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One morning, an elderly man was walking along the beach when he noticed a young boy picking something off the sand and throwing it into the sea.

As he got closer, the man realized the child was throwing stranded starfishes that had washed up on the shore back into the breaking waves.

Approaching the boy, the man asked what he was doing.

"The starfish will die if they're still on the shore when the sun rises," he replied.

Perplexed, the old man said, "But that's pointless! There are countless miles of beach and thousands of starfish. It doesn't matter how many you return to the water; you can't make a difference."

Unfazed, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and tossed it into the sea.

"It matters to this one," he said.

Moral of the story: No matter the odds of success or the scale of the challenge, your actions can make a difference. It's better to light a candle than curse the dark.

Every little thing counts. Doing something to make a positive change is always better than nothing!

Exalted Rulers Message

Happiness is an attitude, the decision is yours

Another year has gone yet again. Where did the time go? While we were short in numbers, we still managed to have fun. The Lodge has been decorated, thank you to Steve Shirah, Coleman and Dorothy Sili, Fances Overstreet, Jerrod Gizara, Bill Becker. The Lodge looks great. I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and were able to reflect on this past year and be thankful for where you are.

As stated above, Happiness is an attitude, the decision is yours. You make the decision to be sad, mad or upset, but you can just as easily turn that to smiles, and laughter. We all make decisions every day. Make the ones you make next year count in a positive way. You are all very special people doing great things in the community.

We are in the works of hosting Troop #7 from the scouts. This will be an exciting thing we can do. They have lost their meeting location and we can provide that and so much more. Many of the parents have visited the lodge with some of the troop and they are very excited and grateful to the Savannah Elks Lodge.

I want to thank all the ladies and lodge members for coming together to work on the Christmas and New Years events. I love it when we can ALL get together and plan great activities. Thank you, Bill, for pulling this together. You and your team have done an absolute fantastic job. Thank you to the Board of Directors for reviewing the Budget and making the funds available to make the Christmas Dance free to Members. As we look into the New Year, I am excited to see what the Activities Committee will be planning for the new year. By working together, there is nothing we cannot accomplish.

With the Spring Meeting right around the corner, we will be needing as many volunteers as we can get to make this event the best Savannah has to Offer. Please contact Steve Shirah or Charlie Hendricks to sign up to volunteer.

I and my wife, Lorrie, want to wish each and every one of you a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Thank you all and God Bless.
Edward Gizara, Exalted Ruler



Savannah Elks Auxiliary

Dear Ladies and Lodge,

Although our Auxiliary is sponsoring only a few events in December, there are many opportunities for us to get together in the spirit of the Season. Please check the calendar on this Newsletter and also listen out for updates and information on the phone tree calls. December is traditionally a very busy season and this one seems even busier, since so many things were canceled last year with the Covid pandemic.

The Memorial Service for the Lodge and Auxiliary is on Sunday, December 5. Please check the calendar in this newsletter for the correct time. Immediately following the service, the Auxiliary will host refreshments in the Savannah Room for the families, friends, and members of the Lodge and Auxiliary attending. Please bring a tray of finger food: cookies, brownies, or a savory treat. You are always very generous and your support for this event is greatly appreciated.

This year we have had 3 Auxiliary members pass: Betty Porter, Carol Elaine Davis and Faye McNear. They will be remembered along with Elks, Jim McNear, Anne Mueller and Jim Bulloch. Each of these Auxiliary and Lodge members have made many contributions through the years with their time, talent, and other donations. They will be missed by many. We extend our condolences to their families and friends.

Pam Stewart and the Aidmore Committee regarding the Aidmore Christmas party are asking for assistance. The decorating will begin December 11 that 10:00 a.m. The Christmas program will be at on December 12th at 10:30am with lunch to follow. Also, the Auxiliaries should spend no more than \$100 for each resident and no more than three packages. They also need soup, chili, cornbread and crackers for Saturday. Also, they are asking for donations of brownies and cookies. Santa and Mrs. Claus will also attend! A Silent Auction will be on Sunday. If you would like to donate any of the food items or items for the auction, please contact myself (912) 713-6361 or Sarah Hendrix (912-269-4353).

A phone tree call will be made to let everyone know when the Auxiliary will be taking our presents to Riverview Nursing Home for the Veterans residing there. We may also have a 'Ladies Lunch Out' right after delivering the presents! If you have any suggestions for this luncheon, or any questions or need additional information, please call Dee Christy (912-657-2125), Committee Chair, Janet Lane (912-657-5270) or me (912-713-6361).

Lastly, if you would like to serve on the Nominating Committee or if you would like to serve as President, Treasurer, or Secretary, please call either Dee Christy or me (See numbers above). At the time of writing this newsletter, the Nominating Chairman has not yet been appointed.) Please consider serving in one of these roles as the continuation of this Auxiliary is important to support our charities and Lodge.

Please continue to stay safe and have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Happy Hannukah and Merry Christmas!

