner 6pm \$11 Officer Cook Membership Mtg 7 pm Lodge Meeting 7:30pm and PER meeting to follow | 8 Wings n Things 5 pm Queen of ♥ 6:30pm | 9 Hall Rental 10am-2pm OOD: Martha House Committee and Board Meeting 6:30 pm Bingo 7pm | 10 Mother's Day Service and Dinner 6pm Queen of ♥ 7pm | 11 Hall Rental 8-4pm OOD Richard N. <i>New Frisco Lodge Institution</i> Jewelry Making Party 5pm |
| 12 Happy Mother's Day | 13 Lodge Closed | 14 Dinner 6pm \$11 <i>PER Lasagna</i> Lodge Meeting 7:30pm TRACKS Article Deadline | 15 Wings n Things 5 pm Queen of ♥ 6:30pm VA Walk-A-Thon at the DeBaKey Center 9am | 16 Bingo 7pm | 17 Queen of ♥ 7pm Dinner & Movie Night | 18 Armed Forces Day GC Dist. Charity Ball @ Galveston |
| 19 | 20 Lodge Closed | 21 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm | 22 Wings n Things 5 pm Queen of ♥ 6:30pm | 23 Bingo 7pm | 24 Queen of ♥ 7pm | 25 |
| 26 Memorial Day BBQ Lodge opens at Noon Food served 1pm | 27 Memoria Day Lodge Closed | 28 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm | 29 Wings n Things 5 pm Queen of ♥ 6:30pm | 30 Bingo 7pm | 31 Queen of ♥ 7pm Murder Mystery Dinner Show @ Katy 6pm | |

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