

# *Kona Hawaii Flks Lodge*



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*Happy Halloween*





# Message from The Exalted Ruler



On September 23<sup>rd</sup> we were honored to have Peter Michado, our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, visit our Kona Elks Lodge and attend our Thursday night administrative meeting. He spoke to those who attended about a number of topics which should be of interest to all of our members.

The first point of discussion was membership. Peter summarized the damage done to our membership by the pandemic over a period of one and a half years. 6000 Elks lodge members were lost by the California Hawaii Elks Association and 40,000 members by Elks lodges nationwide.

The good news was that since April 1<sup>st</sup> the California Hawaii Elks Association have regained 2,500 members and 17,000 members have been regained nationwide. He emphasized, that despite these gains, all of us Elks need to push harder in our respective lodges to get back to where we were before the pandemic struck. He indicated that the state association Co-Sponsors stressed to the District Deputies the importance of lodges opening up again and encouraging members to attend lodge events as well as recruitment of new members.

How did our Elks Lodge No. 2616 fare during the pandemic by comparison?

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019, our lodge ended the year with 365 members. On March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 we ended the year with 362 members. On March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 we ended the year with 349 members. That represents a loss of 13 to 16 members from the previous years. Since then we have increased membership to 388 with 19 potential members in the pipeline for membership. As you can see, the pandemic did have an impact on our lodge membership numbers, but I believe less than many other lodges, because we remained open during the pandemic while maintaining the cautionary procedures recommended by the Department of Health. Even so, I believe we can do better with regard to membership.

As it has been stated so many times before, membership is the lifeblood of the lodges. Our charitable works can only be accomplished by a strong and growing membership. I would encourage every member of the Kona Elks Lodge to approach family members, friends and coworkers about joining the Kona Elks Lodge. Invite them to our lodge to meet members and enjoy the fun. Tell them about the charitable works that we do for the community. Those of you, who have sponsored new members, consider following through by asking the new members, that you sponsored as worthy to become Elks, to attend lodge events with you.





NICOLE JOHNSTON  
ESTEEMED LEADING  
KNIGHT

We continue to move forward; to change and evolve as our lodge becomes more and more functional. As many of you know I am bar manager as well as leading knight. With Gina Torres being added as bar supervisor I now have the opportunity to step back and focus more on my duties as Leading Knight. I look forward to new programs with CHEMPI, I would love to establish a monthly CHEMPI dinner. Maybe even a CHEMPI wine tasting night. Those of you who haven't been in, come in and see us, we miss you. And come in and meet the new members and all the members who have come back.

Nancy Albright, Scholarship Committee

**ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE! Do you know any high achieving high school seniors that need college financial help? How about your children or grandchildren? Keep reading...**

The Elks give more money in Scholarships each year than any other organization in the USA! That is an amazing fact. Your contributions to the Elks National Foundation (ENF) help make that possible! You are encouraged to set up a regular giving program by contacting ENF. ENF has kicked off the 2022 scholarship year. 500 four-year scholarships based on academics, leadership, & financial need will be awarded in April. Applications for the **Most Valuable Student** contest can be found online at [enf.elks.org/MVS](http://enf.elks.org/MVS). App deadline is Nov 15, 2022.

ENF also has a **Legacy Awards** program that provides 350 \$4,000 scholarships for children & grandchildren of dues-paying Elk Members. The application deadline is Feb 7, 2022. Applications & details can be found at [enf.elks.org/Leg](http://enf.elks.org/Leg).

The **California-Hawaii Elks Major Project (CHEMPI)** offers over \$60,000 in Undergraduate Educational Academic Scholarships for Students with Disabilities. CHEMPI also awards Vocational Grants for up to \$2,000 for Technical & Vocational Training. Applications and more information are at <https://chea-elks.org/youth-activities/scholarships/>. Apps will be available after Nov 15, 2021.

Plus your own **Kona Elks 2616 now offer three (up to \$2,000) scholarships** for 1) Culinary Arts School (In memory of Lourdes Hemaez); 2) Technical & Vocational Training in any field except Culinary & Hotel; & 3) for Academic College studies. Apps available after Nov 15, 2021.

Please contact Nancy Albright if you are interested in joining the Scholarship Committee or want more information about any of these scholarships.



NANCY ALBRIGHT  
CHAIRMAN OF  
THE MEMBERSHIP  
COMMITTEE & TRUSTEE



ART CHANG  
ESTEEMED  
LOYAL KNIGHT

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 September 9<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed seven new members to our Lodge family. Among those initiated were Justin Bensch, James Ehcle, Gary Coddington, Cameron Hewines, Muzzy Fernandez, Abe Johnston and Marcus Robinson.