With Warm Regards,

Vivian Palefsky

Co-President



Elks invest in their communities through programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free, meet the needs of today's veterans, and improve the quality of life.

If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining the elks, have them contact

Edward Gizara at (912) 677-3394 or email at er@elks-183.com

Building Maintenance >>>

Thanks to Larry McDaniels and his hard work one insurance claim(water damage) has been completed. This means very soon we will have all the tile removed from the annex and have the floors refinished. Once done, we will be painting the annex in the same manner as the ballroom to make the rooms blend better.

The Electrical Surge claim is almost complete and hopefully we will hear something back very soon.

I want to thank Bill Becker and Ed Gizara for all the additional hours they have put in to make necessary repairs to the building. And at no charge to the lodge for materials. The grease trap repairs will commence by the second week in December, one more item off a very long list.

Ed & Jerrod went up on the roof to repair a few leaks and clean off the roof and gutters from all the pine needles. Thank you both.

The new UHD LED TV's have been installed in the ballroom. This will expand our capabilities for many events and rentals. If you are interested in volunteering with any projects, please contact the Exalted Ruler



- 03 Madge Rao
- 04 Doug Rains
- 05 William Becker
- 06 Tom Curran
- 11 Maurice Dye
- 12 Brenda VanMol
- 13 Susan Greenberg
- 17 Jim Beckworth
- 19 Robert Hodges
- 20 Jack Williams
- 21 Larry Hadwin
- 23 Robert Lytle
- 27 Robin Christy
- Charles Mitchell
- Seaborn Thompkins
- 29 Dale Hardie
- 30 Jerry Nettles

All Friday Night Socials will be a relaxed social. Bar will open at 5PM and we will order pizza for the meal. There will be no Friday Night Social on December 24th or 31st.

December 14th Lodge Meal will be Slow roasted Prime Rib, Horseradish Sauce, Au Jus, Green Beans, Potato Duchess, Salad and Dessert. \$15.00



Prayer Corner

Please keep the following in your prayers:

*The Christy family
Cleveland Burkhalder & Liz*

A Memorial Service for our departed members will be held on December 5th at 2:00PM

If we missed anyone, we apologize. Sickness & Distress are always in order.

*Please submit prayer requests to
er@elks-183.com
to appear in the next newsletter.*

Chairman of the Board >>>

The Board of Directors will be reviewing all finances and the entire budget during December and January. Our goal is to begin working on a budget to submit to the Lodge in March.

The Lodge just finished their last event for the Quarterback Club. Thank you to the entire Board for All your hard work ensuring that each and every event go smoothly. You have done a terrific job this Year. We will have a planning meeting to discuss improvements, changes and the contract for next year.

The Board of Directors is looking at the carpet in the Savannah Room and we are gathering estimates to see what the replacement cost will be. The condition of the carpet is horrible and reflects badly on event rentals and lodge events.

I would like to wish all members & auxiliary members and their families a Verry Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

As always, if any member has any concerns or issues, please address them to the Chairman at tjc0612@gmail.com or 912-257-8725.

The faults of our members we write upon the sand.....



Activities Committee>>>

The Activities Committee met several times in November, and we think we have some great plans for Christmas and New Year's. This was a collaborative effort by both the Lodge Members and Auxiliary Members. Thank you all for your suggestions, ideas and hard work. This has been an enjoyable committee and I am looking forward to working together for all future events.

The Christmas Dance will be held on December 18th. Members will be able to get two tickets from the office at no charge. Tickets cannot be used by anyone other than a member. Guests can purchase tickets by coming into the office or by calling the office at (912) 927-2183.

The Dance will include a catered dinner: Roast Beef & Gravy, Fall Pork Loin, Corn Casserole, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, collard Greens, Salad, & Apple Cranberry Crunch for dessert. Music will be by Savannah Steve. There will be a Basket of Cheer raffle as well as a 50/50 drawing.

The New Years Eve Dance will feature Roy Swindell of the Christy Allen Band. Heavy Hors d' oeuvres. There will be a champagne toast for the 11 O'clock Toast along with a balloon drop at midnight. New Years hats, crowns and other fun items will be handed out during the evening. Coast for the New Year's party will be \$40 per couple for members and \$50 per couple for non-members. Tickets will be available beginning Thursday December 2nd. If you are attending, bring another couple with you and let's bring in the New Year right, with friends and family we all love.



