



Message from the Exalted Ruler, Mike Betenbaugh

Greetings to all members and guests of Houston Elks Lodge 151. In addition to the Grand Lodge convention in Kansas City, Missouri, the month of July has been very busy around your Lodge. These activities have included Tuesday and Wednesday dinners, 4th of July party, Steak Night with Beatles trivia, Sweetheart Sunday Fun Day, ENF dinner with a fund raiser board, Gulf Coast District picnic at the Katy Lodge, Captain Grabbe's Fish Fry dinner, and two days of CASI cookoffs. I truly appreciate everyone's efforts in planning and carrying out these events at your Lodge.

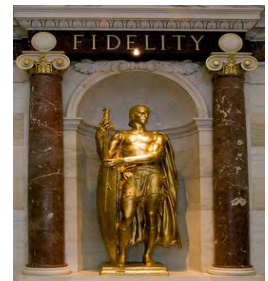
At the July House Committee meeting it was voted to raise the price of some meals at your Lodge due to the fact that the cost of grocery items has risen to the point where that needed to be done. Prices will be posted in the Tracks and weekly What's Happening. Look at it this way folks, if you go to a restaurant and purchase a comparable meal our prices would still be better than restaurant prices. Invite your family members and friends to come to your Lodge for a meal or event. You will not be disappointed.

Are you a good cook? Someone who enjoys cooking? If so, please come to a House Committee meeting, and have your favorite meal put on the schedule.

Are you interested in helping with Bingo? If you are then let Joy Olmos know. We are always in search of more folks to help cook at your Lodge, and Bingo needs more people to help. Remember folks, some of the proceeds from the Bingo players help to pay some of your Lodge's bills. Some of the Bingo players also contribute to the red pigs which helps to support the kids summer camp at Ottine.

In closing, our volunteer for the month of August is Bryan Youngs. Thank you BY for all you do around our Lodge

Fraternally,
Mike Betenbaugh
Exalted Ruler





From the Office of the Secretary

ON VACATION ON MOTORCYCLE TO STURGIS, SD

Membership renewals are still coming in. I have had several members who paid their dues but the information did not make it to the Secretary's office. Several of these paid their dues through Grand Lodge and those have not been received by the Lodge. If you have paid and are still getting notices, please contact the office and I will get it corrected. Thank you for your patience.

Activities Chair Theresa Finch is working diligently to come up with fun activities for our members. Please come out to the Lodge and support her efforts and support our wonderful Lodge.

As always, thank you for all that you do for our Lodge and for Elkdom. Hope to see you around the Lodge soon



Fraternally,
Jim Grissom, PDDGER
Secretary
and Area Special Representative for Gulf Coast District



Bob Englander
Ann Grissom
Cindy Rowland's Sister
Terry Finch
Tom Hayden

Karen Schultz
Rachel Agriesti
Tom Player
Joyce Arnold
Jimmy Jaynes

Passing of Lowell Neinast's Cousin
Passing of Deb Cooper's Daughter

Passing of our Brother
TESA Past State President



James R. Arnold Sr.





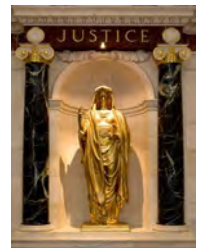
From the Esteemed Loyal Knight

We all have our reasons for being an active Elk, from respect for our country and military, to serving others, to just enjoying good fellowship. However, have you ever thought about the bargains you get with your membership? Heck a swimming pool membership in my subdivision is \$225 per household for residents and double that for non-residents. The closest YMCA costs \$89 per month, so just the summer season would run you over \$400. Elks also get pool tables, dart boards and game tables all at no cost. Our dining costs (thanks in a large part to our brother Elks who cook and serve) are very low. On steak night your steak is cooked for you and for \$10 you get a small salad bar, a huge potato with all the “fix ins”, choice of desserts and tea. At the Outback a side salad, and a small stuffed potato, with dessert and tea will set you back \$20. You won’t have a steak and you’re still looking at tax and a “suggested” tip of 20%. At the Lodge what you choose to tip for dinner goes to charity. As for other meals, which also include tea and dessert, the lodge typically charges \$11 to \$15, varying with the price of the ingredients. Applebee entrees run from \$16 to \$30, with a hamburger or Chicken strips and fries on the low side at \$16 and pork ribs near the top at \$26 and of course, dessert and tea are extras.

