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## STATE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:



Hello Elks,

We are entering the fourth quarter of our year, let us be thankful for our love ones and the things we have. We have 3 months before the end of the Elk year so let us keep pushing forward and get things done to make this a successful year.

I would like to charge each state Committee Chair to contact their respective Lodge Committee Chairs to find out what's happening in each of the Lodges, helping if needed and providing collaboration across the entire state to promote and encourage Elkdom.

Committee Chairs contact your Lodge Chairs to have them fill out their Charity Reports and give it to their secretaries so we can get credit for what we are doing.

Remember, always to keep our ailing members and their families in your thoughts and prayers.  
***Elks Care ... Elks Share.***

Fraternally,

Armand Buuck

## SPECIAL DEPUTY MESSAGE:

Members,

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

In January, all members of the Board of Directors should meet with all Elks who are being considered to be nominated as new officers and leaders of the lodge for the year of 2020/2021. 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 newly elected ER for the year of 2020/2021, to assure that the Lodge will have a successful year.

All lodges must hold nomination of officers 2020-21. For lodges that only have one meeting it will be done at the January meeting and lodges that have more than one meeting it will be held at the first regular meeting in February. Election of officers for lodges meeting once a month it will be held at the February meeting, all other lodges it will be held at the second or third meeting of the month. Lodges must follow the procedures that are outlined in GL Annotated Statutes Section 3.080 Nominations and 3.090 Elections.

There has been a change to GL auditing and accounting procedures that all lodges must be on by March 31, 2020. Mastin Scott, LEA FRS Coordinator, will cover it at the January 17-18, 2020 LEA Mid-season conference, that will be held at N. O. Lodge 30. I suggest that all lodges have their Treasurer or the Elk that will be handling the GL Financial Reporting System attend Mastin's presentation at our Mid-season conference. The new FRS will eliminate lodges from have to file and annual Financial Report (Annual Audit). **All Lodges that are not on the new GL FRS by March 31, 2020 will be required to do either a review or full audit for the year ending March 31, 2020.**

## **SPECIAL DEPUTY MESSAGE**

### **continued:**

There will be a DD Clinic at Opelousas Elks Lodge #1048 on Saturday April 4, 2020, starting at 10:00 AM. GL Annotated Statutes Sections 12.020 –12.040-12.050-21.070 requires the Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Lodge Secretary and Chairman of the BOD to attend all DD Clinics. In the event the Chairman of the BOD is the ER or Leading Knight then one of the other members of the BOD's shall be designated by the Board and is required to attend all DD Clinic.

**If you are unable to attend, you must notify Wayne Landry, DDGER in writing stating the reason you cannot attend prior to the day of the Clinic.**

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

I also want to remind everyone that the LEA State Convention dates and place been changed to April 24-26, 2020 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel Lafayette, LA. More information about the convention as well as a registration form can be found in this newsletter.

Fraternally,

Richard F. Conran, SDGER/PGTiler

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

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.

Over the next couple of months, the Lodge Secretary should verify all membership information (in CLMS) prior to the April membership report being submitted electronically to Grand Lodge. Another reason to verify this information as this information will be used to complete the LEA Directory. Last year we had to make numerous changes to the directory as the information was not updated by the Lodges. I will distribute information regarding the LEA Directory at the Mid-Season Conference.

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## **SECRETARY'S MESSAGE continued:**

You should also ensure that your Charity reports are up to date. Please do not wait till the very end to update your report.

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, 2020. 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 New Orleans Lodge 30 on January 17-18, 2020.

Have a Super Elk Day!!  
Sincerely and Fraternaly

Buddy Hartle, LEA Secretary

## **GRAND LODGE CORNER:**

### **Communication can make a Lodge recession-proof by Tony Markarian:**

Depending on who you speak to, economic signals are suggesting we might have some belt tightening ahead of us in 2020. You cannot ignore the future and how your charity programs will respond. Run your own statistics and look up your Lodge, district and state charity dollars donated following 2007 to now.

