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STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

You all know the saying "Time flies when you're having fun", well that's true for Toni and me this year. Although, I had somewhat of a setback, I pulled through. I want to thank everyone for their support and thoughts and prayers. This is greatly appreciated.

With the Elk year 2017-2018 ending we must look at our accomplishments for the year. Did we accomplish everything we set out too? If not, what must we do in the upcoming year, so we don't fall short of our goals. Set you goals high and try to achieve them, even if it means completing some that fell short last year. Meet the Grand Lodge per capita early and get the grants rolling in. And, as always, remember **Membership, membership and more membership.**

As of 03-01-2018 the LEA has a net gain in membership of (61) and a delinquent count at (116). We must try hard to get this number down in a month. Also, we have (14) candidates awaiting initiation. Get them initiated.

I still, with time permitting, would like to make a visit to all Lodges in March and April. I will contact everyone and set up a visit.

I'm looking forward to the Grand Lodge Session in San Antonio, TX. 150-year celebration, WOW. Hope everyone has made plans to attend, it's going to be a good one.

I'll be going to the Regional Hoop Shoot in a couple of weeks, such a great event. I look forward to it every year.

Well I'm going to close for now by saying the memory I will treasure the most was when I had the honor and privilege to carry our LEA State Flag upon the stage along with all the other states and the flags representing all branches of the military and first responder organizations in Reno NV. **Thank you, all LEA Members, for allowing me to do this!**

Sincerely,

Henry J Daigle Jr
LEA State President 2017-2018

SPECIAL DEPUTY'S MESSAGE:

Members,

April starts a new chapter in our Lodges. We have said good-bye to our 2017-18 Lodge Officers and I hope that all of you thanked them for their leadership during the past year.

Congratulations to all our newly elected Lodge Offices who have stepped up and accepted the challenge to lead our Lodges for the year of 2018-19. Each and every one of them made a pledge before God and the Lodge members when they were installed that they would uphold the Constitution, Statutes, Rules and Regulations of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the By-Laws of their Lodge. They know that it is their duty to promote the programs of the GL, and to encourage participation by the members of their Lodge in our charitable works. I know that all of them are ready to get started with the task ahead of them, so please pitch in and help them to complete the goals they have set.

ER's, by now you should have appointed all of your Committees Chairperson or Coordinators and if you have not then you must do so now. A good leader will not just appoint someone to chair a committee and then forget about them. He/she must be in constant touch with them to see that they are doing the job you assigned to them. Most of the time that means the ER will have to pitch in and help do the work and if not, then at the end of the year if the committee has done nothing then he/she cannot blame anyone except themselves. Please remember that a good leader leads by example and never asks anyone to do something that they would not do themselves.

The first quarter of our new year has many events that will keep us busy. Below is a list of them.

The LEA Sate Convention will be held at the Garden Plaza Hotel and Conference Center Lafayette, LA., on May 18th 19th and 20th. 2018.
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SPECIAL DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

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Mother's Day is May 13th, and all Lodges should have a special dinner for all of our mothers and wives. There is a wonderful Ritual that can be done to honor our mothers.

Memorial Day is May 28th a day that represents one day of national awareness and reverence, honoring those Americans who died while defending our Nation and its values. We should also remember to honor our men and women who are serving in the armed forces now and those who served to ensure that we continue to have the many freedoms we continue to enjoy.

Flag Day is June 14th it is the duty of each Lodge to hold the service known as "Flag Day Services" in the manner prescribed by, the Ritual of the Order.

Rituals for Mother's Day and Flag Day can be found in the B. P. O. Elks Rituals of Special Service Manual (Code 511601) revised August 2005.

The GL Session will be held in San Antonio, TX, starting June 30th and ending July 14th. Remember that all Lodges are required to send the Exalted Ruler to it. If he/she cannot attend it, then a Past Exalted Ruler holding an office in the Lodge may be an alternate representative of the Lodge.


As we all know membership is the life line of our Order and Lodges and we must continue to bring in new members, so both will continue to prosper. For the last two years the LEA has had an increase in membership and I thank all of you who have worked so hard to bring in new members to make this happen. Let's keep the ball rolling and have an increase in membership again this year.

