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STATE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:



Warmest wishes with a great big hug from your state President, Beulah Rodrigue. As we enter the beginning of 2019, I can't help but to be thankful and excited for the warm reception that each of the Louisiana Lodges gave me. I'm proud to be associated in an organization with such good and hardworking people.

All the Lodges are active and really pushing Elkdom in their communities. Membership is up. Our Veterans are getting a lot of recognition for their service. Youth programs are thriving. Our Scholarship committee is active. Make sure you get your service hours to your Lodge Secretary, so he can get them into CLMS. Also, get your entries in for the All-American Lodge Contest "A" by March 15th.

Fast approaching is the LEA Mid-Season Conference. The Mid-Season Conference will begin on Friday afternoon, January 18th with the state meeting being on Saturday morning, January 19th hosted by Houma Lodge #1193. Based on current registrations, we are planning for a huge turnout. So far, I am overwhelmed with the tremendous response from all of the Lodges.

In between the state meetings, the Houma Lodge #1193 is planning a Mardi Gras Extravaganza. Mardi Gras is a time where people can come

together, let their hair down and have food and fun in an exciting atmosphere. That is what Houma Lodge is working diligently to achieve in the Extravaganza.

As state President I hope our efforts with the Extravaganza will set an example to make our Mid-Season Conference more fun and entertaining so to attract larger attendance at future state gatherings. I know that no one will be disappointed with the program and entertainment we have planned. I am pleased to announce that our State Sponsor Millard Pickering and his wife Suzanne will be attending.

In closing, I would say we have made major strides in growing our membership and reporting the good works that we do for the communities we serve with our fellow brothers and sisters. There is still a way to go but with diligence and hard work we can get it accomplished. Looking forward to seeing you at the Mid-Season Conference. Mais, y'all come sher!

Fraternally and Sincerely

Beulah Rodrigue, LEA State President

SPECIAL DEPUTY'S MESSAGE:

Members,

Sue and I hope that all of you and your families had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As we enter into the final three months of our 2018/2019 Elks year, let's not forget the many important things we have left to do.

In January, all Lodge Trustees and ERs should meet with of the all Elks who are being considered to be nominated as new officers and leaders of the lodge for the year of 2019/2020. When meeting with them, please make sure that they are not only dedicated Elks, but are willing to spend the extra time that will be expected of them to help the lodge accomplish all of the goals that will be set by the new ER to assure that it will have a successful year.

SPECIAL DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

continued:

In February, all lodges except Opelousas Lodge 1048, Slidell Lodge 2321 and N. O. West Bank Lodge 2496 must hold nomination of officers at its first regular meeting and election of them at the second regular meeting. Slidell Lodge must hold elections of officers at the Lodge's third meeting of February. Opelousas Lodge 1048 and N. O. West Bank 2496 since you only have one meeting a month you must hold nominations at your January meeting and elections at your February meeting.

Lodges must follow the procedures that are outlined in 2017 GL Annotated Statutes Section 3.080 Nominations and 3.090 Elections.

February 16th is the 151st birthday of our order and I urge all lodges to hold a birthday celebration to commemorate it.


Auditing Committees should have already started getting the financial records for the 2018/2019 year ready to turn over to its accountant, so they can have the Audit Report ready to be mailed by June 30, 2019. Please follow the procedures outlined in the GL A/A Manual revised February 2016 to complete your 2019 Annual Financial Report (Annual Audit).

Rene' Pelanne, DDGER last DD Clinic will be held at Opelousas Elks Lodge #1048 On April 13, 2019, starting at 10:00 AM. The ER, Leading Knight, Lodge Secretary and Chairman of the BOD are required to attend it. If the Chairman of the BODs is the ER or Leading Knight another member of the BOD must attend it. If you are unable to attend, you must notify Rene Pelanne , DDGER, in writing the reason you cannot attend prior to the day of the Clinic.

Finally, there is still time for the Lapsation Committee to contact all members who are still in arrears on their dues and to convince them to pay them, so they can retain their membership in the greatest fraternal origination on the earth, the B. P. O. Elks.

I also want to remind everyone that the LEA State Convention will be held on May 17, 18 and 19, 2019 at the Garden Plaza Hotel Conference Center located at 2032 NE Evangeline Thruway, Lafayette, LA 70501. I will send a letter to each ER and Lodge Secretary containing all of the convention information by the end of January 2019. The members of Houma. Lodge #1193 have already started working on it, so please mark the dates on your calendar and plan on attending it, as a good time will be had by all.

