





## Message from the Exalted Ruler, Cindie Pridy

The lodge has been a very busy place lately. We ended March with the initiation of five new members and a community Easter Egg Hunt attended by over 50 children and their parents. April began with an outstanding turnout for Steak Night on April 5th where our new member Dakota provided acoustic guitar entertainment, our Sweetheart held painting like Bob Ross, Movie Night where Friends of 151 served their famous Hoagies with rootbear floats, and we have begun renovations of our swimming pool! Two of our young scholars received ENF Most Valuable Student Scholarships and three more received scholarships from the Texas Elks State Association. At our second annual Houston 151 Scholarship and Community Achievement Awards dinner on April 19th five young scholars received scholarships from our lodge. We also hosted a two-day Gulf Coast District inter-lodge which, by the way, any member can attend and learn more about Elkdom and what's happening in our district. If you haven't been around lately, you've missed a lot of good fellowship with your other Elks!

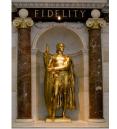
The one event that was notably missing was initiation of new members. As summer approaches it's a great time to invite friends to one of our activities to see our lodge, tell them your story of why you became and Elk, and help them fill out the application when they say; I want to be part of that. On May 15th we are participating in the VA Walk-a-thon as part of our Freedom Grant from ENF. You'll be hearing more about this event but it's an opportunity for Elks to shine and support our veterans. Activities like this make the slogan "Elks Care, Elks Share", meaningful.

We are all leaders and ambassadors for Houston 151 and the Elks. What we do and say both inside the lodge and outside in the community sets the perception others will have of us. Perceptions then become reality impacting the positive good that all our programs offer. I told you last month that my role is to listen to you, the members, and to lead through stew-

ardship. What activities do you want, what ideas do you have, how can we make our lodge stronger and attractive to new members? You are all leaders! I want to hear your ideas.

Fraternal Yours,

Cindie Pridy, Exalted Ruler









# FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

We now have one month of our Elk year under our belt. Exalted Ruler Cindie Pridy and her team of Officers have been quick getting out of the gate and have already gotten several things done.

Our new leaders and committee chairpersons are working diligently to come up with new ideas to increase the participation and enjoyment of our members.

The swimming pool has been completely resurfaced and will be ready in a couple of weeks. Let's plan on having a fun summer with lots of activities and events.

Through the hard work and dedication of several members of the membership committee we were able to close the 2023-2024 Lodge year with a plus one in membership. Two of our members who put forth extra effort were Tom Player and Richard Novak. As Gulf Coast District Leader I am happy to report that each Lodge in the District achieved at least a plus one in membership. I don't recall the last time we did that. Many thanks to District Deputy Len Meyers from Clear Lake Lodge #2322 for his efforts in achieving this. We are starting the new Lodge year off right with 4 new members in April. Let's keep it up.

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 Gulf Coast District Leader



# Prayers are needed for ....

John Gerber Jim Grissom Lynn Harris **Rachel Agriesti** Mother of Kara Leos Alexanne Albert Grandfather of Dakota Harper Earline Grabbe Jim Arnold, PSP Royce Butler, PSP Kristen Baker **Renay Bennett** Mike Kellv **Bonnie Griffies** Shirley Morrow- Mother of Kathleen Hinkle Cody Lindermann Patricia Gilberto—Mother In Law of Dan Dube



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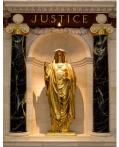
## Message from the Loyal Knight

This being my first article for the tracks since moby dick was a sardine, i shall attempt to write it with some intelligence. During last weeks board of directors meeting, a list of capital improvements was handed out. It listed a number of suggestions or projects for the future.

Some of these we can do and some involve serious considerations and funds. It is important for you the member to attend a board of directors meeting to express your views or assist in getting those proposals forward. To learn what is being considered or have your input on the list or add something, flag down

a responsible member of the board and mention your thoughts. As you know, timeliness, funds and other considerations often decide what goes or not.

The best way to learn what going on in the lodge is to attend the house and board of directors meeting





Fraternally,

Loyal Knight

Jack Grabbe, PER

## Message from the Board of Directors

The swimming pool is being made ready for summer fun. Our lodge Sweetheart, Troy Lynn, is working hard to raise funds for our state project, the Summer Camp at Ottine. Please feed the Red Pigs with loose change or some big bucks.

The National Convention will be held is Austin, Texas just a hop, skip and jump from our city, so go and meet fellow Elks from other states.

You will be surprised how many new friends you will make. And learn more about this great organization, Elks.

Just a reminder, all members may attend the House Committee/Board Meeting held on the second Tuesday of each month. You will learn more about your Lodge by attending these meetings. Be sure to check the bulletin board to find out more about what's happening at the Lodge.

See all of you at the Lodge!