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








# October



# 2021

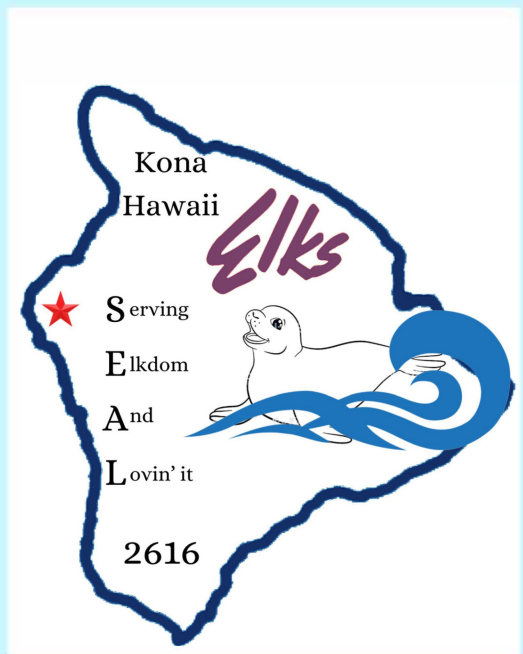
PM	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<sup>1</sup> BBQ PORK CHOPS 7PM COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN MTTG & BOD MTTG 7PM	<sup>2</sup> OCTOBERFEST  DINNER 6PM
<sup>3</sup> LODGE CLOSED	<sup>4</sup> BURGER MONDAY 6PM	<sup>5</sup> TACO TUESDAY 6PM PER MTTG 3PM	<sup>6</sup> PASTRAMI SANDWICHES 6PM BOD MTTG 7PM	<sup>7</sup> BAR OPEN 3PM OPEN MIC NIGHT	<sup>8</sup> STEAK NIGHT 6PM QUIET BIRDS	<sup>9</sup> BAR OPEN 3PM
<sup>10</sup> LODGE OPENS AT NOON NFL FOOTBALL	<sup>11</sup> BURGER MONDAY 6PM HOUSE COMMITTEE 6PM	<sup>12</sup> TACO TUESDAY 6PM	<sup>13</sup> PASTRAMI SANDWICHES 6PM	<sup>14</sup> THURSDAY MTTG. 7PM 	<sup>15</sup> BBQ 6PM	<sup>16</sup> BAR OPEN 3PM CHURCH CAR WASH 8 TO 12 (FUNDS TO CHEMPI)
<sup>17</sup> CHEMPI FUND RAISER DINNER 6PM (NICOLE) LODGE OPENS AT NOON NFL FOOTBALL	<sup>18</sup> BURGER MONDAY 6PM	<sup>19</sup> TACO TUESDAY 6PM SPONSORED BY DAVE AND WENDI WASSON	<sup>20</sup> ROTISERIE CHICKEN 6PM	<sup>21</sup> BAR OPEN 3PM OPEN MIC NIGHT LODGEACTIVITIES MTTG 6PM	<sup>22</sup> BBQ 6PM	<sup>23</sup> RED RIBBON DINNER (FUNDS TO DRUG AWARENESS)
<sup>24</sup> VETERANS DINNER 6PM (VETS EAT FREE) NFL FOOTBALL - NOON	<sup>25</sup> BURGER MONDAY 6PM	<sup>26</sup> TACO TUESDAY 6PM	<sup>27</sup> MEATLOAF COMPETITION LODGE ACTIVITIES MTTG 7PM	<sup>28</sup> THURSDAY MTTG. 7PM 	<sup>29</sup> BBQ 6PM SETUP FOR HALLOWEEN PARTY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	<sup>30</sup> WALK ON THE WILDSIDE HALLOWEEN PARTY & DANCE
<sup>31</sup>						

HALLOWEEN DAY CANDY FOR KIDS NFL FOOTBALL - NOON					
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## KONA ELKS LODGE # 2616 OFFICERS (2021-2022)

Exalted Ruler	James Booth
Esteemed Leading Knight	Nicole Johnston
Esteemed Loyal Knight	Art Chang
Esteemed Lecturing Knight	Dominique Miller
Secretary	Terri Thomas
Treasurer	Bridget Livingston Smith
Inner Guard	Bobbi Goss
Chaplain	JD Richwine
Esquire	Wendi Wasson
Trustee (5 yr)	Nancy Albright
Trustee (4 yr)	Marylou Tolentino
Trustee (3 yr)	William Reece Jr.
Trustee (2 yr)	Cyndee Strahm
Trustee (1 yr)	Richard Scritchfield
Presiding Justice	Leslie S. Miller
Forum Mediator	John Richard Smith
GL Alternate Designate	John Richard Smith



## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Americanism  
 Auditing & Accounting  
 Community Activities  
 Scholarships  
 Public Relations  
 Hoop Shoot  
 Fraternal  
 Membership  
 PER Association  
 House Committee  
 Government Relations  
 CHEMPI  
 ENF  
 Drug Awareness