Have A. Great Day!


Richard F. Conran, SDGER~LA

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

I hope everyone had a safe and Happy New Year.

During the month of January, the Auditing and Accounting Committee shall review the required record-keeping of the financial affairs of the Lodge and Club and compliance with the approved budget. The Committee shall report their findings at the last meeting in January. Remember this is your last chance to make adjustments to avoid a deficit budget on March 31. Please refer to Statutes Annotated 13.040 for additional information.

As of January 1, there are 161 delinquent members among our eight Lodges. The Lapsation Committee and Lodge Secretary should prepare a list of the delinquent members and post on the Lodge Bulletin Board. Once the list is posted, you shall read the names of the delinquent members at your next Lodge meeting.

In accordance with Statutes Annotated 14.160 the Secretary is responsible for sending a written notice to the delinquent members informing them that if they fail to pay their dues within 30 days of the mailing notice, they will be dropped from the membership of the Lodge. (Continued on Page 5)

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE continued:

Be sure to include a dues statement in the letter to all delinquent members. All delinquent members must be dropped by March 31, 2018.

The Lodge election shall take place at the second meeting in February. No nominations for Lodge Officers can be made on election night, unless no one was nominated for the position or the person nominated withdrew. If a member has been nominated for more than one office, he/she must declare the nomination he accepts and withdraw from the other prior to the election meeting. The election shall be by written or printed ballot, uniform in size and color, the Lodge Secretary shall provide the ballot. Refer to Statutes Annotated 3.090.

Upon completion of the Election of Officers, the Board of Directors shall meet and elect a Chairman and Secretary for the Board of Directors. In the event the Exalted Ruler or Esteemed Leading Knight is the Chairman, then one other member of the Board shall be designated by the Board and required to attend all District Deputy Clinics. Please refer to Statutes Annotated 12.070 for additional information.

During the month of March, all membership information (in CLMS) shall be verified prior to the April membership report being submitted electronically to Grand Lodge. You should also ensure that your Charity reports are up to date. Areas that are often missed are, Scholarship, Veterans, Mother's Day, Thanksgiving or Christmas Baskets, Blood drive, etc.

Exalted Rulers please recall this past year and think about the Elk and Officer who went above and beyond their duties and assisted you this year. These members need to be awarded as Elk and Officer of the Year. Grand Lodge has a beautiful plaque that you can award to these members. The deadline for ordering this plaque is March 31, 2019. Grand Lodge also has a plaque for Citizen of the Year.

I hope to see everyone at our Mid-Season Conference, which will be held at the Houma Lodge 1193 on January 18-19, 2019.

Have a Super Elk Day!!
Sincerely and Fraternaly

Buddy Hartle, LEA Secretary

GRAND LODGE CORNER:

SMALL LODGES CAN STAY IN-HOUSE BY Michael L. Pettigrew:

Are you a small Lodge with limited financial activity and limited finances, and do you have someone involved with the Lodge qualified to handle financial reporting? If so, you may be able to complete your required Annual Financial Report using in-Lodge personnel to save the Lodge some money.

Under Section 13.040 (j), a Lodge may request permission to prepare its Annual Financial Report using in-house personnel if it meets certain criteria and is approved by its Past Grand Exalted Ruler State Sponsor. Applications may be obtained from the Grand Lodge web site or in the Auditing and Accounting Manual (Exhibit I).

Completed applications must be filed with the Area Auditing and Accounting Committee Member by December 31 every year for the Lodge fiscal year to end the following March 31. Applications must be accompanied by a current balance sheet, complete profit and loss statement(s), and all budgets as prepared internally, from which the Annual Financial Report will be prepared.

A couple of things to keep in mind:

*You may still need someone else to handle any tax filing unless the person doing the report is also qualified to handle tax filings. (Continued on Page 6)

GRAND LODGE CORNER continued:

*This is still only recommended for the smallest of Lodges.

*This request is not necessary if your accountant is simply a Member of your Lodge but not involved with the day-to-day accounting of the Lodge.

If you have any questions, please contact your Area Auditing and Accounting Committee Member.

How to choose the correct annual report method by Keith E. Alverson:

There are four acceptable levels of Annual Reports that may be submitted to Grand Lodge annually: an audit, a review, a compilation, or an in-house preparation. The requirements and level of service of each varies greatly, so each Lodge must determine what type of financial statement meets their specific needs.