In researching the State Association of California & Hawaii, I noticed we did not see a decrease for some years following the last recession. Further studies showed that our Members reached out to the community and actually held fundraisers that brought non-member money into our Lodges, creating monies surpassing the prior years.

Maybe the answer s diversifying your charity dollar by adding new fishing holes, holding public fundraisers, or simply reminding your

Membership how many people rely on their participation.

Thing about the Member who shows up once a year for a function. We all have them. During a difficult economic, the last bill in line will most likely be their Elks membership dues, knowing they're not participating as often as they could. During a recession, consumer confidence drops, and people hold on to their money and tighten their belts.

Take the time to recession-proof your Lodge by letting all Members know where their contributions are going. Tell them how important they are to you especially if you haven't seen them for a while. Try this nontraditional method. I bet they pay their dues the day it comes to the door!

Call all Members before your first dues notice goes out and let them know where their donations have gone this year. Remind them that every dollar from every Member has gone towards fueling the ship that changes lives of hundreds and thousands of people in Our Country. Let them know there are men, women, and children who are I need and count on your support. Ask them for suggestions on how to get more participation from Members. You will find out communication with anyone makes them feel valuable, especially when you are calling to notify them about the charitable works of the Order.

Reach out to every Member in person or by phone and let them know what your charity book looks like and how you have recorded all of your events this year. Show them how the time and miles driven by volunteers have been converted into dollars donated in addition to cash contributions. If every Member knew how important they were, Lodges would never lapse in membership.

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## **GRAND LODGE CORNER continued:**

### **Growth hinges on good sales skills by Rick Gathen:**

Lodges that are strong in promoting membership know the key to attracting new Members is a great Membership Committee. The group applies good business management practices that always improves the condition of the Lodge. Like any service business, we must not only make the original sale, but also keep the customer sold.

Committee responsibilities include recruitment, orientation of new Members, public relations, and dues collection. Think in business terms, sales, customer relations, public relations, and credit collections.

The three key individuals are the Exalted Ruler, Lodge Secretary and Membership Committee Chairperson.

The Exalted Ruler should provide continuous supervision. The Lodge Secretary runs the "collection department." The Membership Chairperson needs committee members with various skills that include:

**Sales.** Working recruitment tables, working reinstatements, and greeting guests and inviting them to join.

**Public Relations/Marketing.** Promoting membership on social media and the Lodge website. Making sure everyone inside and the outside is aware of the positive impact the Lodge has on the community.

**Orientation.** Educating, involving, and inspiring new members to recruit and be active. Matching their interests and time with a Lodge committee or activity,

**Collection Department.** Assisting the Lodge Secretary with billing, collection letters, phone calls, e-mails, and visits to delinquents. Handling issues with patience and persistence.

**Recruiting in the community.** Telling people what we do and how to join. All community events should include a strong public relations and membership presence. Set up a table with handouts. Think of an airplane: Public relations and membership are the wings that allow the plane to take flight.

Other precursors for gaining membership: Earn a good reputation as a premier charitable organization in your community. Provide a family – and Member-friendly environment. Have a good understanding of the Order's programs and ENF grant opportunities. This will translate back to the community and have a positive impact on membership.

And I thought you'd never ask. Don't forget to ask them to join!

### **Award season starts this month by Dennis A. Ramsey:**

The final quarter of the Lodge Year is here and now is a great time for ER's to review the Lodge's accomplishments and recognize those individuals who have made significant contributions to the Lodge and community. Here are three award certificates available for you to request and present.

**Elk of the Year:** This award is for a Member who demonstrated devotion, dedication, and loyalty to the Lodge. This award cannot go to an Officer.

**Officer of the Year:** For an outstanding current Officer who went beyond his or her duties to provide leadership and voluntary service to the Lodge.

**Citizen of the Year:** This award is not limited to Elks. It gives Lodges an opportunity for community outreach and membership recruitment within the community.