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 Jane DeMello  
 Bill Steffenhagen  
 Julie Lederer  
 Nicole Johnston  
 Chris Coddington  
 Ron Cole, PER  
 Nancy Albright  
 Larry Kniffin, PER  
 William Reese Jr.  
 Steve Rousseau  
 Nicole Johnston  
 Bridget Smith  
 John Richard Smith, PER, PAVP, PDDGER





# 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

# Happy October Birthdays!!!

Day	First Name	Last Name
02	Gary	Post
03	Teresa	Paulson
03	Bronson	Stewart
04	Linda	Ley
04	Paul	Morgan
04	John	Smith
06	Joyce	Karlen
06	Scott	Wiener
06	Jared	Wolfinger
07	Peter	Dungate
08	Jenny	Gambsky
08	Daniel	Groeling
08	Lawrence	Kniffin
09	Judy	Moa

Day	First Name	Last Name
11	Richard	Asbach
11	Marisa	Bankston
11	David	Garcia
11	Christopher	Olivera
11	Ernest	Saldua
13	Shawn	Boudreau
13	Eddie	Poffenbarger
14	Joseph	Reynolds
15	Timothy	Kale
16	Kimberly	Chamberlain
16	Gerald	Droze
17	Gary	Hackworth
17	James	Underwood

Day	First Name	Last Name
19	Gary	Coddington
21	Nancy	Albright
23	Carmen	Malinis
23	Robert	Oftedal
23	Guy	Rodrigues
26	Silvio	Cadenasso
26	Douglas	McDanold
27	John	Burge
27	Oskar	Richter
28	Jonathan	Yankes
29	Roger	Michelson
30	Querico	Pacatang
30	Laura	Watts





# MEMBERSHIP STATUS REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> MEETING

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## CANDIDATES FOR BALLOTING:

Paul Duschka as reinstatement proposed by Gina Torres

John Hilton as a new member proposed by Wendi Wasson

Theresa Hilton as a new member proposed by Wendi Wasson

## CANDIDATES READY FOR ORIENTATION AND INITIATION:

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Michelle Coomes as a new member proposed by Danny Tolentino

Steven Andersen as a new member proposed by Danny Tolentino

Edward Hasten as a new member proposed by Gina Torres

Elizabeth Cooper as a new member proposed by Art Chang

Jefferson Huihui Jr. as a new member proposed by Danny Tolentino

David Holt as a transfer Demit from Bend, Oregon Elks No. 1371 proposed by Gary Hackworth

Jeffrey Torado as a new member by Dani Tolentino

Brenda Torado as a new member proposed by Danny Tolentino

Brook Caldwell as a new member proposed by Nicole Johnston

Lelia Kanuha as a new member proposed by Nicole Johnston

Robert McGannon as a new member proposed by Kim Thomas

Angela Mowinski as a new member proposed by Bob Moulton





**WE NEED YOU!**

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

**ELKS DELINQUENT ON DUES AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2021**

**Ai, Rudy**

**Anderson-Kelly, Beverly**

**Anthony, Michael Dean**

**Ariel, Bradley K**

**Asbach, Richard**

**Benlein, Janice Lynn**

**Bento, Kieven K**

**Bianchi, Caroline**

**Blake, Peter A**

**Boudreau, Shawn H**

**Brown, Michael J**

**Buchnowski, Donald Frank**

**Butler, Ron**

**Church, Charles**

**Clay, James C**

**Coakley, Jeffrey**

**Coburn, Julie**

**Cohen, Mark Howard**

**Cruse, Estelle**

**Dawson, Dondi**

**Dehmer, Kalani Ak**

**Drysdale, Kelly**

**Esslinger, Beth**

**Eugenio, Veronica**

**Field, Stephan V**

**Freitas, Kaeo**

**Gallo, Thomas F**

**Gerrits, Ryan H**

**Gomez, Jim**

**Grogan, Steve**

**Hackworth, Gary W**

**Hughes, Susan**

**Jensen, Herb**

**Johnson, Ellen L**

**Kitzmiller, Ernett Malhui**

**Korkes, William**

**McCaskill, Jae**

**McLeod, N Douglas**

**Meadows, Leonard**

**Meyer, Margaret L**

**Mlakar, Patti**

**Oftedal, Robert**

**Parnell, Janet**

**Payne-Wetzel, Darlene Elizabeth**

**Perez, Charles**

**Porteus, Kathleen Byrne**

**Preston, Gary**

**Richter, Oskar**

**Riley, Glenn**

**Rodman, Malik**

**Rubino, Kathy**

**Schattauer Jr, George**

**Schlarb, Christopher D**

**Schwirian, Bonnie**

**Sisson Jr, Randall Keith**

**Springer, Gary Dean**

**Stewart, