

The Bulletin

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JANUARY 2017

Message from the Exalted Ruler

Greetings All!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

I hope everyone had a joyous Christmas. Our Christmas Basket program went excellent this year thanks to Andrea Jones and all the people that helped. They did a great job to make a better Christmas for several families. Now, with the New Year upon us, we can start a new list of great accomplishments by BPOE #95.

This month we have a couple of deviations to our Thursday Night Dinners:

12 January: We are still having our fried catfish but this month we are adding Crayfish Etouffee sauce. The plates will come with the regular trimmings of fries and hush puppies. The cost will be \$10.00 a plate.

26 January: We will be having the drawing for the Henry Monument Valley Limited Edition 22 lever action rifle. To celebrate the conclusion of another great ENF function, we will be having a Steak Night. Orders must be placed and paid for no later than 20 January. A sign-up sheet will be posted at the lodge. The cost will be \$20.00 a plate. There will be no pre-prepared take out service on this night.

Upcoming events in February

Valentine's Day: We don't have any detailed plans yet but I'm sure we are going to put together another surprising event for everyone to enjoy.

Mardi Gras: The annual Vicksburg Mardi Gras parade will be on 25 February. We plan on entering our float again, and plans on getting it put together will be coming soon. This year, the Vicksburg Main Street Program will be having a Mardi Gras Ball on 18 February. The ball will be open to the public, but the crews of participating parade entrees are highly encouraged to come.

Upcoming events in April

BBQ Cook Off: We will be having a BBQ Cook Off on 8 April. We have already been working on getting participants, and the interest has been really good. We are working on sponsors and a band. If all the initial indicators hold up, this is going to be a magnificent event.

Again, I hope everyone has a Happy New Year! Come on out to the Lodge and enjoy all that is happening. I look forward to seeing you.

Bud Lokey, Exalted Ruler 2016-1017

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Richard A. Price **Firearms and Supplies**

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On December 20th, two non-Elks and I visited the Veterans Retirement Home in Jackson with a supply of candy, satsumas, bananas, and cookies. We played Bingo and distributed the goodies to 22 veterans. It was enjoyed by all.

Later, an active service member and I visited the mental ward at Sonny Montgomery Hospital. We distributed the same goodies and had Bingo for 15 patients. Afterwards, we then had Bingo with 26 veterans from the assisted living ward. They also enjoyed receiving the same goodies as the other wards.

On December 10th, Pat and I wrapped and distributed gifts for the Hospital patients. There were other service club members who helped and contributed gifts also. The patients look forward to this each year.

Thanks to Ray Franco, the Ladies Auxiliary and Walter Breithaupt for their generous donations. This, along with other veterans service clubs, helped bring Christmas presents and a meal to all patients in the Sonny Montgomery Hospital.

The van program ended for the year on December 20th and will begin again January 3rd. Anyone wishing to ride may call me at 601 415-5605 or 601 519-5113.

The next monthly visit for Bingo will be January 17th.

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

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ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

It's 2017, which means the Lodge year will soon come to a close. It also means we need to step up the donations to ENF before the 31 March deadline. You can make a donation online or directly to the Lodge or myself. We also still have 3 gun raffles active.

On January 26, we will have a **Steak Night** and draw for a nicely engraved Henry Rifle - raffle tickets and steak sign-up available at the Lodge.
Please support ENF!!!

Richard Price, ENF Chairman

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CHRISTMAS BASKETS

To all of our members that opened their hearts to help in any way to support our Christmas Baskets, I would like to say Thank you! I sincerely appreciate each of you as well as all the recipients! We really had great participation from the Lodge ranging from donating, shopping & delivering.

ELKS CARE—ELKS SHARE

Andrea M Jones—Christmas Baskets Chairman

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

Tom Tinney (cooked twice this month!): Santa Fe Chili, black beans, Mexican cornbread & buttermilk pie

Dusty McCain & Jr Boyd: Italian meatloaf, mashed potatoes, greenbean casserole, bread pudding


Jug, Jacques & Dinah: Fried/baked catfish, hush puppies, turnip greens, French fries, cole-slaw

Dan Wilkes: Pot Roast, potatoes, carrots, bread, white chocolate bread pudding

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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			4 6:15 G'ving Board & Trustee MTG	5 7:00 TBA	6	7
8 The Lodge Will Be Closed On Mondays Until Further Notice	9	10	11 7:00 Regular Business MTG	12 7:00 JUG JONES CATFISH	13	14
15	16	17 V.A. Visit 	18	19 6:15 AUX MTG 7:00 RICHARD PRICE PORK LOIN	20	21
22	23	24	25 7:00 Regular Business MTG	26 7:00 JEFF CREVITT STEAKS	27	28
29	30	31	FEB 1	2 7:00 TBA	3	4

I would like to extend many thanks to the patrons of the Lodge who supports us every week in buying the meals that are 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 2017

Dear Ladies,

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and I wish you all an extremely Happy and Healthy New Year in 2017! We have a wonderful new year ahead of us – if we work together, we can make 2017 our best year yet! I would like to welcome our newest member, Mindy Carr, to our group of wonderful Ladies.

Thursday, January 12th is catfish night and our monthly cake raffle, Pat Ervin and Angela Jackson will be making the cakes 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 fundraiser; our fundraisers help us support our Lodge.

Our next meeting will Thursday, January 19th @ 6:15pm. I have a few things to discuss, so please make plans to attend. A reminder, the Auxiliary Cookbooks are available at the Lodge and around town for just \$7.00 – there are some really awesome recipes in this cookbook - get yours today.

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).

ANGELA JACKSON, Ladies Auxiliary President 2016-2017

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