

Message from the Exalted Ruler, Cindie Pridy



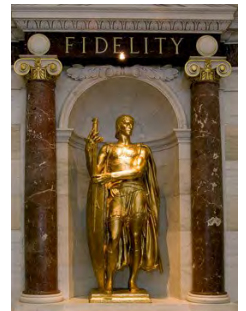
October was a standout month for the lodge beginning with the three-day CASI Chili Cook-Off the 3rd – 5th. The event hosted 107 participants which was simply outstanding! Kudos to Greg Lindsey and all the volunteers that helped him make this event happen. During that time our Sweetheart, Cindy Dingas, held Steak Night and a Silent Auction on Friday night resulting in \$1300 raised towards our Sweetheart program; a wonderful job by her and all the volunteers that made that event a success. Lastly, over the next two days of the Chili Cook-Off the Friends of 151 had been actively selling raffle tickets for a spirit's basket and a lottery ticket hat resulting in raising \$1300 towards a generator for the lodge. Karen Shultz and Sue O'Neil spearheaded the efforts along with many other volunteers so a great thank you to all.

November is the month dedicated by the Order of Elks as Veterans Remembrance Month and supported by, "As long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them." Even before that during October Chuck Dingus, our Veterans Committee Chair, was actively working on Houston 151 delivering "Welcome Home Kits", a program available through Grand Lodge. This program helps veterans transitioning from temporary living facilities into a permanent living situation by providing some of the most basic things you and I take for granted, sheets, kitchen supplies, paper towels, etc. Pictures are posted on Facebook and the bulletin board so be sure and check it out. We will also be hosting our Veterans Appreciation Day in November. Our Grand Exalted Ruler also wrote in his November newsletter of the importance of community outreach and continuing to grow our lodges. The Americanism Essay contest open to 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students is a community outreach program which launches in November lead by Mike Betenbaugh. The topic for the 300 word essay this year is, "What does Patriotism Mean to Me?" If you are interested in helping with this new program for our lodge just talk to Mike or any of the officers. We'd love to get you involved!

Lastly, I'd like to leave you on a personal note. As some may know October was not an easy month for me and I want to thank everyone for the prayers and kind words extended towards my family. Charity teaches us that the influence of a good deed, honesty and promptly performed, will continue forever. I was so moved when I saw a caregiver that had not known my mother long cradled her hand before she went to the hospital and gently say, "thank you for allowing me to care for you, it was my great honor." If this does not exemplify catching inspiration for a high resolve from another, I don't know what does. Kindness of thought, word, and deed.

Fraternity Yours,

Cindie Pridy
Exalted Ruler





FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

HAPPY THANKSGIVING, VETERAN'S DAY AND MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY

Ready or not the Holiday Season is upon us. As I write this column, I am proud to report that with the continued efforts of our members we are on a pace to have a gain in membership this Lodge Year. Our members are really bringing in new Elks. Watch your calendars, there are a lot of fun activities scheduled in November.

On a personal note, I want to thank the Lodge and the Friends of 151 for a great meal and beautiful cake in honor of my 50th Anniversary as an Elk on September 24th. During the meeting I was presented with a beautiful 50 Year Pin by PER Jack Grabbe and it was special to have my beautiful wife Ann pin it on me, as she has been with me for 40 of those 50 years. The night was very special to me. Thanks again.

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.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Jim Grissom
Lodge Secretary
Area Special Representative, Texas Gulf Coast District



FROM THE LOYAL KNIGHT



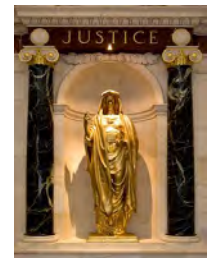
Recently due to the loss of food in the elks kitchen, there has been interest in getting a stand by generator to cover the kitchen appliances and bar appliances that protect our refrigerated products at the bar and kitchen. This idea was brought to light by greg, dont remember his last name, of the Space City chilli pod. His idea has merit, since Renee Bennet has reported the loss of several thousand dollars of food on two recent occasions. The last chilli cookoff resulted in a donation to the lodge toward that goal, this upcoming cookoff will also have a goal of helping fund this project. It is important that we get behind this project to its ultimate conclusion

To understand this project a scope of work has been initiated. An initial visit has been made by a contractor , recommended by Chuck Dinges, trustee, to see what is to be done, what we want protected and to follow any safety measures that may be needed. There will be more visits by this contractor to complete his proposal subject to review and approval of the lodge.

This project might be costly and the chili donations will certainly not cover the cost of the project but with help and financial support from the lodge we might be able to pull this off. The upcoming project is only in the formulation stage and important decisions from the lodge still have to be made before proceeding

Fraternally,

Jack Grabbe
Loyal Knight



FROM THE BOARD of DIRECTORS



The lodge Trustees have been working for the benefit of the lodge. A huge shoutout to for procuring light fixtures for the lodge and getting them to us. We should be set for a while. The Board is working on finding the best generator to fit our lodge needs and in our price range. This is a bit of a time-consuming process as we have to wait for appointments to get people out to the lodge to inspect the property and provide bids for the job we need. But we knew that going in.

Thank you, Greg Lindsay, and CASI for dedicating this past Chili Cook-Off to the generator project. There will be events happening at the lodge to help with the cost. Please come out and participate. We cannot do this without you.

