



Message from the Exalted Ruler, Cindie Priddy

Although the heat has not eased up, it is hard to believe that summer is ending, and the kids are already back in school. September is set to be a month full of activities and celebrations. Beginning with the Labor Day BBQ on Sunday, September 1st and Steak Night on Friday, September 6th. The second week of September is designated by Grand Lodge as Patriot Week commemorating 9/11.

Honoring the fallen and all first responders we will have a Patriots Day Party on Saturday, September 14th. The activities committee also has another Movie Night, Dart Tournaments, Pool Tournaments, and 31 Tournaments planned so watch for more details.

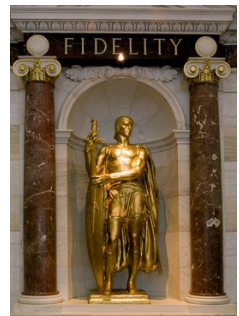
A major activity coming up for our Sweetheart in September is Homecoming held at the Camp in Ottine. This annual event culminates the end of summer camp for our kid and is a major fundraiser for our Sweetheart. It is September 20 – 21 and everyone can attend. I will tell you it is hot, but you won't regret attending. Lastly, on Friday, September 27th we will be conducting the solemn MIA/POW Ceremony followed by dinner. This is one of the most memorable ceremonies you will ever attend so I hope to see all of you there.

During the past conferences there were three words that I kept hearing: community, fellowship, and charity. These are the three words the committees and officers in your lodge are trying to focus on. But I want to hear your ideas. This is why I started the monthly activities meeting. I want to emphasize this is not a committee but a meeting for any member to attend and share ideas of activities you would like to see your lodge involved in. Remember: community, fellowship, charity.

Coming to the meetings regularly you can hear more about what your lodge is doing. But I know you will show up for those activities that made you want to join the lodge and become an Elk.

Fraternity Yours,

Cindie Priddy
Exalted Ruler





FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

GREETINGS BROTHER AND SISTER ELKS!

Hurry up and get here Fall. I am sure all of you are as tired of this heat as I am. It seems that this has been a brutal summer.

As we go into fall, we have several outdoor activities planned that will be fun and maybe even raise some money. Please watch for bulletins and notices and plan to come out and enjoy these and other activities.

We are still looking for members with culinary skills to come out and showcase their talents. We need help on Tuesdays and Fridays particularly, but I'll bet that the Wednesday cooks would accept help too. Our Wednesday wings and things continues to be well attended, so come out and enjoy.

PDDGER Joy Olmos is doing a wonderful job with Bingo, but she sure could use more workers, just one night per month would be a big help. Bingo does contribute to our Lodge and our charitable activities. We recently were able to donate several thousand dollars of Bingo Charity Funds to some very deserving recipients.

We are doing pretty good on reducing the number of members who have not yet paid their 2024-2025 dues. If you are one, or know someone who is, help us out on this.

If any member of our Lodge needs assistance from the Lodge in taking care of their dues, please contact me and I will help get this taken care of. The reasons could be due to health, age, financial or other reasons. Whatever the reason, it will be kept confidential. We do not make public the name of a member seeking or receiving aid from the Lodge.

We also need the help of all members in recruiting new members for our great order and our Lodge, please bring a friend or neighbor to the Lodge and show them what we have to offer and what we are all about.

I hope to see you at the Lodge soon.

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

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Jim Grissom
Lodge Secretary
Area Special Representative
Texas Gulf Coast District



FROM THE LECTURING KNIGHT



As Elks we should not only demonstrate our brotherly love to members we comfortably enjoy or have longtime relationships with, but also to our whole community. It is the commitment we made when initiated.

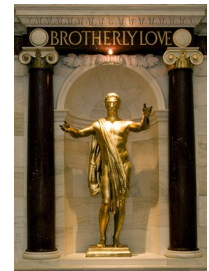
Just as the love between and husband and wife, or a parent and child needs attention and affection for the relationship to flourish, so does our membership. Often people only have a vague feeling they are a part of the community, reasoning along the lines of “no one has said anything rude to me”, or “I’m still getting weekly emails”, or “if I speak to people they respond”, thus “I guess they think I’m OK”.