Audit: Although an audit is appropriate for any Lodge, it requires much more work and is the most expensive type of report. The audit is normally prepared for larger Lodges that have extensive assets and more complex operations. The end result is a final report in which the accountant issues an opinion as to the financial condition of the Lodge. An audit can only be prepared by a Certified Public Accountant.

Review: A review is an engagement performed by an independent accountant and is less expensive than an audit. A review determines whether the financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles. A review is appropriate for all but the larger Lodges. Like an audit, a review can only be prepared by a Certified Public Accountant.

Compilation: A compilation merely presents, in the form of financial statements, information that is the representation of the Lodge management. The Lodge Auditing and Accounting Committee must inform the Lodge that the report is based solely on information provided by the Lodge, and that no opinion or other form of assurance will be

issued by the accountant. A compilation can only be prepared by a Certified Public Accountant.

In-House Preparation: Grand Lodge Statutes section 13.040 (j) states that a Lodge must request permission to prepare the Annual Financial Report using in-house personnel. An application, as well as the additional documentation noted on the application, must be submitted each year to the Area Auditing and Accounting Committee member. The application can be found on the Grand Lodge web site, in the Auditing and Accounting Manual in Exhibit I.

Whatever report is chosen, make sure that your preparer has uploaded the most recent forms from the Grand Lodge web site. The use of obsolete, modified, or substitute forms will cause your annual report to be rejected and would have to be redone on the correct forms. Also, the 990/990T must be submitted with your annual report even if your preparer has filed an extension with the Internal Revenue Service.

Medal honors public safety heroes by Margaret O'Polka:

Thousands of firefighters and emergency personnel traveled to the West to fight wildfires. Nine police officers and one firefighter died in the line of duty on the East Coast. A fireman rescued a child from a burning home in the South. An Army lieutenant saved a drowning girl. Navy SEALs rescued 12 soccer players and their coach in Thailand.

Events like these happen across the nation and the world every day. Some have happy endings, but unfortunately, others do not.

The Grand Lodge Activities Committee has a way for Elks to honor these deserving public safety heroes. Present a Medal of Honor to an emergency responder who has gone above and beyond the call of duty or honor a fallen hero with the Medal of Valor which can be presented to the family. (Continued on Page 7)

GRAND LODGE CORNER continued:

Medals can be ordered from the Grand Secretary's office. The medals, which cost \$9 each, can also be engraved on the reverse side with the person's name.

You can also present certificates to law enforcement, firefighters and emergency service providers. These certificates can be personalized and can be accessed at elks.org on the Activities page.

Consider holding a Public Safety Night in your Lodge. This is a wonderful way to show your community that the Elks care about and respect the courageous men and women selflessly helping others on a daily basis.

Holding an event such as this is a wonderful opportunity to bring comfort to grieving families. They will be surrounded not only by Elks but by local public safety providers as well. This also can promote membership into your Lodge.

Ensure long-time Members remain on our rolls by Rick Gathen:

As charity begins at home, please give consideration to delinquent Members who may be facing hardships. Remember, "*Living or dead, an Elk is Never Forgotten...Never Forsaken.*"

Let's stand by these great words when reviewing Lapsation rolls. Pay special attention to Members with many years serving our Order before canceling their membership.

The Exalted Ruler, Esteemed Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, and Lecturing Knight, Secretary, and Treasurer shall constitute the Standing Relief Committee of the Lodge, which shall examine the merits of all cases suggesting the necessity of aid or relief. Upon committee recommendation, your Lodge may legally vote on assisting with their dues. Any Member present at a Lodge meeting may make that motion.

Please make sure your Lodge Standing Relief Committee performs this important responsibility.

Only then are we acting with Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

Membership rises but delinquency remains an issue by Grand Secretary Bryan Klatt:

The November Membership Report has been tentatively closed with the Order showing a gain of 3.6% (27,431) for a mid-year total of 798,370 Members with 9,925 candidates.

The downside is that we have 9.9% (75,957) delinquent Members. Continued emphasis must be given towards retaining those lapsed Members.

ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION:

Veterans and military members make great Elks by James L. Nicholson, PGER:

Is your Lodge looking for new Members? Wouldn't you love to have more service-minded people at your Lodge?

It's natural fit for Lodge Membership and Veterans Committees to team up to recruit veterans and military members as Elks. The Order has proudly supported veterans for more than 100 years and the military teaches teamwork and leadership skills we need. Military members and recently separated veterans have the youth, energy, and know-how to get the Elks' job done.

Elks connect with recently separated veterans through the Welcome Home Program. Elks battle homelessness among veterans and volunteer in more than 600 VA and state veterans' hospitals. Our Veteran Leather Program provides gloves and craft kits. Many Lodges support military families and send comfort kits to active military units. These recipients appreciate what the Order does for them, and they may want to be part of the effort. (Continued on Page 8)

ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION continued:

Actively recruit Members from within your Lodge's veterans' programs! If you sponsor a dinner for veterans, provide an Elks brochure and an application with the dinner. If you adopt a vet, invite that vet to be a Member. If you stuff comfort care kits for overseas, put in an invitation to visit an Elks Lodge "when you get home." If you learn of a Member's child or grandchild actively serving, encourage that Member to sponsor his or her relative. The Lodge, under Section 14.310 of the Laws of the order, may waive dues, initiation fees, or reinstatement fees of any applicant or member who is serving on active duty.

Encouraging interested community residents to become Members is just another way of serving military members and veterans. You will find many who will make good Veterans Committee members.

Remember the veterans in need through Adopt-A-Vet by Stewart G. Isral:

Patrick Gleason, Volunteer Service Chief at the Jesse Brown VA in Chicago, often says, "Every veteran at some point was willing to give everything for our freedom. So, I think everyone should at some point in their lives be willing to give something to those veterans." It's an excellent way to explain the reason that Elks' veterans' programs exist.

What we owe those veterans is our time and action, as Elks and as Americans. One of the best ways to do that is through the Adopt-A-Vet program. It's a very simple program, with a focus on one-on-one, face-to-face interactions with veterans.

Think of the homebound WWII veteran in his 90s, struggling with decreased mobility, loneliness, and the loss of peers.

Think of those wounded or recovering in VAs and local nursing homes. Think of the veterans

experiencing homelessness, fighting addiction, and learning to survive a winter on the streets.

Think of those suffering from PTSD, doing their best to adjust to a life back home. Offer them your support, with an open heart and mind.

We all talk patriotism, but now is the time to take action and expand our programs. You have the tools with guidance and funding from the Elks National Foundation and the Elks National Veterans Service Committee, your Lodges, and your states.

In the Elks Ritual we learn that our kind feelings may vanish, and the best resolve may be forgotten, but the influence of a good deed will continue forever.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION:

As of December 27, 2018

Rank	Lodge	Donation	Per Capita
1	Houma	\$1,942.00	\$14.2
2	Plaquemine	\$ 547.00	\$ 9.43
3.	Slidell	\$1,704.97	\$ 8.20
4.	N.O. West Bank	\$ 503.18	\$ 6.71
5	Shreveport	\$4,645.00	\$ 5.46
6	Opelousas	\$1,304.00	\$ 4.33
7.	New Orleans	\$1,377.00	\$ 4.16
8.	Donaldsonville	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Grand Exalted Ruler Luhr has set the ENF donation goal at \$4.75 per Member. Has your Lodge met his goal?

Mid-Season Conference:

The Louisiana Elks Association will hold their Mid-Season Conference January 18-19, 2019 and Houma Lodge 1193 will be the Host Lodge.

All Lodges have received information about the planned Extravaganza sponsored by the Houma Lodge. If you have any questions regarding this event, please check with your Exalted Ruler or any Houma Lodge Officer. (Continued on Page 9)

Mid-Season Conference continued:

On Friday, the Advisors will hold their meetings. All Advisors meetings will be held at the Homewood Suites. **Listed below are the revised times for the Advisor Meetings:**

**LEA/LEF Trustees and the LEA Advisory will meet jointly from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.
District Advisors 4:00 to 4:15 P.M.**

On Saturday morning the Business Meetings will begin at 9:00 A.M. The Business Meetings will be held at the Houma Lodge.

COMMITTEE NEWS:

DRUG AWARENESS:

I like to think of the Drug Awareness Program much like O negative blood – we are the universal donor of Elk programs. It is always quite easy to incorporate some phase of the program into other programs by including literature, coloring books, putting an anti-drug theme on Soccer or Basketballs etc.

As I announced at CONVENTION, the State Drug Awareness Program no longer requires quarterly reporting, please use Form 1801 – all the information needed is recorded in CLMS. What does that mean to you as an ER or Lodge Drug Awareness chair? MOST IMPORTANTLY – you need to record your activity in the Charity Book at your Lodge or on Form 1801 in order to enter items in CLMS. It is OK to enter time for multiple committees – IE if you have a hoop shoot and use Drug Awareness theme balls, the time and contacted children can count for both programs. Feel free to send me updates on successful programs so we can share those throughout the State.

