



Message from the Exalted Ruler, Cindie Pridy

Last month began with the Texas State Convention in Mesquite, Texas where Houston 151 was well represented. Our own Lowell Neinast won first place in the Tribute to the Flag ritual competition and will represent Texas at Grand Lodge National Convention the beginning of this month. Houston 151 also took home the All-American Lodge Award in our division. Five of the Texas State Scholarship recipients were from our lodge. But the big news was that one of our Four-Year Scholarship recipients was the highest scoring female in the state and recipient of the Rick McCool Memorial Scholarship. To top it off, our Gulf Coast Sweetheart from Katy Lodge was named Texas State Sweetheart! Congratulations to all; it was a wonderful and educational convention. If you have never been to one don't worry. The fall convention will be in Clearlake this year, so you still have a chance with minimal travel.

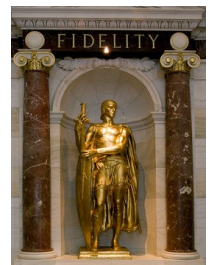
June was another busy month for our lodge beginning with over 60 steaks being served on Steak Night. Remember, Steak Night is the first Friday of every month and benefits our Sweetheart. It's a great time to get together with fellow elks and enjoy an evening of good food and fellowship. Our Flag Day ceremony and Flag Retirement was held on June 14th followed by a FREE All-American dinner, hamburgers and hotdogs! If you missed it, we missed you and hope to see you soon. Father's Day was the traditional bring your own to grill pool side and enjoy a day in the pool or catch a game inside. Friends of 151 treated us to a wonderful meatloaf dinner on June 21st and we ended the month with Movie Night and Subway.

July will be a busy month marking the birth of our nation on the 4th and Friends of 151 treating members to Hotdogs and games. July is also the 42nd anniversary of Elks Drug Awareness Program; watch for announcements. You can look forward to another Steak Night, Movie Night, and many other fun events from our lodge activities committee, sweetheart committee, and elk's national foundation committee. We want to see more of you coming out for the fun. If there's something you want the lodge to offer that would bring more members out, please let any officer or trustee you see know.

As you can see, there are many activities you can attend and a number of different ways you can participate on. It's what we do as Elks. Let me leave you with an example that I hope reminds you of the good work WE do. You are all probably aware that we hold Bingo every Thursday night. What you may not know is that it helps our charitable opportunities; and charity is the greatest of all the virtues. Last month, because of Bingo, Houston 151 was able to donate \$1500 to Abigail's Place where transitional housing is provided for homeless Mothers. Another \$1100 made available from Bingo was donated to add to the Texas State First Lady's Project at the Children's camp in Ottine adding enhancements for our kids. The phrase Elk's Care, Elk's Share isn't just a slogan. We really do awesome work!

Fraternally yours,

Cindie Pridy, Exalted Ruler





FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!

We have already completed one quarter of our Lodge year. We need the support of all our members to continue to have a successful year.

Convention season has come and gone and a good time was had by all who attended, and valuable knowledge was received.

Through the hard work and dedication of the membership committee, we have already reduced the number of delinquent members significantly. If you haven't sent in your dues yet, please do. Remember if any member needs financial assistance with their dues, let the Secretary know and we will be able to help.

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,

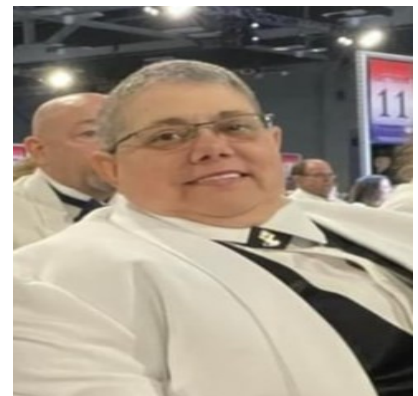
Jim Grissom
Secretary and Area Special Representative



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW GULF COAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER



Renay Bennett
of Houston 151





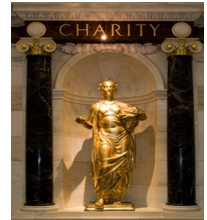
FROM THE LEADING KNIGHT

Well Summer time is upon us and it is going to be a hot one. Everyone please come out and enjoy the refurbished pool.

We are three months into the Elk year and have completed the Mother's Day, Flag Day, and Father's Day celebrations.

I hope that everyone had a great time at the Memorial Day BBQ.. If you did not get to go to the Texas State Elks Convention, then you should think about going to the National Elks Convention that is happening here in our very own state. It might be some time before the Elks National Convention is so close.

