

Kona Hawaii Elks Lodge

2616

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Message from The Exalted Ruler



This month I want to remind our members that on this September 11th, exactly twenty years will have passed since that dark day in our nation's history when Al-Qaeda launched their vicious and cowardly attack on our soil. 2,996 innocent and defenseless US civilians died in this terrorist onslaught. In fact, more people died in the 9/11 terrorist attack than were killed in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 (2402 deaths). With a firm resolve, that we can be proud of, our first responders rushed to Ground Zero on that day and worked relentlessly in spite of the danger. They and the victims of this heinous act "will never be forgotten" as we say in our solemn obligation of our fellow Elks who have passed.

And, let us not overlook the bravery of those on United Airlines Flight 93 as a model of American courage. When the passengers on that hi-jacked plane learned of the assault on the World Trade Center, they made a collective decision to fight back and thanks to their bravery and defiance in the face of certain death, the terrorists were forced to crash the plane sparing our nation's Capital Building and those inside from the same fate as those inside the Twin Towers. "They will never be forgotten" as we say in our solemn obligation of our fellow Elks who have passed.

A year after the 9/11 attack President George W. Bush proclaimed September 11th a national day of mourning now called Patriot Day. It has become a tradition to lower our US flags to half-staff and like the Elk hour of 11:00 with its "tender significance" to observe a moment of silence at 8:46 AM on September 11th (the time of the first plane crashing into the Trade center) and remember those that died in the tragedy of 9/11 and their families. I know that I will join in this tradition and hope that you will too. "They will never be forgotten" as we say in our solemn obligation of our fellow Elks who have passed.

On a happier note, what is happening in the lodge?

Progress towards remodeling the lodge continues thanks to the efforts of our dedicated volunteers. The upstairs offices have been framed in. Leveling the floor in the makai side bay will soon begin. Thank you, Vinny Dewitt for donating so much of your valuable time to make this happen. I am, also, most grateful for the help given us by Cliff Poffenbarger, Ben Waters, Charlie Gross, Angel Corley, Rod Porter and Bill Steffenhagen and others who have volunteered their time and energy to these many projects.

September 2nd is the date for the final hearing on the liquor license in Hilo. I will be there on site and am confident that our lodge will be approved by the liquor commission.

During this past month we have had a number of birthday celebrations at the lodge with good attendance and enjoyed by all who were present. If you are a member and have a birthday in September or want to surprise a fellow Elk member whose birthday is in September, please let our bar manager and Esteemed Leading Knight, Nicole, know and she will arrange it for you.



The month of August flew by. We accomplished so much at the lodge. I can't wait until our lodge is fully up and operational. But we all have to be patient. I want to thank all of the volunteers who have come in on a daily basis to help us. You guys are awesome!

I am looking forward to another month of lodge fun and activities. We have Birthdays in September to celebrate and parties to have. Come in and join us.

Hello my fellow Elks! What an exciting time we are in now, with the move to the new location.

I want to acknowledge the leadership team and thank them for all the hard work they've done so far to get the lodge up and running.

But seriously, a lot of this work has been accomplished with a small number of people, and I noticed at the last lodge meeting the membership was what I consider to be under-represented, and when I stood up to acknowledge my team for the fine job they did handing out meals to those in need, I felt like I was "preaching to the choir".

WE NEED YOUR HELP! I don't believe the lodge will survive without YOUR involvement.

Whatever differences there may be between us, they can be resolved in communication, because we are, after all, ELKS! And Elks care and Elks share.

Please start a conversation with the lodge leadership about what YOU can do to help us be the lodge you can be proud of.

Thank you,

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Bill Steffenhagen
Chairman Community
Activities Committee



Art Chang
Loyal Knight

I want to thank all the volunteers for coming out and supporting our Elks Lodge. You're doing a great job.

The number of delinquent members continues to drop. Out of a total membership of 314, 315 have paid their annual dues as of September 1st. We are down to 17% of our members still delinquent. This is good news and even though we have 20 candidates in the pipeline for membership we need to get that 17% down even further. According to the lapsation manual, lodges should end the year (March 31, 2022) with no greater than 11% of their members delinquent. If you know any members on the delinquent list encourage them to stop in and support their lodge.