When it comes to drinks in the social quarters we are still in luck. While the cost of alcoholic beverages has increased over the last few years, in fact by 4.1% in just the last year according to U.S. bureau of Labor Statistics, but you can still get a beer at the lodge for \$3.25 and a well drink for \$4. In Texas, currently, the average cost of beer is running from \$5 to \$10 with craft beer going for \$18 to \$25 and a cocktail cost for \$10 to \$25.00.

But the real bottom line isn’t in dollars and cents because “Sometimes you want to go where everybody know your name and they’re always glad you came” even if you’re not Norm.

Fraternally,
Susan Midyett
Est. Loyal Knight



From the Board of Directors



The Board of Directors are working hard to keep the Lodge sound and operating fiscally smooth. However the key to this is to have more participation at the events. The Lodge at this time is open 6 days a week. If there are no patrons the hours may need to change.

Our ENF Chairman, Activities Chairman and Sweetheart have been doing an outstanding job of presenting new fun events. The success of the Lodge depends on the participation of all Members, their Families, and Friends.

Our Auditing Committee did a great job reviewing the 1st quarter transactions of the Lodge. The suggestions and recommendations from the committee will only make our Lodge operate more efficiently.

The Budget committee is reviewing the budget and will make suggestions for changes after the final review at the upcoming August BOD meeting. If you have any budget questions or suggestions please contact the BOD Chair, Sally D. before the August 13 meeting.

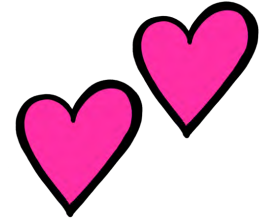
All Members are encouraged to attend the House Committee and Board meetings in addition to the regular Lodge meetings and to ask any questions or make suggestions that will help the Lodge grow. These are the meetings where your voice can make a difference. The social quarters and dining room is for enjoying comradery with good fellowship. At anytime all Officers and our Exalted Ruler are available for our Members.

Fraternally,
Ramona Mishaga
5yr Trustee





From the Sweetheart of Houston 151



Thank You for Your Support! I

I can't express enough how much I appreciate each one of you for stepping up and helping with all the events and decorations. Your efforts truly make a difference!

Get ready for some exciting craft projects and fun new themes to go along with Steak Night — it's going to be amazing! Trivia Night has been a big hit, so let's keep the momentum going!

It warms my heart to see how the Elks family comes together when it matters most. Keep an eye out for flyers on my board and join the fun!

#FunIsThePrettiestThingYouCanWear.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Tereza Legler Finch



Volunteer for the month of AUGUST

Thank you for everything you DO !!



Brian "BY" Youngs



To our AUGUST Members

01	Nigel Delgado
02	Edward Goodin Billy J. Palmer
03	Fred E. Collier Maria Finger
04	Larry Balding
06	Gary L. Richardson
08	Cynthia Rowland
10	Connie Lisembee Clair Taylor Roy Turner
12	Shaun Lee Glory Jason Lee
14	Serena Goetsch Brian Lee Youngs
15	Robert A. Freck Fred K. Wohlfahrt
16	Derrick S. Hancock
17	Christine Knierim
19	Nancy Gruber
20	Tracy E. Mathews
21	Mike Snyder
22	Alexanne Albert Kate Cavender Ronald Wayne Gruber
23	Benjamin B. Hammond Jon Hogue Fred C. Scholibo James Williams
24	Troy Lynn Betenbaugh Connie Neal Brier
25	John C. Chambers Maurice Harvey
28	Karen Cullum
31	Kristen Baker

UPCOMING EVENTS

Watch for email and Facebook updates and the weekly “What’s Happening”

AUGUST 2025

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| Aug. 1 | Steak Night |
| Aug. 2 | Movie Night at the Pool |
| Aug. 9-10 | GC District Interlodge, VP, & DD Clinic @ Clearlake Lodge |
| Aug. 9 | Movie Night at the Pool |
| Aug. 22 | Friends of 151 Dinner |
| Aug. 23-24 | Cook Off |

