



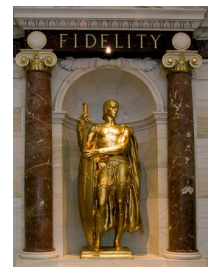
Message from the Exalted Ruler, Cindie Pridy

Wow, what a month July was! We began it with the National Convention in Austin, Texas and a record attendance of over 6,000. Austin's slogan is "keep Austin weird" and that many Elks in one place for four days did their best to help. If you have never attended a national convention they are not only packed with extremely useful seminars but the ceremony surrounding events is inspiring. During the opening ceremony parade of flags the Honorable Mr. John Atwood carried in the MIA/POW flag and on the last day of convention past exalted ruler Renay Bennett was installed as our new District Deputy for the Gulf Coast. Prior to the start of convention the ritual team from #151 represented the state of Texas proudly. Let's just say that Houston #151 was in the house!

When we returned Friends of 151 hosted a wonderful Fourth of July Party with hotdogs, ice cream, a cake walk, the whole deal. It was a great event and we missed those unable to attend. And then we all know what happened four days later; Beryl! Suffice to say, an unpleasant experience for many of our members. But rather than the negative impact, I want to talk about the positive effects. Three words kept resounding at the convention community, fellowship, and charity. These same three words were exemplified by and for members of our lodge. Members with phone communications were calling others to check on the them, some with power opened their homes to those without power, members went into the community clearing branches from elderly residents homes, when the lodge did regain power, thanks to Renay and Joy, it was opened as a place to come and cool off from the heat, and thanks again to Renay and her cook team a free hot dinner was prepared so members could enjoy a hot meal, enjoy fellow members, and have a cool beverage in A/C. These actions, and others I'm sure I have missed, truly put meaning to Community, Fellowship, and Charity. I couldn't be prouder to be a member of Houston #151. We are initiating new members but we need to see all of our existing members come out and support your lodge and events.

The VA pool party has been rescheduled for August 3rd, so I hope to see as many of you there as possible. We also have a new Sweetheart, Cindy Dingas! She started her position with the Gulf Coast District Picnic on July 20th in Galveston just days after accepting. So she is ready to go and has a wonderful team helping her but it takes a village so let's all lend a helping hand. Remember, supporting our kids at the camp in Gonzales and the Elks National Foundation (ENF) are the core of Elksdom charity and what allow us to do so many of the community and charity activities we do. Now just show up for the fellowship!

Fraternity Yours,
Cindie Pridy
Exalted Ruler





FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

GREETINGS BROTHER AND SISTER ELKS!

Now that we have wrapped up conventions for awhile we can get back to normal business at the Lodge. We are one third into the Lodge year and we still have some things to work on. If you have any suggestions for events we can hold to increase participation please let us know. Cook teams are still needed for Tuesdays and Fridays, if you have culinary skills come put them to work and help your Lodge.

We are not doing well in bringing new members into our Lodge. Surely many of you know someone who would be a good member, bring them out to the Lodge and show them what we are all about and what we have to offer. **We need your help.**

We have a lot of activities coming up at our Lodge, please come out and be a part of them.

As always, thank you for all that you do for our Lodge and for Elkdom.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Jim Grissom
Secretary and Area Special Representative



Jim Grissom
Lynn Harris
Rachel Agriesti
John Gerber
Tom Player
Bonnie Griffies
Andy Mishaga
John Richwagen
Mother of Ann Grissom



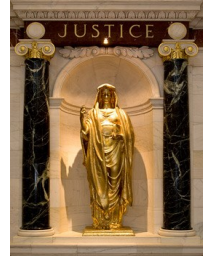
FROM THE LOYAL KNIGHT

Hello to you fellow Elks!

We have all recently endured the trials of Beryl and its aftereffects. We have all suffered but in the recent house committee meeting we learned the lodge had its own damages that consisted with the loss of our food stored in our kitchen and possible spoilage of some of our beverages behind the bar.

This cannot continue with the increasing amounts of weather events that the Houston area is experiencing. It was proposed by Greg, The Great Pepper of the Space City Pod, that they would consider making donations to the lodge from their chili cook offs toward a standby generator to protect the kitchen food and bar products. This is an outstanding idea that we can all get behind in finding ways to protect our food and beverages with a standby generator. We have many talented people in the lodge who can find ideas in accomplishing this task of funding this project. Greg made an important first step in getting this done.

Jack Grabbe, PER
Loyal Knight



FROM THE BOARD of DIRECTORS



FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Being an Officer with assumed responsibilities in the new Lodge year is hard enough. Money and spending issues and worries may take over the focus of an Officer or Committeemen, leaving very little, if any, for properly operating the Lodge. Being financially responsible means being in control of our available money and making smart decisions with it. It means knowing how to budget, save, and invest our money wisely. It also means being mindful of our spending habits and not letting our expenditures get out of control. I am resolute to not only finish getting the Lodge finances in order, but to also move away from distractions and what I consider petty arguments affecting the good financial management of the Lodge.

A well-managed budget is and will be key to our success. Figuring out how much money we will appropriately spend and how the Lodge will pay the bills on time and in full is the easiest place to start. The Budget is not owned by one person or just the Trustees. It is owned by the Lodge and as Officers and Committeemen, we collectively are obligated to monitor and adjust it so the Lodge can stay solvent. Will it be easy to keep? That remains to be seen. I think not, because of some indifferences I sensed when it was presented to the Board and to the lack of commitment to review it, understand it, analyze it and adjust it. This takes dedication and commitment. Being on the Lodge Board of Directors for over seventeen years, I have seen the interest in managing the Lodge budget and finances wane over the last few years.