Having said all of the above, it is now time for the members to pledge their support to the new Lodge Officers. Without the members support, the Officers will not be able to accomplish the goals they set to ensure that your Lodge has a

successful year. I ask all of you to remember that we must work as a team to be successful and if we do then the Lodge will have a productive year that everyone will be proud of.

I look forward to seeing and working with all of you in the coming year and if I can be of help to any of you, please feel free to contact me.

Fraternally,


Richard F. Conran, SDGER~PG Tiler

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE:

Greetings,

I want to thank all the retiring officers that served this past Elk year and welcome our newly elected and appointed officers for the 2018-2019 Elk year. This year we will have three new Lodge Secretaries. They are Lisa Cade (Shreveport 122); Sam Authement (Houma 1193) and Sonya Belgard (New Orleans West Bank 2496). I look forward to working with you this year.

The April membership report for all lodges has been filed with Grand Lodge. We began this past Elk Year with 2,107 members but ended the year with 2,076, a loss of 31 members. Of the 2,076 members, 1,084 are delinquent. This is a major problem. Over the next several weeks, the lapsation committee needs to contact these members and remind them to pay their dues. It might also be that the Lodge Secretaries need to send out another dues statement. This should be the number 1 priority in all Lodges.

The Lodge Charity reports are due by May 1. Some Lodges have done an excellent job in reporting the charity work the Lodge is doing, but several Lodges have very little entered. Please go back through your files and update your charity reports.

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SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

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Our state convention will be held in Lafayette, LA May 18-20, 2018. Prior to the convention, I will e-mail the voting delegate form to the Lodge Exalted Ruler and Secretary. I need one of you to complete the form and return it to me at the Exalted Ruler/Secretary meeting held on Saturday morning during our meeting with our State Sponsor and Special Deputy. At this same meeting, I will distribute the State President's Pins that your Lodge purchased and your request for pins for next year.

Exalted Rulers you should meet with the outgoing Exalted Ruler to ensure that all information for the Annual Financial Report has been turned over to the Lodge Accountant. This includes bar and food inventories, bar salaries, etc. The accountant shall deliver the complete report to the Lodge by June 15. **The auditing and accounting committee shall present the report to the membership by the last meeting in June.** The report must be postmarked by June 30 or the Lodge will be fined. Mail your report to Ronald Atkinson (Auditing and Accounting Chairman for Area 6); Richard Conran, SDGER and Rene Pelanne, District Deputy-Designate.

Have a Super Elk Day!!
Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Buddy Hartle, LEA State Secretary

GRAND LODGE CORNER:

Deadline approaches for the Annual Financial Report by Richard Techau:

With the end of the 2017-18 Lodge year, it is time to review the plans for submitting the Lodge's Annual Financial Report. By now the Lodge's Auditing and Accounting Committee should have negotiated the Lodge's engagement with its licensed accountant, as discussed on pages 18 and 19 of the Auditing and Accounting Manual and agreed to the terms as outlined in the sample contract on pages 37 and 38. Engagement of the accountant should never be postponed beyond January of the Lodge year.

The proposed contract should be presented to the Lodge for its approval.

Please make sure the accountant is aware of all the report filing deadlines: June 15 for the submission to the Lodge for approval and June 30 for submission to Grand Lodge. All tax forms filed for the Lodge are required at the same time. All records necessary for the accountant to meet these deadlines should be delivered to them by April 30.

To meet the timeline, the Lodge Secretary and Treasurer must have all bookkeeping entries kept current so that after March 31, all they have to do is reconcile bank accounts before turning the records over to the Auditing and Accountant Committee for review prior to presenting them to the accountant.

Please note that extensions of time to file the report and tax forms are two different procedures. Filing for one does not extend the other. The Area Auditing and Accounting Committeeman can give you a one-month extension to file the Annual Financial Report, but additional extensions have to be requested from the State Sponsor. All tax extensions have to be filed with the appropriate governmental entity.