One of the focus areas of the Drug Awareness program this year is Elks Image. When the Elks were originally formed, we were primarily a men's club that in many ways was a getaway spot for the men, and only on rare occasions were the Wives and children welcome in the club.

That is not the Elks of today as an increasing percentage of our active members are women, and more and more of our activities are designed to support the youth of our communities. We as Elks should all be ambassadors spreading the word of what the Elks of today are all about.

In today's busy world, time is at a premium and your commitment to our Order means a lot. Now if you are like me, you will hear comments about the Elks as an Old man's drinking club, or something similar. Most people are shocked to hear the good things that Elks do.

Do you know what an Elevator pitch is – it is the story you would tell about yourself if you had 3 floors in an elevator to convince someone to hire you, buy your product etc.

When someone asks me about the Elks, I have my elevator pitch ready – especially if they just said something about it being an “Old man's drinking club”. I usually lead with something like: Well the Elks Lodge does have a bar and dining room, and it is a friendly place (kind of like the Cheers sitcom) everybody knows your name, and I have met many lifelong friends through the Elks. If I go to a Lodge anywhere in the country, we are welcomed just like it is our home Lodge.

But even better than the social club, if you think that our veterans, our youth, honoring the flag and showing that you are patriotic are important, then the Elks programs are something you would really enjoy. The Elks are:

****The largest non-governmental provider of Scholarships in the US. Only the US Government provides more scholarship dollars to our youth.**

****The Elks donated the first Veterans hospital ever established during WWI and have made a pledge that as long as there are veterans in need, the Elks will not forget them. (Continued on Page 10)**

COMMITTEE NEWS continued:

**The Elks honor our Law enforcement officers, firemen and other community groups.

**Elks established Flag Day and worked with the government to make this a recognized holiday.

**The Elks Drug Awareness Effort is the largest of its kind in the country.

So, while it is true that we have a good time at our social club, it is the shared vision that truly makes the Elks unique and an organization you and anyone should be proud to be a part of.

Now, the next time you hear someone talking about the Elks as an old man's drinking club, pull out your "Elevator pitch" and help improve the image of Elkdom. You just may be surprised when the person stops before they get off the elevator and asks how they can be part of the Elks.

To learn more about the variety of programs that are supported by the Drug Awareness Program, visit either laelks.org or elks .org, both have good information and are great resources.

Remember the DAP is not an annual event, but rather a continual opportunity to improve your community and your Lodge. If you can make a difference in the life of even one child in your community, we have succeeded.

Armand Buuck, Chairman

HOOP SHOOT:

Great events are on the way as your Hoop Shoot team continues to grow its footprint across the state.

We have reconnected with the physical educators across the state to get the program implemented as a continuing curriculum in elementary and middle schools. The Elks currently have 5 schools opting to participate.

We are making progress with a new Hoop Shoot event in Baton Rouge as a preliminary competition with follow up competition in Opelousas. WNBA

star and Hoop Shoot competitor is helping promote the event on 1-26-2019 at the Baton Rouge Community College on Airline Highway.

Happy New Year to Elks everywhere and especially all the Lodge Volunteers that make our Louisiana Elks Association Hoop Shoot competition one of the finest in the nation.

Ed Chandler, Chairman

LODGE ACTIVITIES:

I hope everyone has had a happy and festive holiday season. There have been some great activities happening through out the state. Drug Awareness programs, Christmas Baskets to those in need, Christmas lunch with Santa, along with many other holiday events as well. Our state has done a great job supporting our Veterans, but as they say, there always more than can be done.

According to the Grand Lodge Annual Report, Louisiana Charitable Activities from April 2017-March 2018 totaled \$1,396,681.00. This is a great accomplishment for the Elks of Louisiana and something to be very proud of.

With the new year upon us, there will be new activities to plan and head up. Hoop Shoot, Mardi Gras, the opening of the pools, Mother's Day and Flag Day. With that being said, I will be looking forward to seeing everyone at the Mid-Season Convention in Houma on January 18th to kick off the Mardi Gras Season.

Remember, Safety is a plus while planning your Lodge activities.

Betsy Ibos, Chairman

LODGE ACTIVITY BOOKS:

All Lodges should be working on their Lodge Activity Book. This is a great way to show what your Lodge did this Elk year. The books will be judged at the State Convention in May.

