



MARCH 2024 BULLETIN

Shreveport Elks 122

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of THE UNITED STATES of AMERICA

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Exalted Rulers Message:

Happy St. Patrick's Day, Happy Spring and very soon Happy Easter to all my Elk family!

I cannot believe that it has been a year since I wrote the first one of these messages and now it is time for my last. It has been an amazing year for me and I hope for you too. I have so enjoyed the privilege of being your Exalted Ruler and serving you through happy times, sad times and some downright difficult times as well. This is not an easy job and it is not to be taken lightly. I have, with my board, had to make tough decisions and stand by them. Together, we have accomplished much for the lodge. The lodge has a new roof. There are two new walk-ins. The parking lot project has begun. All the AC units, but one, have been replaced and there have been improvements in the pool. You can actually hear what is going on in the lodge meetings with improvements to the sound system. These were necessary and much needed changes.

I want to thank all my board members for their hard work this year. A special shout out to Esteemed Leading Knight, Jena Blair, for the countless hours she spent taking bids, meeting with vendors and chairing committees that dealt with these improvements to our physical plant.

While we did all these things, we also maintained our altruistic work in the community with the Adopt a School Grant and the three other grants from Elks National Foundation. Veterans were served. Scholarships were awarded. I am proud of what we do in our community and there will be more to come. This month, we will have fun activities and fundraisers with the Chili and Gumbo cookoff on March 2, and the March 17, St. Patrick's day brunch fundraiser for veterans. The installation of officers will take place on March 22 and you are all invited to the celebration. At the end of the month, there will be an Easter party for the children. In between, we will have opportunities for fun and fellowship at trivia, music bingo, our musical performances, and meals together. Let's come together in true brotherhood and fellowship to embody the principles of the order.

Fraternally and eternally yours,
Ruby Blackwell, Exalted Ruler

Elk Officer of the Month and Elk of the Month for February: The two Elks I chose to honor this month are Trustee and PER Tony Nations and member Jay Rakel. The reason I am honoring them together is that they share much of the work they do. Tony stepped up to be a Trustee during this year and has remained busy in that role and as President of the PER association. He also brings his pastoral skills to bear whenever Elks are hurting due to sickness or loss. Jay works with disabled veterans and is always ready to help Elks and others apply for the benefits to which they are entitled as veterans.

But the task the two of them share is behind the scenes. Tony and Jay make all the daily deposits. They spend a lot of time counting and creating money bags for each day. This enables us to pay out when someone wins at our video poker. All in all, this behind the scenes, very important work takes about 15 hours every single week for each of them. So, for this reason, we have our **Elk Officer of the Month, Tony Nations** and our **Elk of the Month, Jay Rakel**. Thank you both for doing this task and all you do! Tony and Jay will receive their pins at the March lodge meeting.

Happenin' at Lodge 122

Cookin' in the Kitchen

Tuesday Lunch Served 11am-2pm

Mar 5: Hamburger & FF
Mar 12: Liver & Onions or Grilled Steak
Mar 19: Country Fried Chicken Sandwich
Mar 26: Muffuletta

Wednesday Dinners

Mar 6: Jake's Smashburgers
Mar 13: Cat's Chicken Spaghetti
Mar 20: Gloria's Baked Potato Bar
Mar 27: Cat's Beef Stroganoff

Friday Dinners

Mar 1: Catfish
Mar 8: Steak
Mar 15: Fried Shrimp
Mar 22: Fajitas
Mar 29: Boy Scouts Shrimp Gumbo



Rockin' in the Lounge

Tuesdays: Trivia Night 6:30

Wednesdays: Live Music

Mar 6: DeArmond
Mar 13: Casey Martin
Mar 20: DeArmond
Mar 27: Jesse Rawlinson

Fridays: Live Music

Mar 1: The Slurred Words
Mar 8: Joe Nadeau
Mar 15: Funky Chickens
Mar 22: David Deaton
Mar 29: Clay Logan Band

Saturdays: Music Bingo 6:30

Game Room & Around the Bar


*Darts *Billiards *Video Poker

*Open every day at 11:00 a.m.

*Cork Fee \$10.00

*Come in on your anniversary with your spouse for a free bottle of champagne!

*Come in on your Birthday for a free cocktail.

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**Elks Lodge
#122**

**Chumbo
Cook Off!**

**Saturday, March 2nd
2:00pm**

CHILI or GUMBO

Come vote for your favorite!

**All ages
\$15 door entry fee**



**Egg Hunt
Age Groups**

0-3
4-8
9 & up

**EASTER
EGG HUNT**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH
2:00 - 4:00**

ELK'S LODGE #122

**Bring Your
Easter Basket**

**PICTURES WITH THE EASTER BUNNY
ART'S & CRAFTS
EGG HUNT (AGE GROUPS)**



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Elks Scholarship Opportunities