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## **GRAND LODGE CORNER continued:**

Application requests for the above may be downloaded at [elks.org/clms2web/files/awardrequestform.pdf](http://elks.org/clms2web/files/awardrequestform.pdf). These applications must be postmarked or e-mailed to the Grand Secretary's Office by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

In addition, the following awards are also available from the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee:

**The GER Special Citation Award:** The ER is authorized to issue these to two Members who did extraordinary work during the year.

**Making a Difference – ER:** This Special Citation is available for ERs who participated in six (6) of the (9) listed programs and contests during the year.

**Making a Difference-Lodge.** This Special Citation is available for Lodges that participated in six (6) of the eleven (11) listed programs.

Application requests for the above Special Citations may be downloaded at: [elks.org/grandlodge/ger/files/GERAwardCertificationForms.pdf](http://elks.org/grandlodge/ger/files/GERAwardCertificationForms.pdf). These applications must be postmarked or e-mailed to your Area Member of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee by March 31. These forms are fillable PDFs for your convenience.

Stay connected with your Fraternal Committee and ask us any questions you may have. Together, we are making a difference in all we do as “Elks Care-Elks Share!”

## **Membership up but delinquency remains an issue by Grand Secretary Bryan R. Klatt:**

As of November 1, our membership totals for the Order show a gain of 3.5% (26,955) for a mid-year total of 797,988 Members with 10,381 candidates.

The downside is that we have 9.9% (75,973) delinquent Members. Continued emphasis must

be given towards retaining our delinquent Members as well as attracting new and reinstated Members.

## **ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION:**

### **Giving proper due to the overlooked Coast Guard by David R. Carr, PGER:**

The United States Coast Guard has long participated in numerous conflicts right along with our other branches of the United States military. While the Coast Guard used to come under Navy control during major wars, after World War II it was decided that it should function as a separate branch in future conflicts, with a focus on peacetime activities such as search and rescue and the patrol of our country's waterways. As an all-volunteer service, the men and women who serve today come under the auspices of the Department of Homeland Security rather than the United States Department of Defense.

The Coast Guard is the only branch of service without a national museum to celebrate its role in the life of our nation and to honor those who serve. Fortunately, in 2004, Congress mandated that a National Coast Guard Museum could be located in New London, Connecticut, the home of the Branch's four-year service academy.

The Coast Guard is currently conducting a campaign to build that museum and would appreciate support from the Members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. We anticipate having a United States Coast Guard representative in our Veteran's booth during our Grand Lodge Convention on July 5-8, 2020 in Baltimore, Maryland. The representative will be available to distribute materials and answer questions regarding this outstanding project.

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**ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION continued:**

Lodge Members, I encourage you to support not only our Coast Guard members, but also other active-duty military members. Sponsoring activities that involve veterans and active duty military personnel will demonstrate to those who serve us so well that *“Elks Care – Elks Share.”* I’m certain our support will be very much appreciated

**ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION:**

As of December 29, 2019

Rank	Lodge	Donation	Per Capita
1	Houma	\$1,686.00	\$ 12.04
2	N.O. West Bank	\$ 838.05	\$ 11.17
3	Slidell	\$1,432.75	\$ 6.98
4	Plaquemine	\$ 325.00	\$ 5.70
5	Opelousas	\$1,569.00	\$ 5.07
6	Shreveport	\$4,525.00	\$ 5.03
7	New Orleans	\$ 899.00	\$ 2.49
8	Donaldsonville	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

**COMMITTEE NEWS:**

**ADOPT-A-SCHOOL**

This program is in its first year as a State project and I am happy to report that all eight lodges participated. This means that if each lodge donated at least the state allocation of \$1500, \$12,000 went to helping children in our state. Of course, I know that many lodges spent well beyond the \$1500, and for this I thank you. The goal for this program was to help children in each lodge’s area and I know we surpassed that goal. Hundreds of children across the state were given much needed help because of your efforts and generosity, and what could be better than that!

