

KONA HAWAII ELKS LODGE 2616



156TH ELKS GRAND LODGE ANNUAL MEETING AT TAMPA, FL. CONVENTION CENTER

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BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN TAMPA BAY, FLORIDA

Message from The Exalted Ruler



As August unfolds and looking back on July's events, the very first order of business for me as ER is to extend special thanks and recognition for the incredible amount of help from our Elk volunteers in moving to our new facility, demolition of not-to-code structures, setting up the café area for social gathering, cleaning up the heavy kitchen equipment, putting on a huge and profitable, garage sale, organizing of events in our new location and donating special skills to save us the cost of labor. I would love to make a list of all those who helped but there were so many of you, that I fear I might accidentally leave someone out of the line of recognition. I should also mention that it warms my heart to see the return of those Elks initially opposed to our move. Please know that all of our Kona Elks without exception are welcome in the new lodge.

In the spirit of keeping members informed, though we currently have a donation bar, our liquor license transfer process is going smoothly and the lodge should receive the new liquor license on September 2nd. The kitchen permit has been submitted and soon we should have our full kitchen up and running.

As some of you may know, the annual Grand Lodge Convention took place from July 4th to July 7th in Tampa Bay, Florida. Hawaii was represented by Hawaii District Leader, Ron Mizuno, District Deputy GER, Peter Michado, District CHEMPI chairman, Byron Apo, Special Representative, John Richard Smith, PER of Pearl City Lodge, Lori Turping, ER of Kailua Lodge, Douglas Ashcraft, ER of Hilo Lodge, Elizabeth Moore, ER of Honolulu Elks Lodge, Shannon Ball, Kona Elks Treasurer, Bridget Smith, Kona Elks Esteemed Leading Knight, Nicole Johnston and myself.

Speaking from a personal point of view, I would have to say that I was struck by the sense of community and comradery that emanated from this great gathering of so many Elks from across the USA. I met so many other lodge ERs who I now count as my good friends and a source of council when needed. I was introduced to some of the past Grand Exalted Rulers who actively oversee the operations of Elkdom and to members of the Grand Judiciary. I was impressed by this group of truly honorable, wise and yet humble men and women who have devoted so much of their lives to the Elks organization. The future of Elkdom is in good hands.

The Grand Exalted Ruler – Elect, T. Keith Mills spoke about his program for the coming year. He encouraged the attending Exalted Rulers to be active in engaging in many national programs, including youth activities, veterans service, and drug awareness. He made special note of the 50th anniversary of the Hoop Shoot. He also encouraged Lodge leaders to use new electronic tools and to take full advantage of the many Elks National Foundation grants for which their Lodges were eligible.

During the course of the Grand Lodge Session, delegates voted on 15 amendments to the statutes of the Order in the legislative session. The resolutions that were passed included a resolution allowing Lodges to waive initiation and first-year fees for current or former Elks scholarship recipients, as well as waiving annual dues for scholarship recipients who are still in school. Another resolution that was passed allowed the Grand Exalted Ruler to grant full membership in the Grand Lodge to Past Exalted Rulers who were unable to attend the canceled 2020 GrandLodge Session (or under other similar circumstances in the future). Other resolutions adjusted various statutory requirements to take new electronic tools into account. The resolutions that failed included a measure that would have restored the requirement for Lodges to perform the initiatory ritual at all District Deputy visitations; a measure that would have allowed District Deputies to be appointed in districts other than their home district; and a four part resolution that would have allowed Past Exalted Ruler Associations to form charitable corporations.



Nicole Johnston
Leading Knight

During this past month a lot has happened at the lodge. We have accomplished so much. None of it could have been done without a team of amazing volunteers. I want to say special thanks to the guys that have shown up almost every day this past two weeks. Cliff Poffenbarger, Rod Porter, Charlie Gross and Ben Waters. There have been a lot of people to thank but these men have been amazing. We still have a lot to do. Please ask how you can help.

DO YOU WANT TO BE HAPPIER?

A recent scientific study determined that there are ten things that the happiest of folks do every day. And these habits just also happen to make a person more productive. One of these you can do, to not only make yourself happier, but it will also make your Kona Elks Lodge even more successful at fulfilling one of our mottos, "Elks Care - Elks Share".

To make yourself feel happier, you should help others. In fact, 100 hours per year (or two hours per week) is the optimal time we should dedicate to helping others in order to enrich our lives. Volunteering is rewarding in terms of higher life satisfaction.

Kona Elks 2616 is inviting you to step up and be part of "The Team" by volunteering to help out in at least one of many ways. Pick the jobs that appeal the most to you, using your God-given talents to their fullest extent. Ask the lodge bartender for a full list of ways that you can help. Are you aware that we currently need several members to show up at the new lodge from 10am to 3pm weekdays to help clean kitchen appliances? One of the most currently needed categories of "team" help is:

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: A few members are needed to regularly place notices in local newspapers and social media outlets, making the community aware of our social events, as well as of our lodge's charitable events and contributions.