Terri
Thomas
Secretary

September



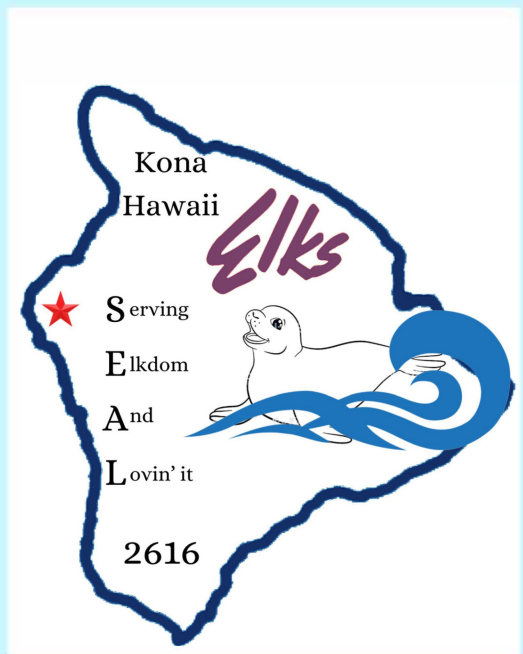
2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 BAR OPEN	2 BAR OPEN PER MTTG. 3PM BOD MTTG. 6PM	3 BBQ PORK RIBS BY BRIDGET	4 LODGE GARAGE SALE 8 AM to 3 PM
5 LODGE CLOSED LITTLE MISS KONA COFFEE REHERSAL	6 LABOR DAY CELEBRATION	7 TACO TUESDAY 6PM 	8 BAR OPEN HOUSE COMMITTEE MTTG.	9 THURSDAY MTTG. 7PM 	10 BBQ	11 NATIONAL PATRIOT DAY CHURCH CAR WASH \$ TO ENF 8 to 12 noon
12 LODGE CLOSED LITTLE MISS KONA COFFEE REHERSAL	13 BURGER MONDAY 6PM	14 TACO TUESDAY 6PM	15 BAR OPEN FLUID ART FOR CAFÉ TABLES	16 BAR OPEN LODGE ACTIVITIES MTTG. 6PM	17 BBQ	18 BAR OPEN
19 LODGE CLOSED LITTLE MISS KONA COFFEE REHERSAL	20 BURGER MONDAY 6PM	21 TACO TUESDAY 6PM CLIFF POFFENBARGER BIRTHDAY PARTY	22 CROCK POT NIGHT	23 THURSDAY MTTG. 7PM 	24 BBQ LODGE ACTIVITIES MTTG. 6PM	25 BAR OPEN CHURCH CAR WASH \$ TO CHEMPI 8 to 12 noon
26 VINNY'S DINNER FOR VETERANS (VETS EAT FOR FREE)	27 BURGER MONDAY 6PM	28 TACO TUESDAY 6PM 	29 MEAT LOAF COMPETITION Chef Dyan Vasquez 	30 BAR OPEN		



KONA ELKS LODGE # 2616 OFFICERS (2021-2022)

Exalted Ruler	James Booth
Esteemed Leading Knight	Nicole Johnston
Esteemed Loyal Knight	Art Chang
Esteemed Lecturing Knight	Dominique Miller
Secretary	Terri Thomas
Treasurer	Bridget Livingston Smith
Inner Guard	Bobbi Goss
Chaplain	JD Richwine
Esquire	Wendi Wasson
Trustee (5 yr)	Nancy Albright
Trustee (4 yr)	Marylou Tolentino
Trustee (3 yr)	William Reece Jr.
Trustee (2 yr)	Cyndee Strahm
Trustee (1 yr)	Richard Scritchfield
Presiding Justice	Leslie S. Miller
Forum Mediator	John Richard Smith
GL Alternate Designate	John Richard Smith



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 Chris Coddington
 Ron Cole, PER
 Nancy Albright
 Larry Kniffin, PER
 William Reese Jr.
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 Nicole Johnston
 Bridget Smith
 John Richard Smith, PER, PAVP, PDDGER



PAST EXALTED RULERS

2020-2021 Lourdes Hernaez

2019-2020 John Meserve

2018-2019 Barbara Nance

2017-2018 Laurence Kniffin

2016-2017 John Richard Smith

2015-2016 Joseph Reynolds

2014-2015 Vern Ungerecht

2013-2014 Mary Reynolds

2012-2013 Ron Cole

2010-2012 Barbara Nance

2009-2010 Martha Kawai

2008-2009 Bill Stockly

2007-2008 Chuck Kohn

2006-2007 Allen Nance PER

2005-2006 Annette Rodrigues

2004-2005 Daniel Malakie

2003-2004 Allen Nance

2002-2003 Angie Kawai

2001-2002 Mary Reynolds

2000-2001 Richard Skarnes

1999-2000 Bonnie Hodkinson

1998-1999 Douglas McLeod

1997-1998 Jonathan Hodkinson

1996-1997 Vern Ungerecht

1995-1996 Dave Paton

1993-1995 John Granahan

1992-1993 Vern Ungerecht

1991-1992 Richard Holly

1990-1991 Joseph Reynolds

1988-1990 Douglas McLeod

1987-1988 Ken Driskell

1986-1987 George Glaser

1985-1986 Robert Wilson

1984-1985 David Hawkins

1983-1984 Max Crittenden

1982-1983 Ron Serrao

1981-1982 Anthony Arruda

1980-1981 William Reeves

Happy Birthday

Day	First Name	Last Name	Day	First Name	Last Name	Day	First Name	Last Name
3	Ron	Butler	12	Anne	Kalcic	22	Paulo	Salas-Selem
4	William	Korkes	12	Chester	Virchinsky	24	Peter	Blake
5	Susan	Hughes	13	Adam	Reugh	27	Richard	Hill
5	Patrick	Pastor	16	Wendi	Wasson	27	Ellen	Johnson
7	Robert	Strickland	18	Scott	Bennedsen	27	Leslie	Miller
8	Burton	Masters	18	David	Carlson	27	George	Royce
9	Edward	Friedrichs	19	Chris	Coddington	28	Gary	Preston
9	Larry	Tansey	20	Tyler	Prokopec	28	Gary	Springer
10	James	Hussey	20	Richard	Yeung	29	Raymond	Caravan
10	Nicole	Johnston	21	Clifford	Poffenbarger	29	Veronica	Eugenio
10	Lisa	Sims	PLANING A BIRTHDAY PARTY? WHY NOT HAVE IT AT THE LODGE!					