SEPTEMBER 2025

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| Sept. 5 | Steak Night |
| Sept. 19-20 | Homecoming at Ottine |
| Sept. 26 | POW Ceremony & Dinner by Friends of 151 |

OCTOBER 2025

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| Oct. 3 | Steak Night |
| Oct. 17-19 | Cook Off |
| Oct. 24 | Friends of 151 Dinner |
| Oct. 24-26 | TESA Fall Conference in San Antonio |
| Oct. 31 | Trunk n Treat—Halloween Party |

Wednesday Wings n Things 5pm, menu served 5-6pm

Thursday BINGO 7pm (gates open at 6pm)

Lodge Meetings every Tuesday @ 7:30pm

except for the Month of August, Lodge will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday only



DIVE-IN MOVIES

Houston Elks 151
Bring your floats and enjoy
an evening in the pool
Movies start at Dusk.



Hotdogs , Hamburgers,
Popcorn. Pizza
Drinks served poolside.

Summer Saturday Nights

New 21' outdoor screen and dynamic sound

Jaws
August 2nd

Grease
August 9th

TBD

Movie suggestions
welcome

Bring the family

TEXAS GULF COAST DISTRICT 8560

AUGUST INTERLODGE

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH - 10TH, 2025

CLEAR LAKE ELKS LODGE 2322, 623 HANSON RD, KEMAH, TEXAS



BACK TO SCHOOL

Saturday, August 9th

- 2:00 p.m. - Interlodge
- 3:30 p.m. - Sweetheart
- 4:00 p.m. - District PER
- 5:30 p.m. - Dinner Menu: Beef tips over rice with sautéed green beans, salad & dessert. \$12.00 A chicken option will be available.
- 6:30 p.m. - Fun and games.
- 8:00 p.m. - Walk of Lodges
- 11:00 p.m. - Toast

Sunday, August 10th

- 10:00 a.m. - VP & DD Clinics

Meeting times are subject to change due to overruns/under-runs.

Theme for the weekend: Elk University. Wear your favorite college/university shirt.

Information for hotels in the area.

South Shore Harbour Resort - 2500 South Shore Blvd, League City (281) 334-1000

Courtyard by Marriott Houston Kemah - 805 Harris Ave, Kemah (281) 334-0003 This is the hotel that is near the lodge.

**GER award for New Member Recruitment
Congratulations to**

Jim Grissom, Lowell Neinast, and Mike Callahan

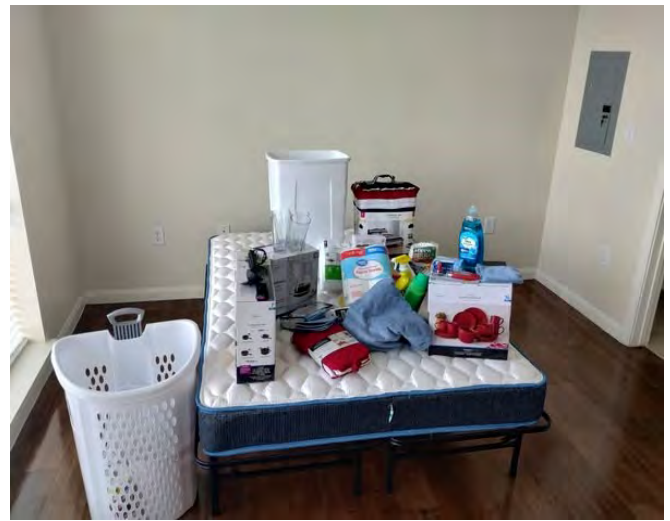
on receiving this award and honor



TESA Membership Rock Star Award



Our Veteran's Committee stay hard at work distributing Veteran Welcome Home Kits every month



4th of July Party Thankyou Friends of 151!



4th of July Party



Houston 151 loves when our Ms. Martha Lehman comes to visit !



Fun Around 151!