Please come out and support our wonderful lodge and the charitable events we have planned. And as Always be charitable to all mankind.



Fraternity Yours,

Richard Novak Jr.
Leading Knight



FROM THE BOARD of DIRECTORS

Hello Fellow Elks!!! Hope your month is starting off well!!

Just a few things in my article this month!

Not sure if all members know this or not. But if you have questions, issues, or suggestions. Please find an officer, any officer and let them know you need to talk to them. This applies to the House, the Board or a PER. Let the one you are comfortable talking with know what the concern or idea is. If you have a concern about the bar, kitchen, social quarters, or another member, the officers are there to help. Concerns about another Elks will need to be investigated. The process of just going to the Elk that might have created the issue or was inappropriate will be investigated before proceeding on. There are always two sides to the issue and needs to be handled properly.

The Social quarters is open Tuesday through Friday 4pm to 9pm (give or take). Saturday and Sunday it is open 12pm to 6PM (give or take). There are occasions when we are open later, like people in the area and functions. We are flexible on the weekends also; we would love to see everyone in the social quarters. We have Kristen on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On Thursday and Friday, we have Chris. The weekend worker is Kenneth. Bring Snacks to share, come swim, sit in the air conditioner, or go Swimming!!! The game room is ALWAYS OPEN. Bring your pool stick or your darts, ask your friends to meet you there. And YES bring your friends, just sign them in at the front door.

Let's just enjoy friendships and social time together !!!!!

Ann Grissom
4 Year Trustee





Jim Grissom
Lynn Harris
Rachel Agriesti
John Gerber
Tom Player
Norma Lopez
Kristen Dube
Ken Boyd
Bonnie Griffies
Reggie Powell
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Terry Doig
Ramona Mishaga
Kathy Englander
John Richwagen
Mother of Ann Grissom
Craig Smith of the New Braunfels Lodge
Sister of Donna Stemmer
Family of Daven Craven
Brother of Tom Player
Mother of Dan Dube

Passing of the Brother in Law of Mike Callahan

Passing of the Brother of Tex Schulz

Passing of the Sister in Law of Chuck Dingas

Happy Birthday!

Birthdays for the Month of JULY

02	Gregory Brian Lindsey
04	Robert J. Brooks
05	Jose Zayas Docdocil
08	Curtis Hornback Roy Thompson
10	Leon E. Pegg
11	Kenneth W. Moore
12	Deanna G. Johnson
13	Nathan L. Curry Nino S. Ramos Robert Scott Nadia Troutenko
16	Austin Walker
17	Randall Hon
18	Dorothy F. McCubbin
19	Bonnie Gale Cowan Griffies Carrie Moore
23	Cindy Harris Neva Steelhammer
24	Johnny Bagwell
25	Tammy Foisy
26	Micheal Herman
27	Karen Frederick Christopher D. Reddick
28	Gaylon Nail
30	Richard Doig
31	Earline Grabbe Darryl Hadsell



Upcoming Events

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

JULY 2024

July 2	No Lodge Meeting
July 4	4th of July Party w/ Hotdogs and Cake Walk by Friends of 151 Hot Dog, Chip, & Cookie \$8 noon—4pm & Cake Walk 1:30-3pm
June 30 - July 1-3	Grand Lodge Convention in Austin
July 5	Steak Night 6pm
July 9	Lodge Meeting 7:30p
July 13	Chili Cook off and Amber Lindsey's Graduation Party
July 16	Lodge Meeting 7:30pm
July 20	GC District Picnic at Galveston Lodge
July 23	Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm
July 30	Lodge Meeting 7:30pm

AUGUST 2024

Aug 2	Steak Night 6pm
Aug 3	Veteran's Swim Party (rescheduled from June)
Aug 6	Lodge Meeting 7:30pm
Aug 10	Inter Lodge at Clear Lake Lodge
Aug 11	VP & DD Clinics at Clear Lake Lodge
Aug 13	No Lodge Meeting
Aug 16	ENF Dinner
Aug 20	Lodge Meeting 7:30pm
Aug 24	PER Vegas Night
Aug 27	No Lodge Meeting

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sept 1	Labor Day BBQ Party
Sept 2	Labor Day Lodge Closed
Sept 3	Lodge Meeting
Sept 6	Steak Night
Sept 20-21	Homecoming at Ottine
Sept 27	POW/MIA Ceremony

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

Wednesday Wings n Things 5pm

Thursday BINGO 7pm (gates open at 6pm)