The Annual Financial Report form is not mailed to the Lodge. Instead, each Lodge is required to download from the Grand Lodge website the current Excel version of the Annual Financial Report. The form and very detailed step-by-step instructions will be available in the Auditing and Accountant section of the Elks' website (elks.org/grandlodge/auditing/). Lodges are required to electronically file the report through the same site and only PDF's are accepted. (Important: Do not password protect your submission without supplying the password).

The current year's form is required for filing. Old versions will be rejected by the committee and the report will be considered as not having been filed. (Continued page 6)

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GRAND LODGE CORNER continued:

A separate upload for any and all tax forms (990/990-T, etc.) will be necessary. Please feel free to contact your Area Committeeman for assistance if needed. Here is to a successful submission.

Be proactive with Disaster Relief, by James S. Mason:

Every year our country experiences numerous disasters – such as earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, tornados, typhoons and wildfires – but 2017 was particularly brutal.

Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria descended on Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico, causing massive destruction in each location, including extensive flooding and wind damage. California experienced devastating wildfires that resulted in dozens of deaths and thousands of destroyed homes and buildings. Recovery will be long and expensive.

The Disaster Relief Program was established by the Elks to assist, in any manner possible, those who are enduring the hardships of such tragedies. A relief fund was established in the Grand Secretary's office to help meet the immediate needs in each location. Grand Exalted Ruler Malcolm McPherson has requested that our Lodges and their Members consider donating to the fund for present and future needs.

Additionally, it is recommended that each Lodge contact its local government to find out if it has a disaster relief program; If so, learn how the Elks might assist the community in its recovery effort. It is important to remember that the Elks are a part of the city or town. Lodges can get a jump on gathering supplies such as first aid kits, blankets, cleaning materials, and non-perishable items including water and canned goods.

It is very important to follow a program properly prepared and heed the Boy Scouts' motto, "Be Prepared." It is most important to plan ahead rather than waiting until after a disaster strikes.

All funds should be sent to Grand Secretary Bryan Klatt at the Elks National Headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. Members can also donate at elks.org/elksCare/elksshare.

PVSAs honor those who give back by Kent Gade:

The President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) is our country's premier volunteer awards program, encouraging citizens to live a life of service through national recognition and presidential gratitude. The award is presented through the office of the President of the United States and the Elks Drug Awareness Program.

The Elks Drug Awareness Program presents lifetime (PVSAs to adults who have volunteered 4,000 or more hours over their lifetime. To date, more than 2,000 volunteers nationwide have been recognized for their service. I feel it is very important to reward and recognize our Elks and community volunteers. You do not have to be an Elk to receive this award.

The Youth PVSAs are new to the Elks Drug Awareness Program. The volunteer hours required for a Youth Award are:

Ages 5-10: 75 minimum

Ages 11-15: 100 minimum

Ages 16-25: 250 minimum

These awards are a great opportunity to recognize the amazing volunteer work that the youth of your community are involved in. One great source of potential candidates come from the students who apply through our various scholarship programs.

The award included a certificate, a letter from the President of the United States of America, and a "Challenge Coin" with the Presidential Seal. The entire cost of the award is funded by the Elks Drug Awareness Program, through the generosity of the Elks National Foundation. The application form, which should be forwarded to your State Drug Awareness Chairman, is located at elks.org/resources/dap/downloads/PVSAYouthApplication.pdg. Does your Lodge or State participate?

ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION:

Beyond the VA: Help those in State Veterans Homes by Mary K. Morgan:

There are nearly 20 million veterans in the United States, but only a little more than 9 million of them are registered with the VA.

In other words, more than half of veterans in the United States do not receive services at their local VA. But where can you find these veterans?

State Veterans Homes are a good place to start. There are 162 State Veterans Homes in the United States, all of which are independent of the VA. These facilities are state-run and often are in need of volunteers and support. Consider expanding any VA-based activities to local State Veterans Homes as well.

Additionally, if your Lodge holds ceremonies for Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Armed Forces Day or other events, think about holding them at a State Veterans Home so the residents can attend.

Reach out to local nursing homes and senior residences. These facilities usually have a recreation director who can connect you to veteran patients and help plan events.

Don't forget about the younger veteran population. Younger vets are not only less likely to join traditional veterans groups, but also less likely to use VA services.