We need to directly express our brotherly affection so no member is in doubt about his inclusion. How can we do this? When you arrive, work the room. Say hello to individuals, shake hands, or bump fist, especially with anyone you don’t recognize or know well. Make an effort each time you’re at the lodge to have a conversation with a person not in your close circle of friends. Tell people you look forward to seeing them at specific events. If you are working an event, ask someone you haven’t worked with before to help you. Sit with a different group of people to eat or ask someone new to join you.

Attention and affection bring security to relationships. In turn, security helps work through differences and increases longevity, the bonus is an increase in member participation and retention.

Fraternally,

Susan Midyett
Lecturing Knight



FROM THE BOARD of DIRECTORS



This is my first article for Tracks since becoming the Newest member on the Board of Directors. I want to Thank All Lodge Members for allowing me to Serve YOU as a 5 Year Trustee. I will do my Best in carrying out the Duties and Responsibilities of my Office.

I’ve already attended several meetings concerning the Lodge’s Budget for this year. The Board has made some “hard” decisions that should result in the Lodge operating in the “black” the rest of this fiscal year. We will continue to monitor the Lodge’s finances to achieve this Goal.

In closing, I encourage All Officers and Committee Chairs to find ways to Help increase needed Income so the Lodge will operate in the “black”. I also Encourage any Member to **attend** our regularly scheduled monthly Board Meeting and provide **suggestions** to help us meet financial goals for the Future of our Lodge. Making Suggestions to other Members in the Lodge’s Social Quarters benefit no one!

Fraternally,

Chuck Dingas
5 Yr Trustee



From the Sweetheart



To my Elks Family: I', so Blessed to be apart of such an amazing organization! I become an Elk myself after attending Lodge Events with my husband, that Elks indeed Do Care and Share!

My Heart is Full by Helping raise Money for Special Needs Children. I retired in 2019 after being a Special Needs Teacher for 28 years. These Kids hold a Special Place in my Heart., so when Lodge Members asked me to be Lodge Sweetheart, I Agreed. I also decided to become an ELK too.

On July 20th, I attended the Gulf Coast District Picnic and raised over \$300 in a Sweetheart Gift Basket Raffle. Since that Event, and with the Help of other Lodge Members, I've raised over \$700 from Red Pig Donations, Steak Night Donations, and recently, the Gift Basket Raffle at the Interlodge Meeting at Clearlake Lodge #2322.I'm off to a Good start this Year, but I will Need your Help! I encourage all Elks to attend upcoming Sweetheart Events that support these "Special" people.

Cindy Dingas
Houston 151 Sweetheart

FROM THE VETERANS COMMITTEE



Just wanted to update everyone on what Activities your Lodge has been involved in with our Veterans. I'll start with our most recent Event, the Veterans Pool Party held on August 3rd and briefly go over some future planned Events .

First, I would like to Thank All the Lodge Elks that Volunteered their Time and Effort in making the Veterans Pool Party an Experience to Remember! From helping to pack Goodie Bags, signing in our Veterans, to serving Lunch, Bingo and ensuring our Veterans had a Great Time, showed that Elks Care and Share!

The pictures of this Event displayed in this Tracks Issue tell a better story than I can describe for those of you not there. Solomen Green (our VA contact) has told me that the Veterans are still talking about the Party! We also had a Presentation from a Cause for Paws who provide trained Service dogs for Veterans. The Lodge donated \$500 to this organization for their Service program. We had about 12 Veterans ask for more Info and also had one Veteran make an application for a Service dog.

We're planning to host a Holiday Meal for our Veterans in November and an Appreciation Party next February. Please check our Facebook page, Email "Blasts" and Tracks Issues for more details on how YOU can be involved.

Semper Fidelis!
Chuck Dingas



Please keep these individuals and their Families in your thoughts and prayers

Jim Arnold
John Gerber
Christy Trevino
Roy Thompson
Friend of Lynn Harris, Andy Shofner
Tom Player
Susan Midyett
Bob Englander
Andy Mishaga
Sister of Melba Doonan, Dolores
Charlene Hudson
Gene Bradwell
Cindy Dingas
Evelyn Flannery
Katie Friess on the loss of her Brother
Linda Greene
Tom Player Brother, Nathan Newquard
Cindy Bailey's Brother
Mother and Father of Debbie Kuhnley
Pat Jaynes
Fred Adams, Past State President
Mother of Cindie Pridy

To Our Absent Members.....