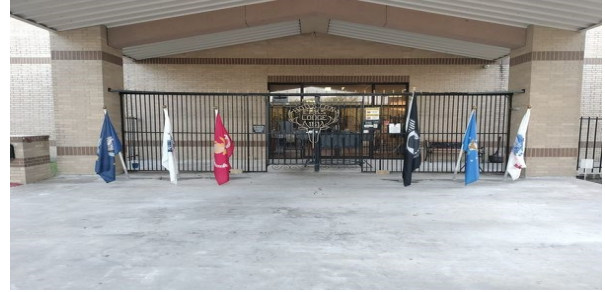
Ms. Martha's Visit



FATHER'S DAY SERVICE and our Grill Master who handled the party after the service



FLAG DAY Service & Flag Retirement Ceremony



FLAG DAY Service—Flag Retirement Ceremony and All American





4th of July Party at 151

Come join the *Friends of 151* for a fun day with good food.

HOT DOG, CHIPS, & COOKIE \$8
served from Noon-4pm

CAKE WALK 1:30-3pm



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TEXAS ELKS GULF COAST DISTRICT #8560



DISTRICT Picnic

JULY 20 | SATURDAY
11 AM ONWARDS

GALVESTON ELKS LODGE #126

CAKE WALK, SPIRIT WAGON, PIG RACES
AND MANY OTHER GAMES.

EACH SWEETHEART WILL BE BRINGING A BASKET
TO RAFFLE.

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

FOOD WILL BE SERVED [AT] NOON:
HAMBURGERS OR HOT DOGS WITH CHIPS \$8.00

Galveston Elks Lodge #126, 1518 23rd St, Galveston, TX 77550

Each Lodge is responsible for bringing 5 cakes & 5 spirits



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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, ASR
Treasurer	Joy Olmos PDDGER
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	VACANT



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

COMMITTEE CHAIRS/COORDINATORS 2024-2025

Accident Prevention	Charles Betenbaugh, PER
Americanism	Ken Boyd PDDGER
Auditing & Accounting	Ann Grissom
Bar Manager	Joy Olmos, PDDGER
Bingo	Cindie Pridy
Community Activities	Troy Lynn Betenbaugh
Dinner Committee	Richard Novak Jr.
Drug Awareness	Ramona Mishaga, PER, PFL
Elks Memorial Day	Susan Midyett
Elks National Foundation	Lowell Nienast PVP, PER
Flag Day	Jim Grissom PDDGER ASR
Fraternal Comm.	Karen Schulz & Sue O'Neil
Friends of 151	John Atwood, SDGER,
Government Relations	Ken Boyd PDDGER
Hoop Shoot	Renay Bennett, DDGER
Kitchen Manager	Cindy Harris
Lodge Activities	Ramona Mishaga, PER, PFL
Lodge Bulletin	Renay Bennett, DDGER
Membership	Jim Grissom, PDDGER, SRDL
Membership Retention	Charles Dingas & Kara Leos
Veterans Service	Lowell Nienast, PVP, PER
PER Association	Ramona Mishaga, PER, PFL
Public Relations	Mike Callahan, PSP, PDDGER
Ritual	Ramona Mishaga, PER, PFL
Special Services	Cindie Pridy
Standing Relief Comm	Melba Doonan
State Major Project	Richard Novak Jr. & Lynn Harris
Youth Activities	



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**American
Red Cross**

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your donations makes a difference

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 No Lodge Meeting	3 No Wings n Things No Drawing	4 July 4 th Lodge opens at Noon Friends of 151 serving Hot Dog, Chip, & Cookie \$8 Noon – 4pm Cake Walk 1:30-3pm NO BINGO	5 Steak Night Dinner 6pm \$10 Queen of Hearts  Drawing 7pm	6 Hall Rental 4-8pm OOD: Ramona M
Grand Lodge Convention in Austin						
7	8 Lodge Closed	9 Dinner 6pm \$11 PER Spaghetti Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	10 Wings n Things 5-6:15pm Queen of  6:30pm	11 BINGO 7 pm HC/BOD meeting 6:30 pm	12 Queen of Hearts  Drawing 7pm	13 Chili Cook Off turn in at Noon Graduation Party 5pm SH Silent Auction (Jessie P)
14	15 Lodge Closed Tracks Deadline	16 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	17 Wings n Things 5-6:15pm Queen of  6:30pm	18 BINGO 7pm	19 Hall Rental 1-4pm OOD: Andy M Queen of Hearts  Drawing 7pm	20 GC Dist. PICNIC @ Galveston
21	22 Lodge Closed	23 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	24 Wings n Things 5-6:15pm Queen of  6:30pm	25 BINGO 7pm	26 Queen of Hearts  Drawing 7pm	27
28	29 Lodge Closed	30 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	31			

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