I know my lodge in Slidell received many thank you cards and letters and drawing from several of the students in appreciation.

Again, many thanks to our Lodges for supporting this program and I hope this program will continue to grow each year. Start your fundraising now!

Thanks,  
Randy Bergeron, Chairman

**DRUG AWARENESS:**

Five Lodges have made entries on the charity for Drug Awareness. I have ordered brochures for 3 Lodges, but 2 lodges have not let me know what they did. My Grand Lodge Report is based on the Charity report and what is reported to me so if you don’t let me know what you did, you will not get credit for it.

Only one Lodge so far has notified me that they are participating in the Poster Contest. The winner of each age group will win a bicycle. All you need to do is go to a school and get them on board and have the children draw a poster on an 8 ½ X 11 sheet of paper. The Theme must be about **“Life does not rewind, choose life not drugs”** and must have the School name, Grade, and the Childs name on the back of the poster. A hold harmless agreement must also accompany each poster. When they are done pick them up and send them to me by March 1<sup>st</sup> so I can judge them and give out the checks for the winners at the DD clinic.

No one participated in the Enrique Camarena Award this year.

The Drug Awareness Program is not hard to do, you still have 3 months to get the poster contest done, let’s make my job harder by getting more posters for me to judge.

Armand Buuck, Chairman

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## **COMMITTEE NEWS continued:**

### **ELKS NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE:**

Greetings,

I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season. The last two months have been extremely busy. In November we had Veterans Day and Thanksgiving a time that all lodges should have held some type of event for our veterans.

In November I attended five different Elk sponsored events for our veterans throughout the state. At every event you could see in the faces of the veterans the appreciation for everything that was being done for them, and to me that is what being an Elk is all about (Helping Others).

In December it all continued Christmas lunches for the homeless veterans, Christmas parties at the Hospitals, veterans' homes and just spending time with our heroes. This was just a few ways the Elks Made sure none of our veterans were forgotten for the holidays.

I would like to thank all our VAVS Representative, Deputy Representatives and all Elks that made our veterans holiday season special.

Now that were in the new year, lets continue supporting our veterans and let them know how much we really appreciate what they did for us and our country.

The Elks Campaign to restore the Pearl Harbor National Memorial is still taken contributions. If you haven't donated yet, please do so the goal is to raise \$783,000. You can make a donation at [enf.elks.org/phc](http://enf.elks.org/phc). one dollar per member would truly help preserve history.

Fraternally,  
Don Baye, Chairman

## **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS:**

Now that all the state and local elections are over, it's time for each Government Relations Chairperson to go out and meet with the newly elected officials in your towns and parishes.

At the District Deputy Clinic, I handed out copies of a survey from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019 of our volunteer hours and miles spent on Youth, Charitable and Community Service Programs for the fraternal year. It was the dollar figure that the IRS gave us to use. These reports would be a good tool for you to show the newly elected officials. During this time, you can point out the difference that Elks are making in the community. Coupled with information on scholarships and Elks National Foundation, they should be impressed.

Last but not least, please make sure that all committee chairpersons complete a report, have it entered into CLMS after each event. These reports are important to the IRS for their use in determining the cash value of our hours worked and miles traveled. So again, please get those reports turned in.

Fraternally,  
Don Baye, Chairman

## **LODGE ACTIVITIES:**

Greeting Louisiana Elks. I am sure that by the time everyone has read this newsletter I am hopeful that you all have had a very happy, safe, and prosperous holiday season.

Now that we are past the holidays and the new year is upon us this is just a reminder to get back to our Elks TEAMWORK. GER, Robert Duitsman, moto for his term is: Together Elks Add Members. As I mentioned in my last newsletter, involving newer members in our lodge activities leads to a larger and stronger lodge membership.