MEMBERSHIP STATUS REPORT AS OF AUGUST 22ND MEETING

PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Michelle Coomes as a new member proposed by Danny Tolentino
Steven Andersen as a new member proposed by Danny Tolentino
Edward Hasten as a new member proposed by Gina Torres
Elizabeth Cooper as a new member proposed by Art Chang
Brenda Torado as a new member proposed by Danny Tolentino
Jefferson Huihui Jr. as a new member proposed by Danny Tolentino
David Holt as a transfer Demit from Bend, Oregon Elks Lodge No. 1371 proposed by Gary Hackworth

CANDIDATES FOR BALLOTING:

Jeffrey Torado as a new member by Dani Tolentino
Charles Coleman as a C.O.R. from Texarkana Lodge No. 399
Peter Redburn as a transfer from Pasadena Lodge No. 672
James Echle as a new member by Michael Hernandez

CANDIDATES READY FOR ORIENTATION AND INITIATION:

Stephen Alexander as new member proposed by Lani Goodwin
Lynn Angay as anew member proposed by Lani Goodwin
Brook Caldwell as a new member proposed by Nicole Johnston
Gary Coddington as a new member proposed by Chris Coddington
Cameron Hewines as a new member proposed by Nancy Albright
Lelia Kanuha as a new member proposed by Nicole Johnston
Robert McGannon as a new member proposed by Kim Thomas
Angela Mowinski as a new member proposed by Bob Moulton
Marcus Roberson as a new member proposed by James Joyce



WE NEED YOU!

***Please continue your
support of YOUR Lodge!***

ELKS DELINQUENT ON DUES AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

Ai, Rudy

Anderson-Kelly, Beverly

Anthony, Michael Dean

Ariel, Bradley K

Asbach, Richard

Benlein, Janice Lynn

Bento, Kieven K

Bianchi, Caroline

Blake, Peter A

Boudreau, Shawn H

Brown, Michael J

Buchnowski, Donald Frank

Butler, Ron

Church, Charles

Clay, James C

Coakley, Jeffrey

Coburn, Julie

Cohen, Mark Howard

Cruse, Estelle

Dawson, Dondi

Dehmer, Kalani Ak

Drysdale, Kelly

Esslinger, Beth

Eugenio, Veronica

Field, Stephan V

Freitas, Kaeo

Gallo, Thomas F

Gerrits, Ryan H

Gomez, Jim

Grogan, Steve

Hackworth, Gary W

Hughes, Susan

Jensen, Herb

Johnson, Ellen L

Kitzmiller, Ernett Malhui

Korkes, William

McCaskill, Jae

McLeod, N Douglas

Meadows, Leonard

Meyer, Margaret L

Mlakar, Patti

Oftedal, Robert

Parnell, Janet

Payne-Wetzel, Darlene Elizabeth

Perez, Charles

Porteus, Kathleen Byrne

Preston, Gary

Richter, Oskar

Riley, Glenn

Rodman, Malik

Rubino, Kathy

Schattauer Jr, George

Schlarb, Christopher D

Schwirian, Bonnie

Sisson Jr, Randall Keith

Springer, Gary Dean

Stewart, Bronson

Sue, Cavan

Tatsugawa, Terry

Thomas, Judith

Wahl, Mark Richard

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Wigzell, Terry

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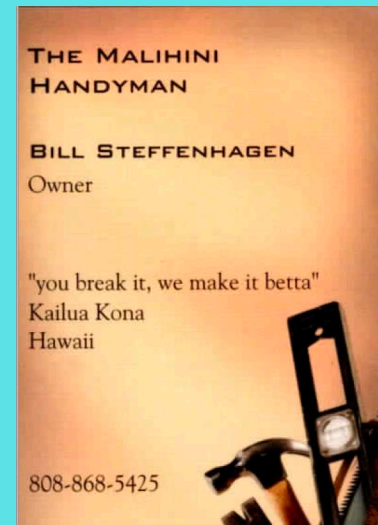
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A cartoon illustration of a moose with large antlers standing behind a counter. A speech bubble from the moose says: "HELLO WILDLIFE BRANCH? I'VE LOCATED THAT BULL ELK. BETTER GET HERE SOON. HE'S ABOUT TO CHARGE!". A sign on the counter says "SALE!". A woman with blonde hair is standing in front of the counter, looking at the moose. There are various items on the counter, including a box labeled "MEAT", a box labeled "TOILET", and a box labeled "SHOES".

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