Consider connecting with local groups like The Mission Continues and the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America. These two fast-growing groups cater mostly to post-9/11 veterans. Their mission of service aligns closely with the Elks. Check their websites to find the local contact in your area.

You can also reach out to student veterans. Community colleges and universities often have student veterans' groups or staff members responsible for outreach.

It may take extra effort to reach these veterans, but it is worth it.

Elks programs srve to assist homeless veterans by Mary K. Morgan:

The words "homeless" and "veterans" should never go together, yet each night in our country—the richest and most powerful in the world—as many as 40,000 veterans sleep in shelters, on the streets, or in their cars.

These are men and women who served our country, in most cases voluntarily, in peacetime and war. They're home now, but homeless, and they're fighting for their lives.

The Elks are now in the third year of a \$4 million program to help end veteran homelessness in partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs. We've made great progress so far.

More than 760 veterans have been helped through the Elks Emergency Assistance Fund, which provides a lifeline for veterans in a time of need. These funds pay for security deposits, so a veteran can exit homelessness and move into a new apartment, pay heat bills to help a veteran stay warm through the winter, and cover rent for a couple of months when a veteran encounters an unexpected life event such as an illness or the loss of a job.

Through the Welcome Home Kit program, Elks have helped more than 700 newly housed veterans with home supplies such as pots and pans, dishes, towels, and sheets.

Lodges in the eight target cities with the highest number of homeless veterans (Chicago, New York, Washington, D.C., San Diego Los Angeles, Seattle, Miami, and Loma Linda, California) are eligible for additional grant funds. Elks there are working overtime to provide veterans with beds, furniture, and other basics to help them stabilize their lives. (Continued Page 8)

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ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION continued:

For many veterans, it's not just about material support. The knowledge that then Elks truly care resonates with them.

We're proud of the work we've done so far. But there are many more veterans out there who need help, and we need all the volunteers we can get. Please consider joining the fight against veteran homelessness today. Visit elks.org/vets to get started.

With your help, we can provide these veterans in need with the shelter and support that they deserve.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION:

As of March 29, 2018

Rank	Lodge	Donation	Per Capita
1	N.O. West Bank	\$ 1460.01	\$18.48
2	Plaquemine	\$ 741.81	\$13.73
3	Houma	\$1,660.00	\$12.76
4	Slidell	\$1,567.65	\$ 8.70
5	New Orleans	\$2,686.20	\$ 8.19
6	Shreveport	\$6,384.95	\$ 7.21
7	Opelousas	\$2,280.00	\$ 7.10
8	Donaldsonville	\$ 650.00	\$ 5.00

COMMITTEE NEWS:

AMERICANISM:

The Americanism Essay winners have been announced.

Division 1 (5th and 6th graders)

First Place—Brenna Bourgeois from Opelousas Catholic School, sponsored by Lodge 1048.

Second Place—Carter Hanson from Rudolph Matas Elementary, sponsored by Lodge 30.

Third Place—Vaishu Kumbala from Metairie Academy, sponsored by Lodge 30.

Division 2 (7th and 8 graders)

First place—Sarah Blancard from Opelousas Catholic School, sponsored by Lodge 1048.

Second place—Eli Guidroz from Opelousas Catholic School, sponsored by Lodge 1048.

Third place—Jacob Vazquez from Opelousas Catholic School, sponsored by Lodge 1048

The first-place winning essays have advanced to the Grand Lodge National Level.

James Hester, Chairman

Business Practice:

We should have our accountant lined up to prepare each Lodge's Annual Financial Report (AFR) for the year ending March 31, 2018 and it should be an accountant licensed with the State Board of CPAs. The type of the report will be a compilation and not a review or audit. Licensed accountants routinely prepare compilations and the forms to use in the report and format are available on-line at www.elks.com. A Form 990 tax return should also be prepared and submitted to the IRS and Grand Lodge.

The Auditing and Accounting Manual, available on-line, continues to be a great information source. The completed AFR should be submitted to your Lodge for approval by June 15 and submitted on-line to the Grand Lodge by June 30. In order to file the report on-line, get the report in a PDF format, get on-line on the Elks website, and there are instructions there for submitting the report on-line. Let me know if you have questions or concerns about doing this.