By the way, the other nine daily habits of the happiest folks are:

1. Smiling, real smiles
2. Exercise for at least seven minutes per day
3. Sleep more
4. Spend more time with friends and family, e.g. your Kona Elks family!
5. Go outside more often
6. Plan a trip (even if you don't ever take it)
7. Meditate or Pray
8. Practice gratitude
9. Grow older

WE NEED YOU! YOUR PARTICIPATION IS IMPORTANT! IT WILL MAKE YOU HAPPIER!



Nancy
Albright
Chairman
Membership
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 374, 295 have paid their annual dues as of August 1st. We are down to 21% of our members still delinquent. This is good news and even though we have 23 candidates in the pipeline for membership we need to get that 21% 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

August



2021

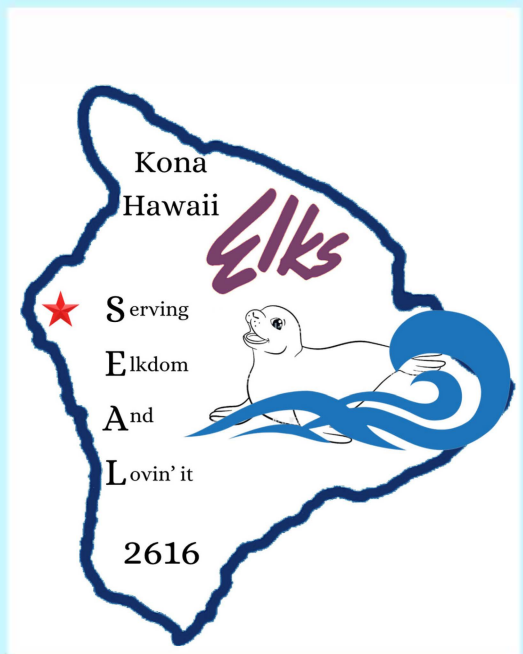
BAR OPENS AT 3:00 PM EVERY DAY EXCEPT SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 LODGE CLOSED	2 BURGER MONDAY 6pm	3 TACO TUESDAY  7 to 9pm	4 BAR OPEN 3pm	5 BAR OPEN 3pm PER Mtg. 3pm	6 BAR OPEN 3pm 	7 BAR OPEN 3pm
8 LODGE CLOSED	9 BURGER MONDAY 6pm	10 TACO TUESDAY 6pm	11 BAR OPEN 3pm BOD Mtg. 6pm	12 LODGE MTTG. 	13 BARBECUE 6PM Activities Committee Mtg. 6pm	14 REPUBLICAN CONVENTION (ENF FUND RAISER)
15 LODGE CLOSED LITTLE MISS KONA COFFEE REHERSAL 3 TO 5PM	16 BURGER MONDAY 6pm	17 TACO TUESDAY  7 to 9pm	18 BAR OPEN 3pm House Committee Mtg. 6pm	19 BAR OPEN 3pm	20 MEATLOAF COMPETITION 6PM	21 BAR OPEN 3PM
22 LODGE CLOSED LITTLE MISS KONA COFFEE REHERSAL 3 TO 5PM	23 BURGER MONDAY 6pm	24 TACO TUESDAY 6pm	25 BAR OPEN 3pm Activities Committee Mtg. 6pm	26 LODGE MTTG. 	27 BAR OPEN 3pm	28 RONNIE V. CONCERT
29 LODGE CLOSED LITTLE MISS KONA COFFEE REHERSAL 3 TO 5PM	30 BURGER MONDAY 6pm	31 TACO TUESDAY 6pm				



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



COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Americanism
 Auditing & Accounting
 Community Activities
 Scholarships
 Public Relations
 Hoop Shoot
 Fraternal
 Membership
 PER Association
 House Committee
 Government Relations
 CHEMPI
 ENF
 Drug Awareness

