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Message from the Exalted Ruler

Happy New Year to everyone!

The Holiday Season has come and gone. Now is the time to get geared up for a new year at the Elks. I will take this opportunity to quote our Grand Exalted Ruler, Ronald L. Hicks.

“Happy New Year. January and the New Year bring hope for the renewal of all that is good in our lives. It is the time to make a resolution to set and pursue new goals, be stronger, do better and achieve more, and to inspire others.”

“This New Year, why not resolve to become more active in your Lodge and increase your efforts on behalf of the Lodge and Elksdom. Why not resolve to bring in at least one new Member before the end of this lodge year? Elks make a tremendous difference in the lives of our Members and the people we serve, and you can be a part of that difference by sharing the pride that comes with active membership and volunteer service.” These are interesting words and should be considered by all members.

Christmas baskets were distributed again this year. Thanks to all, this effort has been very successful in the past years and we hope to continue with the Christmas baskets in future years.

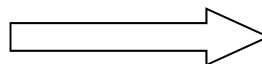
Make a resolution to attend some of the lodge business meetings this year and learn the workings of our lodge. We are required to close the lounge during regular business meeting so that all members present will attend the meeting. Please make note of this and be patient with the bartender before and after the meeting.

Thanks to all that have been helping in the lodge with cooking, serving meal, bartending cleaning and any other chore that makes this lodge run and function.

Please remember our sick members in your thoughts, prayers, and deeds, as we have several that need your support! Remember our service personnel and support them also.

If you would like to keep more up to date on Lodge activities, please visit the Vicksburg BPOE #95 Facebook site, where you can read updates, and post messages and pictures of Lodge activities.

Yours in Elksdom,
Michael Dorsett
Exalted Ruler, 2015-2016



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VA NEWS

Thanks to Robert Dowe, the Ladies Auxiliary and an anonymous donor, we were able to shop for gifts for the Veterans' Christmas Program. On December 12th, a non-Elk and I helped wrap the gifts for distribution.

On December 15th, I visited the Retirement Home, the mental ward and the assisted living ward for the regular monthly visit. There were 27 vets at the Home, 5 at the mental ward and 28 in the assisted living ward. All enjoyed bingo, refreshments and snacks.

The van program is doing nicely leaving Vicksburg each Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 a.m. The next trip to the VA Medical Center for doctor appointments will be January 5th. Anyone wishing to participate in these programs, can call me at 601 415-5605 or 601 519-5113.

The next scheduled monthly visit to the VA is January 19, 2016.

Yours in Elkdom,
Sid Ervin, Chairman Miss. State Elks Association
National Veterans Service Commission

Elks National Foundation News

I have several ENF items of note for Jan and Feb for your awareness and support. The ENF "Let's Make a Deal" for Thur nights will soon come to a close – running out of prizes. If we have more prizes donated we can continue but, for now I am tapped out. There is a cigar humidor on silent auction that will end on Dec 31 at 9:00 PM.

We are raffling two Henry 22 rifles with special Elks serial numbers. One is an AR-7 survival rifle with BPOE95ENF, sold only to Vicksburg 95 members for \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20. The other is a Golden Boy lever action with MSELKSENF15 sold to all MS Elks for \$10.00 each or 5 for \$40. See fliers at the lodge for details and please support ENF by purchasing 5 tickets of each. If every member gave \$60, not only would we blow all previous ENF records for the State of MS, every member would have 10 chances to win two one-of-a-kind rifles to be cherished by the lucky loyal Elk winners. Tickets will be available at the lodge or by calling me.

Lobster Lovers Night is back!! We will have a lobster dinner on Saturday, Feb 13 with all the trimmings to share with your special someone and your Elks family. Steaks will also be provided if lobster is not your cup of tea. There will be a sign-up sheet in the lounge beginning New Years Eve to select your choice and number of people in your party. Cost will be \$30 per person – PAID IN ADVANCE – with a cutoff date of 8 Feb to ensure we invite enough lobsters to fly overnight from Maine to Vicksburg. Entertainment TBD but, hey – its lobster and a little bigger than last year! All proceeds from food and entertainment activities will support ENF and all bar proceeds will support the lodge general fund. So please, sign up early, enjoy a special night and support your Elks Lodge and ENF! BTW – we will draw for the AR-7 raffle right after the 11 o'clock toast!

Yours in Elkdom,
Richard A Price, ENF Chairman 601-831-1203

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Many Thanks and appreciation to all those who cooked, served and cleaned for the month of December;

Jeff & Jacques: Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables, bread & dessert


Bubba, Jim & Jacques: Fried catfish, baked catfish turnip greens, French fries, cole slaw

Tom Tinney & Melanie McNeil: Navy beans & ham hocks, mustard greens, rice, corn bread & dessert

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January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please email to me, by the 3rd Thursday (or thereabouts) if you would like anything published in the bulletin! My email is: mississippi.queen_85@yahoo.com Thanks, Kelly Franco					1	2
3	4	5	6 6:15 G'ving Board & Trustee MTG	7 7:00 Richard & Cindy Pork Loin	8	9
10	11	12	13 7:00 Regular Business	14 7:00 Catfish	15	16
17	18	19 V.A. Visit 	20	21 6:15 Ladies AUX MTG 7:00 Dave & Rachael Chopped Steak	22	23
24/31	25	26	27 7:00 Regular Business	28 7:00 William Walker Burittos	29	30

I would like to extend many thanks to the patrons of the Lodge who supports us every week in buying the meals that is provided by our volunteers on Thursday nights. It certainly provides incentive to the ones that cook and clean and donate their time and prepare some excellent meals at a reasonable cost. Also thanks to all that help buy food, clean, prepared and take money. Your help is always greatly appreciated.

Thanks! Jacques Parmegiani, Kitchen Coordinator

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TO KEEP THE MEMBERSHIP INFORMED

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AUXILIARY NEWS — January 2016

Dear Ladies,

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas! 2015 is behind us and we have a great new year ahead and a lot to look forward to – if we work together we can make 2016 our best year yet! I would like to welcome our newest member, Pat Tinney, to our group of wonderful ladies.

Thursday, January 14th is our monthly cake raffle, this month the cakes are compliments of Lou McDuff, Lelia Breithaupt and myself, so be sure and get your tickets, just 50-cents each (available on catfish night). Thank you for your continuing to support us with this fund raiser.

We encourage any lady who is a member of the lodge, spouse of a member or single daughter of a member to attend and be part of our BPOE Lodge #95 Ladies Auxiliary organization (DOES).

Our next meeting will Thursday, January 21, 2016 @ 6:15 pm. We would be honored to have you join us! A reminder, the Auxiliary Cookbooks are available at the lodge and around town for just \$7.00 – get yours today. Wishing you all a very happy and prosperous New Year!!

ANGELA JACKSON, Ladies Auxiliary President 2015-2016

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