Each state Lodge should have their ER, Secretary, Treasurer, other officers, and its Business Practices committee work together to watch the revenues and expenses of the Lodge. We should try to avoid months with excessive or unchanging losses. Lines on monthly financial reports can be examined to see how actual results compare to the Budget. Let me know if you have questions or comments about this information. Thank you for your service to your lodge.

Mastin Scott, Chairman

COMMITTEE NEWS continued:

HOOP SHOOT:

Excitement is in the air.

Congratulations to Owen Guth for his WIN in the Region 11 Hoop Shoot Finals in the boys 12-13 age group. Owen, Louisiana, is headed to the national finals. The winning score was 20 out of 25. Slidell Lodge 2321 recruited Owen who went to regional's after a win in the State of Louisiana Hoop Shoot in Opelousas winning with the score of 20/25. Herb Hostler really stepped up this year to achieve his goal of finding a national competitor and hopefully National Champion. We can't win if we don't get there. The Louisiana Hoop Shoot team has had a national competitor in each of the last three years really stepping up to find talented contestants. This year has been the most exciting experience for me since volunteering in the program. An update on the national performance will be provided in the next newsletter.

The National Finals are being held in Chicago on April 21, 2018. State President Henry Daigle Jr. is representing Louisiana at the competition. The national Hoop Shoot experience is a uniquely Elks experience and should be enjoyed by all of us. Hopefully we will find more national competitors in the future so other volunteers can experience our national headquarters and Hoop Shoot fun.

The future of Hoop Shoot is very bright because of the team effort from each of us. Many new developments are under way on the State level to provide marketing and community interaction across the State to increase participation. Hopefully I will have some positive announcements at State Convention in May.

All of the volunteers did a Super job this year. Our success depends on the efforts of these wonderful people. I want to extend a Special Shout Out and Congratulations to Lodge 2321, especially Herb and Randy, for the super effort this year. A Big Thank you to all the Lodge Directors and volunteers because You have the hardest job in Hoop Shoot!!!

Ed Chandler, Chairman

LODGE ACTIVITIES:

The 2017-2018 Elk year is nearing an end. I hope all Elks and their Lodges had a good and prosperous Elk year. I also hope that all of our State Lodges have been successful in creating their activities books for the past year. I am looking forward to reviewing them at our upcoming State Convention.

On February 16 the Elks celebrated their 150th anniversary. This was a very unique celebration in that it was a live stream across the country where all Lodges Nationwide could celebrate this monumental birthday together.

Our Statewide Hoop shoot contest was just held recently at the Opelousas Lodge. It was nice to see that all of our State Lodges participated this year. Good luck and congrats to all of our shooters who participated. Hopefully one of our State shooters can advance to the finals.

On another front our local, state, regional, and national scholarship contest is under way. The winners of these scholarships will be presented in May at our Lodges youth day activities banquets.

The official Alex's Lemonade Stand day will take place from June 2-10, 2018. This event can also be hosted in conjunction with the Elks Say No to Drugs programs during the Month Of October.

In closing with all of the exciting activities taking place in our communities, I am extremely excited to seeing your Lodge activities books at our upcoming convention.

Betsy Ibos, Chairman

LOUISIANA ELK'S ANNUAL CASH DRAWING:

All Lodges were mailed 2 books of tickets for the drawing to be held at State Convention. Please try to sell your tickets and send the money to Richard Jones and let Sam Echols know how many you have left. If you can't sell them, please bring them to the DD Clinic in April. Here's a few interesting things to make all Lodges sell their tickets. (Continued page 10)

COMMITTEE NEWS continued:

- *The Lodge that the winning ticket was sold from will receive \$500.00
- *The winner will be paid in cash
- *You do not have to be a member to purchase a ticket. (Sell one to your neighbor)
- *There are only 200 tickets that will be sold.

If you have any questions, please contact Henry Daigle, Richard Jones, Sam Echols or Greg Taylor

150th ANNIVERSARY:

Lodge 30 Anniversary Party



Lodge 122 Anniversary Party



STATE CONVENTION:

Our State Convention will be held on May 18-20, 2018 in Lafayette, LA. All meetings will be held at the Garden Plaza Hotel and Conference Center (formally the Ramada Lafayette Conference Center). Please make every effort to attend this convention.



