

A beach scene with a small decorated Christmas tree and a Santa hat. The tree is adorned with red and white ornaments and a yellow star. The background shows a sandy beach, blue waves, and a clear blue sky.

Mele Kalikimaka

Kona Hawaii Elks Lodge

2616

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Message From The Exalted Ruler



December is knocking on our door, and it will be an exciting month for Kona Elks Lodge!

I am happy to report that the lodge is moving ever closer to being fully opened. Our makai bay is almost ready for leveling the floor and our walk-in cooler for the new bar has been shipped. Plans for the new bar have been drawn up. Our banners to line the bay are here on site, along with eight, member-donated, 86-inch TVs to line the bay walls. The air conditioning for the entire building is complete. Our kitchen is now certified by the Health Department and ready to go. That means bar snacks (those wonderful fried foods we all love) are back along with fish and chips on Fridays. Our upstairs offices and board room are framed in and are being drywalled. Our Starbucks style coffee machines are on site and ready to be plumbed.

Our café room is decorated to the hilt for the Holiday season with special thanks to Jeff and Brenda Torado (new members by the way) who have not only donated Christmas decorations but have spent hours of their time decorating the lodge for the holidays.

As in previous years our lodge will have a Christmas eve dinner and dance as well a New Year's Eve party with dinner and band music. And, please remember to buy your raffle tickets for the 2001 BMW Z3 convertible before the scheduled drawing on December 7th. The funds, that are raised, go the Elks National Foundation. The price is \$10 a ticket. Don't forget the Christmas Angel Tree to the left of the café door. Take a wish tag from the tree and buy a Christmas present for a child from a family in need or for a senior citizen without family. Help our lodge to go all out for RED Shirt Friday by wearing something red to honor are troops that are deployed. Better still, purchase one of our red, Kona Elks Lodge shirts to wear on that occasion.

Blessing...

in Hawaiian & English

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind always be at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and the rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the
palm of his hand.

E pī i ke ala i hui pū me 'oe.
E pā ka makani ma kou kua.
E 'ālohi mehana ka lā maluna o kou alo,
a nā ua mālie maluna o kou mau mālā
a hiki i kō kāua hui pū 'ia,
Nā ke Akua i ho'omau iā 'oe i ka poho o kona lima.

Please mark **Sunday, December 5th** on your calendar! This date is **Elks Memorial Day**, a special time when we gather together and remember those fellow Elks that we have lost over the past year.

Since December of 2020, our fellow Elks, **Ernie Knapp, Cornell Linerud, Patrick Pastor, Natalie Clark and Lourdes Hernaez, PER** have passed on. As we vow in our 11th hour toast, "though they will come no more, living or dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken". Please join us on that special day with services starting at 9:00 AM followed by brunch in their honor at 10:00 AM.



NICOLE JOHNSTON
ESTEEMED LEADING
KNIGHT

Another month has passed, and December is here.

This time of year reminds me how much i miss my family as I'm sure many of you do. It has been nice to have my fellow Elks around me to fill the void. We have missed many of you this holiday season and I personally hope to see you in the lodge soon. Celebrate with us these amazing holidays and celebrate an exciting new year.

ARE YOU ENJOYING THE WONDERFUL "SENSE OF COMMUNITY" THAT IS SO EVER PRESENT AT OUR NEW KONA ELKS 2616 LODGE?

Come in and let us enjoy you as a part of our community!

We are very THANKFUL for the members that are working on fixing up the new lodge. And we are always looking for others who are willing to show up to do the many much-needed skilled labor tasks, as well as the non-skilled jobs. Just contact Nicole Johnston or Nancy Albright to ask what you can do to help, and when to show up to do it!!! (Find our contact info in every month's newsletter.) The leveling of the floor has begun in our makai Club Lounge, with the goal of having the floor and bar finished by New Years!

We are currently doing 5-7 meals a week, from this kitchen! Many members are stepping up as a Kitchen Team to prep, serve & clean up these meals. Come in to join a Team, & immediately feel the warm "sense of community " fill your heart.

The total project is a huge undertaking! It's progress is dependent on the invaluable contribution of time, talent and treasure by our members & friends. But what a gift to the community it will be to have a large theatre, plus an event venue (half fine dining and half dance floor, with bandstand in the mauka bay) available to rent out in the very near future.

What an exciting project! And what a "sense of community" is developing between those members that are involving themselves in this project. **See you soon at the lodge.**



NANCY ALBRIGHT
CHAIRMAN OF
THE MEMBERSHIP
COMMITTEE & TRUSTEE



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Thanks for everyone's support while we transition our lodge. We are working very hard to get our lodge up and running. Please be patient and thank you for your support.