AUGUST 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Steak Night Dinner 6pm \$10 w/ Sweetheart Raffle	2 ENF Dinner 6pm Movie Night at the Pool - Jaws
3	4 LODGE CLOSED	5 Membership Mtg 7pm Lodge Meeting w/ balloting 7:30pm PER Meeting to follow	6 Wings n Things 5 pm - 6pm	7 BINGO 7 pm	8	9 GC Interlodge @ Clearlake Lodge Movie Night at the Pool – Grease
10 GC VP & DD Clinics @ Clearlake Lodge	11 LODGE CLOSED	12 No Lodge Meeting No Dinner	13 Wings n Things 5pm – 6pm BOD & HC mtg 6:30 pm	14 BINGO 7pm	15 Tracks Deadline	16
17	18 LODGE CLOSED	19 Lodge Meeting w/ Initiation 7:30pm	20 Wings n Things 5 pm – 6pm	21 BINGO 7pm	22 Friends of 151 Mexican Dinner 6pm \$11	23 Cook Off 10-3 Turn In 2pm Hall Rental Fred S. 80th B-Day party
24 Cook Off Turn In at Noon	25 LODGE CLOSED	26 No Lodge Meeting No Dinner	27 Wings n Things 5 pm – 6pm	28 BINGO 7pm	29	30
31 Labor Day BBQ						



LODGE OFFICERS 2025-2026

Exalted Ruler	Mike Betenbaugh, PER
Est. Leading Knight	Cindy Rowland
Est. Loyal Knight	Susan Midyett
Est. Lecturing Knight	Troy Lynn Betenbaugh
Secretary	Jim Grissom, PDDGER, ASR
Treasurer	Renay Bennett, DDGER
Tiler	Terrie Wetz
Esquire	Robert Marshall
Chaplain	Velia Stroud
Inner Guard	George Gomez
Vocalist	Joy Olmos. PDDGER
1-Year Trustee	Martha Gutierrez
2-Year Trustee	Sally DiPalma, PDDGER
3-Year Trustee	Ann Grissom
4-Year Trustee	Chuck Dingas

COMMITTEE CHAIRS/COORDINATORS 2025-2026

Accident Prevention	Ramona Mishaga, PER, PFL
Americanism	David Rawlins
Auditing & Accounting	Andy Mishaga, PSP, Earline Grabbe, George Eggleston
Bar Manager	Ann Grissom & Kristen Baker
Bingo	Joy Olmos, PDDGER
Community Activities	Terry Finch, Richard Novak Jr
Dinner Committee	Troy Lynn Betenbaugh
Drug Awareness	Richard Novak Jr.
Elks Memorial Day	Ramona Mishaga, PER, PFL
Elks National Foundation	Susan Midyett
Elks Special Services	Ramona Mishaga, PER, PFL
Flag Day	Lowell Neinast PER, PVP, Jim Grissom PDDGER, ASR
Fraternal Comm.	Jim Grissom PDDGER, ASR
Friends of 151	Sue O'Neil & Karen Schultz
Government Relations	John Atwood, SDGER,
Hoop Shoot	Ken Boyd PDDGER
Kitchen Manager	Greg Lindsey & David Rawlins
Lodge Activities	Terry Finch & Susan Midgett
Lodge Bulletin	Ramona Mishaga, PER, PFL
Lodge Sweetheart	Terry Finch
Membership	Lowell Neinast, PER
Membership Retention	Jim Grissom, PDDGER, ASR
Veterans Service	Chuck Dingas
PER Association	Jack Grabbe, PER
Presiding Justice	Andy Mishaga, PSP
Public Relations	Ramona Mishaga, PER, PFL
Scholarship	Cindie Pridy, PER, Earline Grabbe, Susan Midyett
Ritual	Lowell Neinast, PER, DDGER
Special Services—All	Ramona Mishaga, PER, PFL
Standing Relief Comm	Mike Betenbaugh, PER
State Major Project	Terry Finch
TECSI Grants	Sally DiPalma, DL, PDDGER
Youth Activities	Terry Finch, Susan Midyett



Lodge Hours of Operation

Monday - Closed
Tuesday - opens 4:00 pm
Wednesday - opens 4:00 pm
Thursday - opens 4pm
Friday - opens 4:00 pm
Saturday - opens 4:00 pm
Sunday - opens at Noon

Lodge hours subject to change for special events and will close at the discretion of the bartender.

TRACKS Newsletter Deadline is the 15th of each month

Anyone can submit
All information needs to be emailed to Tracks Editor
Ramona Mishaga in a word document @
monarha@hotmail.com

Any questions feel free to contact directly



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

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



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Foundation

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