To Our Absent Members:

In vain we call. He has passed into the light which is beyond the valley of the shadow of death. The places that have known him shall know him no more; but his virtues are written upon the tables of love and memory.

Timothy I. Dulany, Shreveport 122
Mark G. Ellis, Shreveport 122
William Watson, Shreveport 122

Calvin Bourgeois, Opelousas 1048

I Robert Boudreaux, Houma 1193

Henry Gregoire, N.O. West Bank 2496
Eddie T. Moore, N.O. West Bank 2496

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

This bulletin will only be as good as the information submitted by you, a member of the Louisiana Elks Association. Articles for the July bulletin are due by June 10, 2018.

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A Fraternal Origination
April 2018
Baton Rouge, LA

Members.

On behalf of the Louisiana Elks Association, State President Henry Daigle, Sr., and Plaquemine Lodge 1398, I invite you, your lodge members and guests to attend the 82nd Louisiana Elks State Convention in Lafayette, LA on May 18-20, 2018.

The Convention will be held at the Garden Plaza Hotel and Conference Center. The Garden Plaza is located at 2032 N. E. Evangeline Thruway, Lafayette, LA 70501.

The Registration Fee is \$50.00 per Person. All registrations should be mailed to Richard Jones, Registration Chairman, 5018 Rosedown Lane, Bossier City, LA 71112-4590, no later than, April 30, 2018. **Registration received after April 30, 2018 will have a \$10.00 per person late registration fee.** **Friday night Social tickets are \$12 each and must be ordered and paid for with convention registration. Tickets are required.** There will be plenty of good food, refreshment and fun, and we are looking forward to seeing you there. Enclosed is a 2018 Convention Registration Form

Please remember that the cutoff date for all donations to the Louisiana Elks Fund to determine the 2017/2018 winner of the Willis Mc Donald Award is March 31, 2017.

The Garden Plaza Hotel and Conference Center will honor reservations for Louisiana Elks and guests until 3:00 P.M. April 15, 2018. Room rates are \$92.00 for single/ double plus 12% tax per night. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel, direct (337) 233-6815 or if you have any problems with making your reservations call Mr. Shawn Johnson or Ms. Shea Dugas, Monday through Friday from 8:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. at (337)-408-2809.

Please keep in mind that check-in time is 3 P.M. if you arrive early your room may not be ready. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at Home: (225) 275-7118 Cell: (225) 938-9213 - e-mail: rconran39@aol.com.

Fraternaly yours,

Richard Conran, SDGER/PG Tiler

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INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM

Lodge Name and Number _____

Member Name _____ Present Title _____ \$ _____

Member's Significant Past Titles (To be shown on Badge, space permitting) _____ \$ _____

Spouse/Guest Name _____ \$ _____

Note: If you are your spouse/guest will be attending the Friday Night Social at Opelousas Lodge, tickets at \$12 each are required.

No. of Tickets Wanted _____ x \$12 each \$ _____

Paying by Cash Check # _____ **Total Paid** \$ _____

Make checks payable to *Louisiana Elks Association*. Attach payment by paper clip to top of form.

- This form may be used either for pre-registration or for registration at the desk on convention dates.
- The lodge member registering as an individual (rather than as part of a lodge group registration) shall complete this form. Include spouses and guests.
- Show member's name and lodge title, as each is to appear on the convention badge, spouse/guest's name, and applicable registration amounts on the line spaces provided.
- **Convention registrations are \$50/member, \$50 spouse/guest.** Registration fees include the Saturday evening banquet meal and entertainment for members, spouses and guests and **Saturday 1st Lady's Brunch and entertainment is only for spouses and guests who are not Elks.**
- Friday Social tickets are \$12 each and must be ordered and paid for with registration. Tickets are required.
- A late registration fee of \$10 per person applies after April 30, 2018.

⇒ **Mail pre-registrations with Friday Social ticket orders (if wanted) NOT LATER THAN**
April 30, 2018 to
Richard M. Jones 5018 Rosedown Lane - Bossier City, LA 71112-4590