At our Lodge meeting on November 11th, we welcomed five new members to our Lodge family. Among those initiated were Eric Coldren, Leo Dodier, Jeffrey Roy, Sandra Salamoni-Lane, and Elizabeth Cooper. We wish to thank all of you for joining our family and invite all of you to volunteer and help with our functions. Our Lodge is growing and we welcome any suggestions you may have. We look forward to seeing all of you at our dinners and events.













































TERRI THOMAS
SECRETARY

December

2021

COLOR VERSION

Sunday NOVEMBER 28	Monday NOVEMBER 29	Tuesday NOVEMBER 30	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Saturday 4
  First Sunday of Advent FIRST DAY OF HANUKKAH	HAMBURGER  MONDAY-6PM	TACO  TUESDAY-6PM	SANDWICH  NIGHT - 6PM PER MTTG -3PM BOD MMTG- 7PM	 OPENS AT 2PM BAR FOOD AVAILABLE	FISH & CHIPS NIGHT-6PM 	 OPENS AT 2PM BAR FOOD AVAILABLE
ELKS MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY & BRUNCH- 9AM  WE NEED YOU! TO ATTEND 	HAMBURGER  MONDAY-6PM	TACO  TUESDAY-6PM BMW RAFFEL DRAWING FOR ENF 	SANDWICH  NIGHT - 6PM LODGE ACTIVITIES MTTG.7PM	THURSDAY ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING - 7PM 	STEAK NIGHT - 6PM  BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR MAGGIE OLIVERA QUITE BIRDSMEN 	LODGE CLOSED FOR KENWORTH XMAS PARTY   JOHNNY SHOT PLAYING
NFL ALL-DAY FOOTBALL LODGE OPENS AT 8AM FOR BREAKFAST & LUNCH AT NOON 	HAMBURGER  MONDAY - 6PM	TACO  TUESDAY - 6PM	SANDWICH  NIGHT - 6PM	 BAR OPENS AT 2PM BAR FOOD AVAILABLE	FISH & CHIPS NIGHT 	CHRISTMAS PARTY & DANCE 
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VETERANS DINNER (VETS EAT FOR FREE) NFL ALL-DAY FOOTBALL LODGE OPENS AT 8AM FOR BREAKFAST & LUNCH AT NOON 	HAMBURGER  MONDAY - 6PM	TACO  TUESDAY - 6PM	MEATLOAF NIGHT  -6PM	 BAR OPENS AT 2PM BAR FOOD AVAILABLE	NEW YEARS EVE  PARTY & DANCE WITH "OFF THE CUFF" BAND 	HAPPY New Year 2022 

December

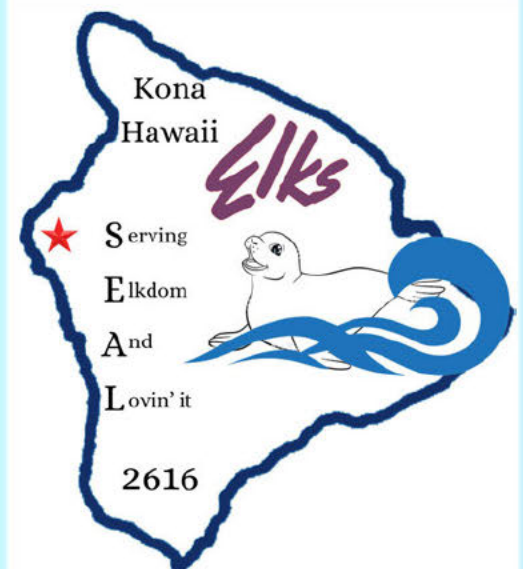
2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOVEMBER 28 BEGINNING OF ADVENT & HANUKKAH	NOVEMBER 29 HAMBURGER MONDAY-6PM	NOVEMBER 30 TACO TUESDAY-6PM	1 SANDWICH NIGHT - 6PM PER MTTG - 3PM BOD MMTG - 7PM	2 BAR OPEN -2PM BAR FOOD AVAILABLE	3 FISH & CHIPS NIGHT-6PM	4 BAR OPEN -2PM BAR FOOD AVAILABLE
5 ELKS MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY & BRUNCH- 9AM	6 HAMBURGER MONDAY-6PM	7 TACO TUESDAY - 6PM BMW RAFFLE DRAWING FOR ENF	8 SANDWICH NIGHT - 6PM LODGE ACTIVITIES MTTG.-7PM	9 THURSDAY ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING - 7PM	10 STEAK NIGHT - 6PM MAGGIE OLIVERA BIRTHDAY QUITE BIRDSMEN	11 LODGE CLOSED FOR KENWORTH XMAS PARTY JOHNNY SHOT PLAYING
12 NFL FOOTBALL LODGE OPENS AT 8AM FOR BREAKFAST & LUNCH AT NOON	13 HAMBURGER MONDAY - 6PM	14 TACO TUESDAY - 6PM	15 SANDWICH NIGHT - 6PM	16 BAR OPEN -2PM BAR FOOD AVAILABLE	17 FISH & CHIPS NIGHT - 6PM	18 CHRISTMAS PARTY & DANCE
19 NFL FOOTBALL LODGE OPENS AT 8AM FOR BREAKFAST & LUNCH AT NOON	20 HAMBURGER MONDAY - 6PM	21 TACO TUESDAY - 6PM HOUSE COMMITTEE MTTG-7PM	22 SANDWICH NIGHT - 6PM LODGE ACTIVITIES MTTG.-7PM	23 BAR OPEN -2PM BAR FOOD AVAILABLE	24 CHRISTMAS EVE EGGNOG	25 LODGE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY
26 VETERANS DINNER (VETS EAT FOR FREE) NFL FOOTBALL LODGE OPENS AT 8AM FOR BREAKFAST & LUNCH AT NOON	27 HAMBURGER MONDAY - 6PM	28 TACO TUESDAY - 6PM	29 MEATLOAF NIGHT - 6PM	30 BAR OPEN -2PM BAR FOOD AVAILABLE	31 NEW YEARS EVE PARTY & DANCE WITH "OFF THE CUFF" BAND	