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## **COMMITTEE NEWS continued:**

This not only encourage your newer members to chair an event but be there by their sides to help them put on a successful event. New ideas and sometimes change, many times lead to some amazing results.

Super Bowl, Mardi Gras, Valentine's Day, and St. Patrick day are just around the corner. These celebrations are just a few of the many where we can invite potential future Elks to see how we have fun doing wonderful things for the community. Invite a family member, coworker, or a friend.

The Elks Year is not far off in the future. With that being said please remember to turn in by March 31, 2020, to me your year-end activities report. This is how our State gets recognition for the wonderful work we do.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Mid-Season Conference in New Orleans on January 17/18, 2020.

Have fun and as always be safe and healthy.

Betsy Ibos, Chairman

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

Membership is the life blood of our organization. Unfortunately, we too often do not dedicate the time needed to grow. That being said we are making wonderful progress. In our state alone we have seen an increase from 2156 to 2195 members so far this year. That is a total of 39 or 1.8%, congratulations. We do however have 208 delinquent members that we need to contact and bring them back home.

Reading Richard Gathen's latest article the Elks have a positive gain for the first time in XX years. He contributes this achievement to moving into the area of Social Media. It is the new rage for so many people with Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and many other venues.

This is all good news but just calling our members and inviting them out to a lodge function can go a long way in keeping members involved and active. Please contact your lodge membership chairman and see if there is anything you can do to help. I am sure they would appreciate all the help they can get. Remember it takes many hands to make light work. More helpers make a task easier, as in We need a few more volunteers to help make our membership goals.

Joann Aldridge, Chairman

## **LODGE NEWS:**

### **NEW ORLEANS LODGE 30:**

New Orleans Lodge #30 extends an invitation to all Louisiana Elks as we host a Dinner Banquet in honor of Grand Exalted Ruler Robert L. Duitsman and First Lady Beth's visit to New Orleans.

Join us on Monday, February 24, 2020 at New Orleans Elks Lodge #30, 2215 Cleary Avenue; doors open at 5PM and we will have a Cocktail Social Hour in the Lounge from 6PM – 7PM with light hors d'oeuvres being served. Doors will open to the Antler Room at 7PM and the program will start promptly at 7:15PM with dinner served following the opening ceremonies

Please contact the Lodge Office at 504-888-8152 (Tuesday – Thursday 10AM – 2PM) to make your reservations as seating will be limited. The dress code is Coat and Tie for Men and Cocktail / Casual for Women. Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler.

Brian L. Baye, ER  
New Orleans Elks Lodge #30

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## **LODGE NEWS continued:**

### **SLIDELL LODGE 2321:**

The Louisiana State Elks Association recently implemented a new State Project. "Adopt a School Project". All LA Elks lodges are participating in this program. Through LEA grants and a Beacon grant, Slidell Lodge #2321 were able to donate school supplies to area schools.



Pictured at Little Pearl Elementary from left to right, Elk Randy Bergeron, Bookkeeper Theresa Noustens, Principal Sabrina Deshotel Parish, Elks Greg Hanrahan, and Charlesray Neight.



### **MID-SEASON CONFERENCE:**

The Louisiana Elks Association Mid-Season Conference will be held January 17-18, 2020 at New Orleans Lodge 30.

On Friday, January 17, the LEA/LEF Trustees will meet at 3:00 PM. Following that meeting at approximately 4:00 PM, the Advisors will

conduct their meeting. The District Advisors will meet immediately after the advisors meeting concludes.

The Lodge will host a social on Friday night with the doors opening at 5PM. There will be drink specials, music, karaoke, and they will also be selling food (menu to be determined).

On Saturday, January 18, the Lodge will provide breakfast for the members attending beginning at 8:00 AM. The business meetings will begin at 9:30 AM.

Lodge will also be selling plate lunches of pulled pork sandwiches with coleslaw and dessert for \$8.00 per plate.