Ron Cole, PER
 Jane DeMello
 Bill Steffenhagen
 Julie Lederer
 Nicole Johnston
 James Buehler
 Ron Cole, PER
 Nancy Albright
 Larry Kniffin, PER
 William Reese Jr.
 Joseph Reynolds, PER
 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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Day	First Name	Last Name	Day	First Name	Last Name	Day	First Name	Last Name
01	Thomas	Blair	15	Mary	Droze	24	William	Reece
01	William	Nordstrom	15	Lynda	Tansey	25	Cindy	Hanna
02	Beverly	Anderson-Kelly	16	Walter	Ah Mow	25	Mike	Hernandez
02	Dina	Jang	17	Kim	Church	26	Ernett	Kitzmiller
04	Michael	Brown	17	Carole	Lawson	26	Christian	Leinenweber
06	Dale	Leverone	19	Brooks	Borrer	27	Damon	Enos
07	Gary	Capri	19	Michalel	Cates	27	Roderick	Newton
07	Anthony	Keeling	19	Scott	Dearing	28	Chris	Harris
07	Mary Lou	Tolentino	19	Cathy	Shea	28	Dick	Scritchfield
08	Julian	Manelli	19	Sandra	Webb	30	Brenda	Kuessner
10	Dominique	Miller	21	Terry	Tatsugawa	31	Gene	Cowgill
13	Gregory	Chamberlain	23	Karri	Hogan	31	Michael	McGuire
13	Annette	Rodrigues	23	Kathleen	Porteus	31	John	Phillips
14	Michael	Panzarino	24	Charles	Church	31	Malik	Rodman
15	Sally	Dangerfield						



MEMBERSHIP STATUS UPDATE AS OF AUGUST 1, 2021

PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP:	TYPE:	PROPOSER:
CHARLES COLEMAN	C.O.R.	GINA TORRES

BALLOTING BY LODGE:	TYPE:	PROPOSER:
ARRON C. BIBER	ABS-DIMIT	GINA TORRES
WILLIAM VIKERY	REINSTATE	LARRY KNIFFIN
ROCK RACOSI	ABS-DIMIT	JAMES BOOTH
SCOTT MELLO	REINSATE	GINA TORRES
EDDIE POFFENBARGER	TRANSFER	GINA TORRES

ORIENTATION/INITIATION:	TYPE :	PROPOSER:
BROOKE CALDWELL	NEW	NICOLE JOHNSTON
CARLA COLABIANC	NEW	KIM THOMAS
RAY KESTER	NEW	GINA TORRES
ANGELA MOWINSKI	NEW	BOB MOULTON
CLAUDE POMMERLEAU	NEW	BUCKY LESLIE
MARCUS ROBERWON	NEW	JAMES JOYCE
STEPHEN ALEXANDER	NEW	LANI GOODWIN
LYNN ANGAY	NEW	LANI GOODWIN
JUSTIN BENSCH	NEW	JOHN R. SMITH
JOSE FERNANDEZ	NEW	JOHN R. SMITH
GARY CODDINGTON	NEW	CHRIS CODDINGTON
ABRAHAM JOHNSTON	NEW	GINA TORRES
LELIA KANUHA	NEW	NICOLE JOHNSTON
ROBERT McGANNON	NEW	KIM THOMAS



WE NEED YOU!

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

DELINQUENT MEMBERS AS OF AUGUST 1st., 2021

Ai, Rudy
Akiona, Harold
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
Church, Charles
Cislo, Randall S
Clay, James C
Coakley, Jeffrey
Coburn, Julie
Cohen, Mark Howard
Cruse, Estelle

Dawson, Dondi
Dehmer, Kalani Ak
Drysdale, Kelly
Engstrom, W Mark
Esslinger, Beth
Eugenio, Veronica
Field, Stephan V
Freitas, Kaeo
Gallo, Thomas F
Gerrits, Ryan H
Gomez, Jim
Groeling, Daniel
Grogan, Steve
Hackworth, Gary W
Hughes, Susan
Jensen, Herb
Johnson, Ellen L
Kitzmiller, Ernett Malhui
Korkes, William
Leverone, Dale

Long, William
McCaskill, Jae
Meadows, Leonard
Merschdorf, Mr Richard
Meyer, Margaret L
Mrakar, Patti
Morales, Josephine Kuuipo
Oftedal, Robert
Parnell, Janet
Payne-Wetzel, Darlene
Perez, Charles
Porteus, Kathleen Byrne
Preston, Gary
Richter, Oskar
Riley, Glenn
Rodman, Malik
Rubino, Kathy
Salas-Selem, Paulo
Schattauer Jr, George
Schlarb, Christopher D

Schwirian, Bonnie
Sisson Jr, Randall Keith
Soo, Michael Ikaika
Springer, Gary Dean
Stewart, Bronson
Sue, Cavan
Tatsugawa, Terry
Thomas, Judith
Wahl, Mark Richard
Webb, Sandra M
Wigzell, Terry
Wilson, John
Wolfinger, James P
Yee, Garry Wo
Young, Dennis
Zapataoliva, Joe
Zimmerman, Kristo



2020 -2021
GER PAUL
RYAN



GER-ELECT
T. KEITH MILLS

Scholarship recipients



Exhausted Volunteers



Elks Lodge Classifieds

Advertise



Marketplace

Do you have an item you would like to sell? Why not sell it to a fellow Elk?! Place your ad here!