Happy New Year

Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler T. KEITH MILLS

The holiday season is in mid-swing. Right out of the gate is our annual Memorial Service. Although this is a somber and humble event, it is one I never miss. Some Lodges invite families of our departed Members to the service and offer lunch or snacks afterward. I try to meet with every family member to share memories and express what their loved one meant to me, the Lodge, and the Order. I always thank them for sharing their loved one with us through their journey of Elkdome and talk about how the departed Member was always committed to the Elks. If your Lodge has a Christmas basket program, fantastic. If not, consider starting one this year. One of my first Elks memories was riding with my father and delivering Christmas baskets from the Lodge. Just seeing the help and kindness given to families that need a little extra assistance to make their holiday more joyful is something I will always cherish. If you are starting this activity, just choose a handful of families that you can help. Another event could be Shop with an Elk. Gather up some kids and spend the day shopping with them and purchase some gifts that they need or want to give to others. I have also participated in this event as well—the great times I experienced with those children is another memory I will never forget. Contact your local veterans facilities. They always have a list of items that the patients or residents need. My Lodge takes the requested list and puts them in an envelope on a Christmas tree in our Lodge. Then Members can take the envelopes, purchase the item and return it to the Lodge for distribution to the facility. If we do not have time to shop, we can donate money to the tree project and have other Members that do the shopping for us. Finally, we set a date to gather together and caravan to the veterans facility. One Member dresses up as “Old St. Nick” and we then distribute the items to the veterans. What an experience. The State Bulletin Contest deadline is coming up mid-January. Take some time to investigate this contest in the Grand Lodge Activities Manual and submit the forms to get your state bulletin recognized. December is not only a busy month for Elkdome, but our personal life as well. Christmas is a time for family. We all get caught up in our Elks duties, but do not forget to take some family time and enjoy everyone in your life. When I was younger, I never thought Christmas could get any better. But, as life moved forward and my children came along, the joy just kept increasing. Now that Amy and I have been blessed with grandchildren, I find myself even more overjoyed watching their faces light up, and them thinking this is the best experience they have had. So, from my entire family, we would like to wish you all the most blessed holiday season and a happy “and healthy” new year

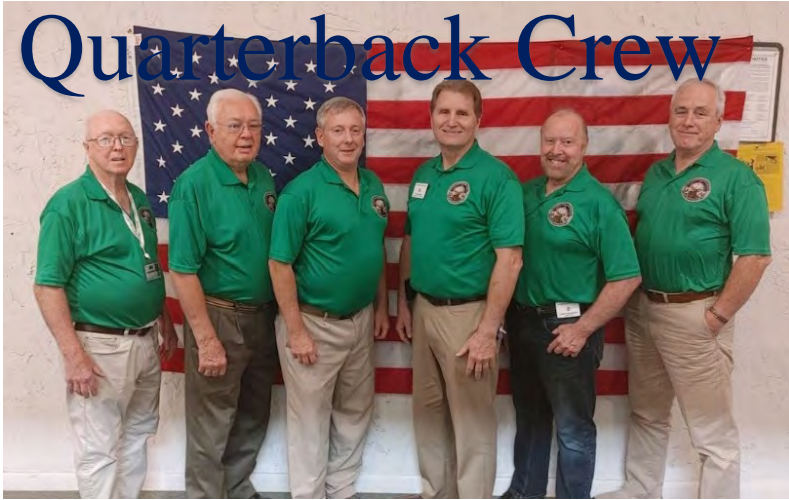


December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2  7:30 Boy Scout Meeting	3 FNS – Pizza Donation	4 Shag Club Dance
5  7:00PM Lodge Memorial Service 2:00PM	6	7	8 Gulfstream Mtg 11AM	9  7:30	10 FNS – Pizza Donation	11 Savannah Dart Club
12  7:00PM Savannah Dart Club	13	14 Lodge Meeting/Dinner Christmas Dinner Slow Roasted Prime Rib \$15	15	16  7:30	17 FNS – Pizza Donation Children’s Christmas Wrapping	18  Annual Christmas Party 5:30PM
19  7:00PM Ham Giveaway Night Children’s Christmas Party 12pm-2pm	20	21	22	23 No Bingo Tonight	24 NO FNS	25  Merry Christmas EVERYONE
26  7:00PM	27	28 Reset Ballroom 7AM	29	30	31 New Years Party 7:00PM 	2022 May the Lord Bless this New Year

What's Happening at the Lodge

Quarterback Crew



Veterans Banquet



Veterans Day Parade



God Bless Us Every One
-Timy Tim



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Savannah Elks Lodge
Christmas
Party



5:30pm to 11:00pm

Music By Savannah Steve - Dinner by Ms. Sophies
Tickets on Sale Now Available at the Lodge Office
Mon – Fri 9:30AM – 2:00PM or call (912) 927-2183

No Tickets will be sold at the Door!

Dress is Semi-Formal

Members Free (Limit 2 Tickets)

Non-Members \$30 per Person

SAVANNAH ELKS LODGE PRESENTS



NEW YEAR'S

Party

FRIDAY DECEMBER 31ST

LIVE MUSIC WITH ROY SWINDELL OF THE CRISTY ALAN BAND

HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES, CASH BAR 7:00PM

DANCING 8:00PM - 12:01AM SEMI-FORMAL ATTIRE

MEMBERS \$40 PER COUPLE

NON MEMBERS \$50 PER COUPLE

ADVANCED RESERVATIONS REQUIRED CALL 912-927-2183