KONA ELKS LODGE # 2616 OFFICERS (2021-2022)

Exalted Ruler	James Booth
Esteemed Leading Knight	Nicole Johnston
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Secretary	Terri Thomas
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PAST EXALTED RULERS

2020-2021 Lourdes Hernaez

2019-2020 John Meserve

2018-2019 Barbara Nance

2017-2018 Laurence Kniffin

2016-2017 John Richard Smith

2015-2016 Joseph Reynolds

2014-2015 Vern Ungerecht

2013-2014 Mary Reynolds

2012-2013 Ron Cole

2010-2012 Barbara Nance

2009-2010 Martha Kawai

2008-2009 Bill Stockly

2007-2008 Chuck Kohn

2006-2007 Allen Nance PER

2005-2006 Annette Rodrigues

2004-2005 Daniel Malakie

2003-2004 Allen Nance

2002-2003 Angie Kawai

2001-2002 Mary Reynolds

2000-2001 Richard Skarnes

1999-2000 Bonnie Hodkinson

1998-1999 Douglas McLeod

1997-1998 Jonathan Hodkinson

1996-1997 Vern Ungerecht

1995-1996 Dave Paton

1993-1995 John Granahan

1992-1993 Vern Ungerecht

1991-1992 Richard Holly

1990-1991 Joseph Reynolds

1988-1990 Douglas McLeod

1987-1988 Ken Driskell

1986-1987 George Glaser

1985-1986 Robert Wilson

1984-1985 David Hawkins

1983-1984 Max Crittenden

1982-1983 Ron Serrao

1981-1982 Anthony Arruda

1980-1981 William Reeves



DAY	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	DAY	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	DAY	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
01	Patrica	Barry	09	Glenn	Riley	18	Beth	Esslinger
02	Brooke	Caldwell	10	David	Rodrigues	19	Michael	Kabus
02	Arthur	Chang	12	W	Engstrom	20	Vern	Ungerecht
02	Janet	Hunter	14	John	Dunne	21	Larry	Krupp
02	Carl	Johnson	15	Tennille	Howard	24	Roger	Schjelderup
03	Earl	Carinio	15	Jean	Pinc	25	Larry	Hill
03	Janet	Parnell	16	Susan	Mangubat	26	Rosalind	Butterfield
04	Robert	Barker	17	Caroline	Bianchi	28	Claude	Pomerleau
04	Robert	Cowell	17	Kathleen	Cates	29	John	Ross
05	Christopher	Stillson	17	Gary	Ignacio	30	Larry	Hood
07	Cameron	Hewines	17	Laura	Kniffin	31	Jeffrey	Roy
07	Gina	Torres	17	Philip	Spitler			



MEMBERSHIP STATUS REPORT AS OF NOVEMBER 30'

PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

DUANE BALLARD
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CANDIDATES FOR BALLOTING:

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FOR ORIENTATION & INITIATION AT 12/11/2021 MEETING:

JOSHUA WESTLEY
ED HASTEN
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WE NEED YOU!

***Please continue your
support of YOUR Lodge!***

ELKS DELINQUENT ON DUES AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

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