Passing of Bill Zwermman
38 year Member of Houston 151

Passing of Jerry Shapiro,
Former Chief Justice of the Grand Forum

Happy Birthday!

Birthdays for the Month of SEPTEMBER

01	Thomas Player
03	Joyce A. Arnold Randal Scott Pierson
04	John A. McDaniel
08	Darlene Chrisamore
09	Mark Davis Jesus J. Ordaz
10	L.V. Brown
11	Edwin Rumsey
12	Dale Purington
13	Rachel Agriesti Mark E. Sal Haney
15	David Lindstorm Gordon Parham Jo Quist
16	Dorothy F. Horvath
17	John William Farley
19	Albert C. Felts James R. Slaybaugh Jamie Renee Walker
20	Curtis M. Garver Shannon Glory
23	James D. Snyder
24	Kent D. Cavender Mark D. Moore
25	Carla Trice
26	Lindsey Taylor
29	Edgar Blair Andrew Mishaga
30	Deborah Richwagen

Chef Paul Alvarado and his Dream Team brought their magic to Houston and made a fabulous meal



Veterans Appreciation Party with funds from the Beacon Grant



Veterans Appreciation Party with Bingo Charity funds presentation to Paws for a Cause



Bingo Charity funds presentation to Stafford High School Special Education Department



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"

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 8	Sunday Fun Day – Darts 1pm
Sept 10	Lodge Meeting 7:30pm w/ DD Visit
Sept 13	Meatloaf Dinner by Friends of 151
Sept 14	Patriots Day Party
Sept 15	Sunday Fun Day – 31 and Billiards 1pm
Sept 17	Lodge Meeting
Sept 20-21	Homecoming at Ottine
Sept 22	Sunday Fun Day – Darts 1pm
Sept 24	Lodge Meeting 7:30pm w/ VP Visit
Sept 27	POW/MIA Ceremony 6pm with dinner to follow
Sept 25	Activities Planning Meeting 6:30pm
Sept 27	POW/MIA Ceremony 6pm
Sept 28	Movie Night 6:30pm
Sept 29	Sunday Fun Day – 31 and Billiards 1pm

OCTOBER 2024

Oct 4	Steak Night 5pm
Oct 4-6	CASI Cook Off @ 151 <i>Judges needed for all 3 days</i>
Oct 19-20	Holiday Market @ 151
Oct 25-27	TESA Fall Conference in Clear Lake
Oct 31	Happy Halloween - Trunk n Treat 5-8pm (<i>No Bingo</i>)

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

Wednesday Wings n Things 5pm

Thursday BINGO 7pm (gates open at 6pm)

Lodge Meetings every Tuesday 7:30pm



September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Labor Day BBQ	2 Labor Day Lodge Closed	3 Dinner 6pm Officers Cook- Tacos Membership Mtg 7pm Lodge Meeting 7:30pm w/ PER mtg to follow	4 Wings n Things 5-6:15pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30pm	5 BINGO 7pm	6 Steak Night 6pm \$10 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm	7
8 Sunday Fun Day! Darts 1pm Open to All	9 Lodge Closed Grand Lodge Patriotism Week Sept. 9-14	10 Dinner 6pm \$11 PER Spaghetti Lodge Mtg w/ District Deputy Visit 7:30pm	11 Wings n Things 5-6:15pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30pm	12 BINGO 7 pm House Committee and Board Meeting 6:30 pm	13 Friends of 151 Meatloaf Dinner 6pm \$11 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm	14 Patriots Day Party
15 Tracks Deadline Sunday Fun Day! 31 and Billiards- 1pm Open to All	16 Lodge Closed	17 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	18 Wings n Things 5-6:15pm Queen of Hearts drawing 6:30pm Prudential Mtg 10am OOD: Martha	19 BINGO 7pm	20 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Homecoming at Ottine</div>	21
22 Sunday Fun Day! Darts 1pm Open to All	23 Lodge Closed	24 Dinner 6pm by Friends of 151 Lodge Meeting w/ Vice President Visit 7:30pm	25 Wings n Things 5-6:15pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30pm Activities Planning Mtg 6:30pm	26 BINGO 7pm	27 POW/MIA Ceremony 6pm w/ dinner to follow	28 Movie Night 6:30 pm
29 Sunday Fun Day! 31 and Billiards- 1pm Open to All	30 Lodge Closed					