LODGE NEWS:

NEW ORLEANS LODGE 30:

New Orleans Lodge #30 would like to extend an invitation to all Louisiana Elks to join us on Monday, March 4, 2019 as we will be hosting a banquet honoring Grand Exalted Ruler Michael T. Luhr and his wife, First Lady Barbara.

The Lodge will open at 5:00PM for cocktails with dinner to follow at 7:00 PM. The dress code for this event is Business Formal for Men (Coat & Tie) and Semi-Formal for Women.

Please contact the Lodge Office at (504) 888-8152 Tuesday through Thursday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM to reserve your seats as seating is limited.

Brian Baye, Exalted Ruler

DID YOU KNOW:

About the below facts regarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery:

*How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and why?

21 steps: It alludes to the twenty-one-gun salute which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.

*How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why?

21 seconds for the same reason as above.

*Why are his gloves wet?

His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.

*Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and if not, why not?

He carries his rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he

executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.

*How often are the guards changed?

Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

*What are the physical traits of the guard limited to?

For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5'10" and 6'2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30 inches. They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform or the tomb in any way. The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone nor watch television. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery.



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.

*Irving R. Forestier, New Orleans 30
Henry J. Lala, New Orleans 30
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A Fraternal Origination
January 1, 2019
Baton Rouge, LA

Members,

On behalf of the Louisiana Elks Association, State President Beulah Rodrigue, and Houma Lodge 1193, I invite you, your lodge members and guests to attend the 83rd Louisiana Elks State Convention in Lafayette, LA on May 17-19, 2019.

The Convention will be held at the Garden Plaza Hotel 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, 2019. **Registration received after April 30, 2019 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 2019 Convention Registration Form.

The Ramada will honor reservations for Louisiana Elks and guests until 3:00 P.M. April 15, 2019. Room rates are \$92.00 for single/ double plus 13% 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 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 3P.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.

Fraternally yours,

Richard Conran, SDGER/PGTiler
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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.

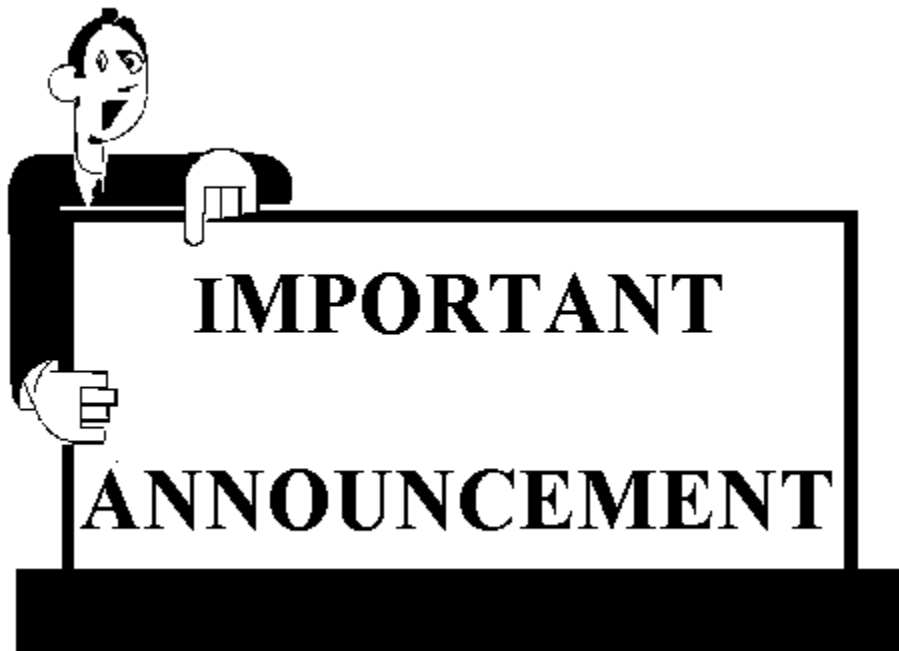
No. of Tickets Wanted _____ x \$12 each \$ _____

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 is only for spouses and guests who are not Elks.**
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- A late registration fee of \$10 per person applies after April 30, 2019.

⇒ **Mail pre-registrations with Friday Social ticket orders (if wanted) NOT LATER THAN April 30, 2019 to Richard M. Jones 5018 Rosedown Lane - Bossier City, LA 71112-4590**



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MID-SEASON CONFERENCE—JANUARY 18-19, 2019

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