I am issuing a challenge to all Officers and Committee Chairs (especially the Auditing Committee) to make a conscious effort in attending the forthcoming budget review meeting and to participate in revising the budget so the Lodge may operate in the black and for all committees to find and present ways to increase sorely needed income and participation by the Members. Being financially responsible can help us meet financial goals and build a solid foundation for the future of our Lodge.

Fraternally,

Andy Mishaga, PSP
1Yr. Trustee



Happy Birthday!

Birthdays for the Month of AUGUST

01	Nigel Delgado
02	Thomas David Gibson Edward Goodin Billy J. Palmer
03	Fred E. Collier Maria Finger
04	Larry Balding
06	Gary L. Richardson
07	Christy R. Trevino
08	Cynthia Rowland
10	Roy Turner
12	Shaun Lee Glory Jason Lee
14	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 E. Cavender Ronald Wayne Gruber
23	Benjamin B. Hammond Jon Hogue Fred C. Scholibo
24	Troy Lynn Betenbaugh Connie Neal Brier
25	John C. Chambers Maurice Harvey
28	Karen Cullum
31	Kristen Baker R B McDaniel



4th of July Party—Thank you Friends of 151



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Gulf Coast District Picnic @ Galveston Lodge



AUGUST is Fidelity Club Month

Sign Up Now



TEXAS GULF COAST DISTRICT 8560

AUGUST INTERLODGE

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH AND 11TH, 2024

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

Saturday, August 10th

- 2:00 - Interlodge
- 3:30 - Sweetheart
- 4:00 - District PER
- 5:30 - Fried Pork Tenderloin, mashed potatoes and green beans \$12.00
- 6:30 - Fun and games, Trivia. Darts to follow walk of lodges.
- 8:00 - Walk of Lodges
- 11:00 - Toast

Sunday, August 11th

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

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

Theme for the weekend: Western.

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 closets to the lodge.



HOUSTON ELKS LODGE #151

LABOR DAY BBQ

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Starting @ 2:00 p.m.

BBQ Plates \$15.00

**Plates include brisket,
chicken, sausage, beans,
potato salad and 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,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	Chuck Dingas

COMMITTEE CHAIRS/COORDINATORS 2024-2025

Accident Prevention	Chuck Dingas
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 PVP, PER
Fraternal Comm.	Jim Grissom PDDGER ASR
Friends of 151	Karen Schulz & Sue O'Neil
Government Relations	John Atwood, SDGER,
Hoop Shoot	Ken Boyd PDDGER
Kitchen Manager	Renay Bennett, DDGER
Lodge Activities	Cindy Harris
Lodge Bulletin	Ramona Mishaga, PER, PFL
Membership	Renay Bennett, DDGER
Membership Retention	Jim Grissom, PDDGER,SRDL
Veterans Service	Charles Dingas & Kara Leos
PER Association	Lowell Neinast, PVP, PER
Public Relations	Ramona Mishaga, PER, PFL
Ritual	Mike Callahan, PSP,PDDGER
Special Services	Ramona Mishaga, PER, PFL
Standing Relief Comm	Cindie Pridy
State Major Project	Cindy Dingas
Youth Activities	Richard Novak Jr. & Lynn Harris



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



Donate to

Elks National Foundation
"it's the best buck you will ever spend"

elks.org



**American
Red Cross**

Donate today!

your donations makes a difference

Upcoming Events

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

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 7:30pm
Sept 6	Steak Night
Sept 10	Lodge Meeting 7:30pm
Sept 13	Meatloaf Dinner by Friends of 151
Sept 17	Lodge Meeting
Sept 20-21	Homecoming at Ottine
Sept 24	Lodge Meeting 7:30pm
Sept 27	POW/MIA Ceremony 6pm with dinner to follow

OCTOBER 2024

Oct 4	Steak Night 6pm
Oct 4-6	CASI Cook Off @ 151
Oct 19-20	Holiday Market @ 151
Oct 25-27	TESA Fall Conference in Clear Lake

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

Wednesday Wings n Things 5pm

Thursday BINGO 7pm (gates open at 6pm)



AUGUST 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 BINGO 7pm	2 Steak Night Dinner 6pm \$10 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm	3 Veteran's Swim Party 11am
4	5 Lodge Closed	6 Officer Cook 6pm Membership Mtg 7 pm Lodge Meeting- 7:30pm w/PER meeting to follow	7 Wings n Things 5-6:15pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30pm	8 BINGO 7 pm House Committee and Board Meeting 6:30 pm	9 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm	10 InterLodge @ Clearlake
11 VP & DD Clinic @ Clearlake	12 Lodge Closed	13 NO Lodge Meeting	14 Wings n Things 5-6:15pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30pm	15 BINGO 7pm TRACKS DEADLINE	16 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm ENF Dinner 6pm \$11 (Susan M)	17
18	19 Lodge Closed	20 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	21 Wings n Things 5-6:15pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30pm	22 BINGO 7pm	23 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm	24 Hall Rental 9-1pm OOD Andy PER Casino Night
25	26 Lodge Closed	27 NO Lodge Meeting	28 Wings n Things 5-6:15pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30pm	29 BINGO 7pm	30 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm	31 Hall Rental 6-10pm OOD Jack G