### ***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.

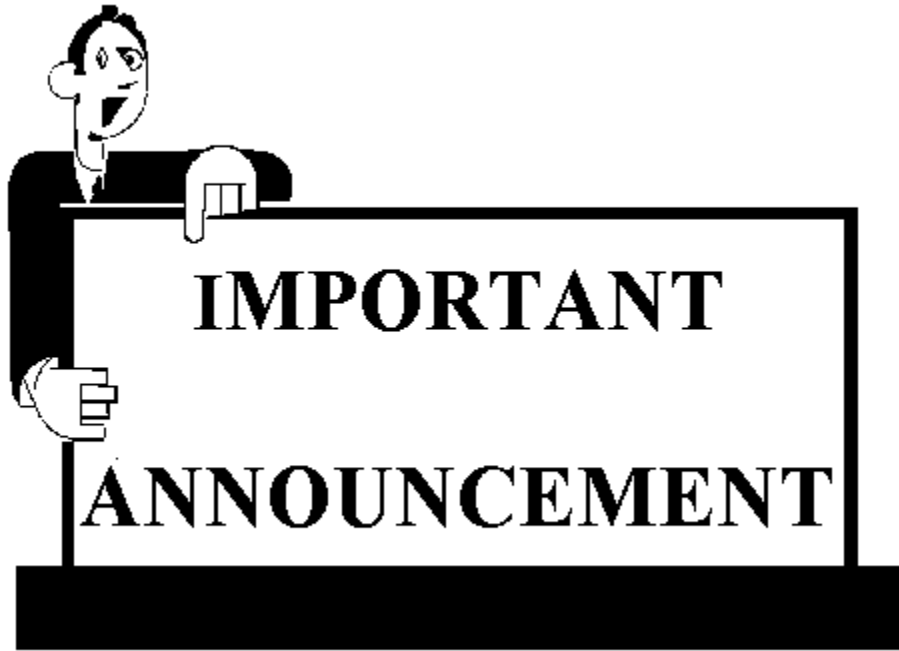
*Louis P. Adams, New Orleans 30*

*Ruth T. Sovik, New Orleans 30*

### **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 January bulletin are due by December 10, 2019. Please send them to:

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# **SAVE THE DATES:**

**MID-SEASON CONFERENCE—JANUARY 17-18, 2020**

**DISTRICT DEPUTY CLINIC—APRIL 4, 2020**

**LEA STATE CONVENTION---APRIL 24-26, 2020**

**GRAND LODGE CONVENTION (BALTIMORE) JULY 5-8. 2020**

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Members,

On behalf of the Louisiana Elks Association, State President Armand Buuck, and New Orleans Lodge 30, I invite you, your lodge members and guests to attend the 84<sup>th</sup> Louisiana Elks State Convention in Lafayette, LA on April 24- 25-26, 2020.

The Convention will be held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel Lafayette. The Wyndham Garden is located at 2032 1801 W. Pinhook Rd, Lafayette, LA 70508.

**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 20, 2020. **Registration received after April 1, 2020 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. Attached is a 2020 Convention Registration Form.

The Wyndham will honor reservations for Louisiana Elks and guests until 3:00 P.M. April 19, 2020. Room rates are \$92.00 for single/ double plus 13% tax per night. Reservations can be made by calling the hotel, direct (337) 233-8120 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](mailto:rconran39@aol.com).

Fraternally yours,



Richard Conran, SDGER/PG Tiler  
Chairman 2020 LEA State Convention  
Members,



Louisiana Elks Association, Inc.  
84<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention – April 24-26, 2020

Wyndam Garden Hotel , Lafayette LA

**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, Saturdays 1<sup>st</sup> Lady's Brunch "**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Lady's Brunch is only for spouses and guests who are not Elks**" and Saturday's Night Dance is for members, spouses and guests.
- **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 1, 2020.**



**Mail pre-registrations with Friday Social ticket orders (if wanted) NOT LATER THAN  
April 1, 2020 to  
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