The budget review and adjustment has been happening for a couple weeks. Speaking of budget; we are spending more money than we are taking in. We need more participation. Homecoming in Ottine was a huge success. Thank you to all the members that come out to help and participate. The Gulf Coast PER's have always handled the cake and Spirit wheel, and this year was a record year. We made over \$1300.00 for the 1st Lady.

Fall Conference was awesome. Our members that participated did Houston #151 proud. As always, we showed up in force. We had 23 members at the meetings. And all our members attended the workshops, the break out sessions and the meetings. There was a lot of information presented. That's all I got folks. Until next time.



Sally Di Palma, PDDGER
3rd year Trustee

*We ♥ our
Volunteers*

Volunteer of the Month has been reinstated

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEER is
Chuck Dingas





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

Jim & Joyce Arnold

Jim Grissom

Tom Player

Karen Schulz

Pat Jaynes

Brother of Cindy Harris

Mother of Ken Boyd

Lynn Harris

Mother of Cindie Pridy

Madalyn Weberlein

Dennis Finch

Jimmy James

Theresa Legler

Passing of the Mother of Ann Grissom

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To our Members

- 01 John Salverson
- 02 Rodney Baker
Susan Midyett
- 03 Cary Plocheck
- 05 James Grissom
- 06 Ann Tebow
- 11 Renay Bennett
Ann Grissom
Cynthia Nail
- 16 Dan McDonald
Mike Vinson
- 19 Faye Bowers
Rodger Weller
- 20 Timothy Hadsell
- 23 Joy Olmos
- 24 Michael Crisamore
- 25 Rylie Anderson
- 26 Ingeborg Garney
- 28 John Sheridan
- 30 Vanessa Haynes
Tom Leverenz
Jesse Parra





REMEMBER NOV. 11

Thank you to All who have served and are serving
The Elks support, honor, and will never forget



Our Shinning Stars—Way to Go Ladies ! Tournament Champions Illusions Gold RTX



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS—Class of Oct. 28



Our Veterans Committee awarding Welcome Home Kits to 3 Veteran's



Our Community—Truck n Treat Event



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*An ENF Autumn Brunch
Sunday November 10th at Noon*

In keeping with the fall theme there will be a Jenga tournament. The finalist will compete with giant Jenga blocks. Fun for contestants and spectators alike. May the blocks fall in your favor

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**HOUSTON ELKS
LODGE #151
HOOP SHOOT
DECEMBER 14, 2024**

**Hoop Shoot Location:
Stafford Early Childhood Center
(Formally Stafford Intermediate School)
1350 Constitution Ave,
Stafford, TX 77477**

**Registration is from 9:00 am - 10:00 am
Hoop Shoot Starts @ 10:00 am**

**Open to Boys & Girls ages 8 to 13.
Contestants must be at least 8 and no older than
13 as of April 1, 2025, in order to participate.**

Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be available.

**Questions Contact: Kenneth Boyd
(281) 352-9676**

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**



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**American
Red Cross**

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your donations makes a difference

Upcoming Events

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

OCTOBER 2024

- Oct 4** **Steak Night 5pm**
Oct 4-6 **CASI Cook Off @ 151 Judges needed for all 3 days**
Oct. 19 **Board Games**
Oct. 20 **Cornhole Tournament**
Oct 25-27 **TESA Fall Conference in Clear Lake**
Oct 31 **Happy Halloween - Trunk n Treat 5-8pm (No Bingo)**

NOVEMBER 2024

- Nov. 1** **Steak Night**
Nov. 2 **Day of the Dead Party**
Nov. 8 **Friends of 151 Dinner**
Nov. 10 **ENF Brunch**
Nov. 16 **Veterans Holiday Party**

DECEMBER 2024

- Dec. 6** **Steak Night**
Dec. 14 **Lodge Hoop Shoot**
Dec. 20 **Lodge Christmas Party**

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

(except for December meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays only)

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Steak Night Dinner 6pm \$10 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm	2 Day of the Dead Party 6pm
3 <i>Daylight Savings</i> <i>Time Ends</i>	4 LODGE CLOSED	5 Dinner 6pm \$11 Officer Cook Membership Mtg 7pm Lodge Meeting 7:30pm w/ PER Meeting to follow	6 Wings n Things 5-6:15pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30pm	7 BINGO 7 pm	8 Dinner by Friends of 151 6pm \$11 Red Beans, Sausage & Cornbread Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm	9 Open House- Membership Event w/ Fun & Games 2pm
10 Elks National Foundation Brunch (Susan M.)	11 VETERAN'S DAY LODGE CLOSED	12 Dinner 6pm \$11 PER Cook Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	13 Wings n Things 5-6:15pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30pm	14 BINGO 7pm House Committee and Board Meeting 6:30 pm	15 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm Tracks Deadline	16 Veterans Holiday Party 11-4 pm (Chuck D.)
17	18 LODGE CLOSED	19 Lodge Meeting w/ balloting 7:30pm	20 Wings n Things 5-6:15pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30pm	21 BINGO 7pm	22 Queen of Hearts Drawing 7pm	23
24	25 LODGE CLOSED	26 Lodge Meeting w/ initiation 7:30	27 No Wings n Things No Drawing	28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING  No Bingo	29	30