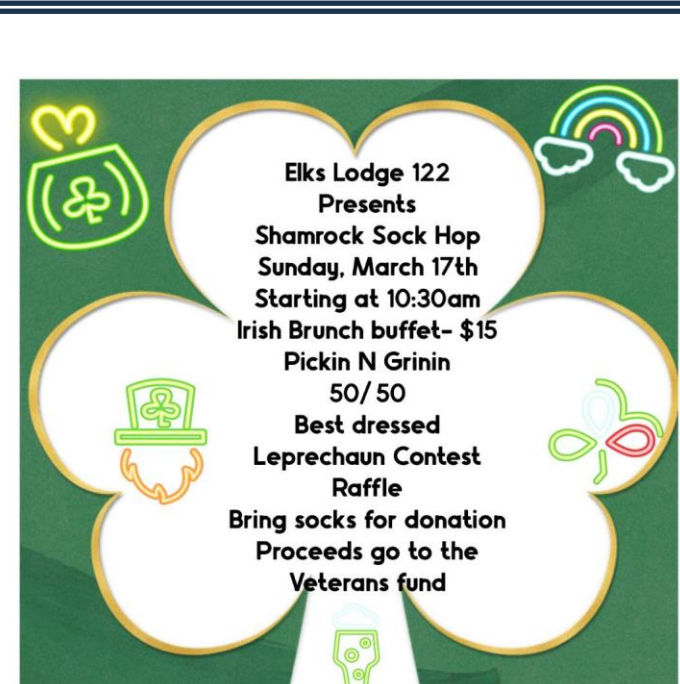
These college scholarships are open now for high school seniors to apply:

Student of the Month - We award TWO \$1,000 Scholarships each month to area high school seniors. Deadline is the 15th of every month through April. Applications available through senior counselors & at the lodge. Please encourage children, grandchildren, friends, neighbors to apply for this scholarship! If you have questions, call Karen Davis at 318-286-1797.

Auxiliary Scholarships - for Elks Lodge #122 members' children, stepchildren, or grandchildren. Applications are available at the auxiliary bulletin board in the Lodge foyer. Applications are due by April 15. Contact Gloria Howard at 504-202-7174 or gloriahoward754@yahoo.com if you have questions.

PER Heritage Scholarships - for Elks Lodge #122 members' children, stepchildren, and grandchildren. Applications may be picked up in the Lodge office and returned by April 15. Contact Richard Jones, PER at rjones53@outlook.com.

Look for these signs on collection jugs around the lodge





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Cajun Cuisine
Gumbo
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Sauce Piquant



In honor of "Salute to Veterans Week" Elks Lodge #122 served hot dogs, chips, cookies and a cold drink at the Veterans Hospital.



If you are 15 or older and interested, please contact the pool manager at emilyrosemcqueary@gmail.com. State your name, a little about yourself and your position of interest. An application and further information will be sent to you.

2023—2024
Lodge Officers

Exalted Ruler

Ruby Blackwell

Esteemed Leading Knight

Jena Blair

Esteemed Loyal Knight

Shannon McDaniel

Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Melissa Hogue

Lodge Secretary

Debbie Krepak

Treasurer

Andrew Austin

Tiler

Jason Frazier

Inner Guard

Gary Colvin

Chaplain

Jennifer Davis

Esquire

Laura Nations

1 Year Trustee

Joe Davis

2 Year Trustee

Matthew Kimbrough

3 Year Trustee

Rob Cox

4 Year Trustee

Tony Nations

5 Year Trustee

Tracey Belanger

LEA Trustee

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**District Deputy
Brian Baye**

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SHREVEPORT ELKS LODGE #122



Hours of Operation

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday

11am – 1pm

Lounge Hours

Daily

11am - Till

Facility Rental

Need to host a party or event? The Lodge Room and Dining Room are available for rent. For rentals contact the office.

Lodge Meetings

The regular session of the Lodge shall be held on the second and fourth Thursday at 7pm each month except in July, November and December, when sessions of the Lodge shall be held only the second Thursday of the month at 7pm.

RV Park

We have 50-amp service, water, and sewer service for all 6 RV sites. Rental is \$25 per night. To make a reservation, we require a payment for two nights. Call the office for reservations.

From EDITOR's Desk

Elk messages, articles and/or pictures for the Elks monthly bulletin must be sent by E-MAIL to miriambynum@aol.com by the 25th of each month Please do NOT send anything in a PDF format.



Promotional items available for purchase:

Koozie \$5.00 Hat \$15.00
Window Cling \$1.00 License Plate \$2.00
Or get the package deal (1 of each) \$20.00

We also have Reloadable Gift Cards available from \$5-\$500



Lodge 122 T-shirts, ready for purchase at the bar!

*Only color is gray and sizes S, M, L and XL are \$20

*Size 2XL or bigger is \$23



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***"MAY YOUR TROUBLES BE LESS AND YOUR BLESSINGS BE MORE AND
NOTHING BUT HAPPINESS COME THROUGH YOUR DOOR"***

March 2024						
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Catfish The Slurred Words	2 Chili & Gumbo Cook off Music Bingo
3	4	5 Hamburgers Trivia	6 Smashburgers DeArmond	7	8 Steak Joe Nadeau	9 Music Bingo
10	11	12 Liver & Onions or Grilled Steak Trivia	13 Chicken Spaghetti Casey Martin	14 Lodge Meeting	15 Fried Shrimp Funky Chickens	16 Music Bingo
17 Shamrock Sock Hop	18	19 Country Fried Chicken Sandwiches Trivia	20 Baked Potato Bar DeArmond	21	22 Fajitas David Deaton	23 Music Bingo
24	25 Auxiliary Meeting	26 Muffuletta's Trivia	27 Beef Stroganoff Jesse Rawlinson	28 Lodge Meeting	29 Shrimp Gumbo Clay Logan Band	30 Easter Egg Hunt Music Bingo
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ER Ruby Blackwell, Lodge members want to extend our deepest gratitude for your outstanding leadership and dedication to our Lodge. Under your guidance, the lodge has flourished, achieving remarkable milestones and making a positive impact on our community. Your vision, passion, and tireless efforts have inspired all of us and we are grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this remarkable journey with you. Please accept our sincerest thanks for your unwavering commitment and exceptional leadership.

With deep appreciation,
Elks Lodge #122 Members