Martha Gutierrez 2 Year Trustee









# **Birthdays for the Month of MAY**

03	Debra L. Thomas Shawn Vernon
04	John S. Grabbe
05	Heather Borchardt
00	Vincent Michael Clancy
08	Susan Nix
10	Deborah Plance
	Cynthia Whittenburg
14	Minerva Perez
16	Cindie Pridy
17	Theresa B. Moore
19	Charles M. Betenbaugh
	Dale Wehrley
21	Ricardo Benitez
22	Bill J. Philbert
24	Robert Donellan
25	Martha Gutierrez
20	Lowell D. Neinast
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20 29	Pat Tracey
29	John C. Gerber
00	Debra Favor Vinson
30	John Robert Kahler







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

#### **MAY 2024**

May 3	Steak Night 6pm
May 4	Painting w/ a Twist 1pm
-	Kentucky Derby party 4pm w/ Taco Bar for Dinner
<b>May</b> 10	<b>Mother's Day Ceremony and Dinner 6pm</b>
<b>May</b> 11	Sweetheart Jewelry Making Party 5pm
<b>May 18</b>	GC Charity Ball at Galveston Lodge
May 26	Memorial Day BBQ – Lodge opens at Noon

#### **JUNE 2024**

June 7	Steak Night 6pm
June 7-9	<b>TESA State Convention</b>
June 14	Flag Day Ceremony w/ Dinner to follow
June 16	<b>Father's Day Ceremony and Cookout Noon</b>
June 22	Veteran's Pool Party
June 18	Friends of 151 Meeting 5pm
June 22	Veterans Pool Party

#### **JULY 2024**

July 4	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Party w/ Hotdogs and Cake Walk
<b>June 30 -</b>	July 1-3 Grand Lodge Convention in Austin
July 13	Chili Cook off and Amber Lindsey's Graduation Party
July 20	GC District Picnic at Galveston Lodge

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

Wednesday Wings n Things 5pm – Wednesday

BINGO 7pm (gates open at 6pm) - Thursday

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# **Scholarship Awards Presentation**



# Some of our new Members receiving the 3 meeting Elk pin !







Congratulations to those Members who received the Grand Exalted Rulers Certificate of Recognition for bringing in 3 or more new Members for the 2023-2024 Lodge Year.

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# **BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !**

Having some Bingo FUN!!!!

Members it really is Fun!!! Come join us, be part of the Bingo team!!! We need Floor Workers, Bingo Callers, and Back Room Workers!!! NO Experience needed!!! We can and will Train You ♥







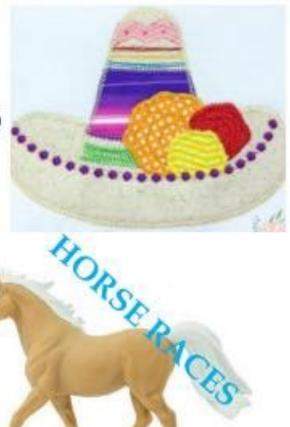
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Run for the Roses Meets Cinco de Mayo

Saturday May 4th Festivities begin at 4 acos & Trimmings \$8 at 6 Post Time 6:45











# Mother's Day Ceremony & Dinner Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6pm \$10

Dinner will be served immediately following the Ceremony

Menu: Breaded Cordon Blue, Rice,

Salad, & Dessert



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## LODGE OFFICERS 2024- 2025

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Bingo is at the Lodge every Thursday doors open at 6pm!

Volunteers are needed... Contact Joy Olmos



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Wings n Things 5 pm Queen of♥ 6:30pm Annual Charity Report Due	2 Bingo 7pm	3 Queen of♥ 7pm Steak Night Dinner 6pm \$10 Veterans Retreat @ Tecot	4 Kentucky Derby Fun Day events Painting w/ a Twist 1pm \$35 Dinner – Taco Bar Veterans Retreat @ Tecot
NAT	IONAL YOUTH WI	EEK CELEBRATION	Mav 1-7	NATIONAL YOUTH	H WEEK CELEBRATI	ON
5 Veterans Retreat @ Tecot Cinco de Mayo	6 Lodge Closed	7 Dinner 6pm \$11 Officer Cook Membership Mtg 7 pm Lodge Meeting 7:30pm and PER meeting to follow	8 Wings n Things 5 pm Queen of♥ 6:30pm	9 Hall Rental 10am-2pm OOD: Martha House Committee and Board Meeting 6:30 pm Bingo 7pm	10 Mother's Day Service and Dinner 6pm Queen of♥ 7pm	11 Hall Rental 8-4pm OOD Richard N. <i>New Frisco Lodge Institution</i> Jewelry Making Party 5pm
12 Happy Mother's Day	13 Lodge Closed	14 Dinner 6pm \$11 <i>PER Lasagna</i> Lodge Meeting 7:30pm TRACKS Article Deadline	15 Wings n Things 5 pm Queen of♥ 6:30pm VA Walk-A-Thon at the DeBakey Center 9am	16 Bingo 7pm	17 Queen of♥ 7pm Dinner & Movie Night	18 Armed Forces Day GC Dist. Charity Ball @ Galveston
19	20 Lodge Closed	21 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	22 Wings n Things 5 pm Queen of♥ 6:30pm	23 Bingo 7pm	24 Queen of♥ 7pm	25
26 Memorial Day BBQ Lodge opens at Noon Food served 1pm	27 Memoria Day Lodge Closed	28 Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	29 Wings n Things 5 pm Queen of♥ 6:30pm	<b>30</b> Bingo 7pm	31 Queen of♥ 7pm Murder Mystery Dinner Show @ Katy 6pm	

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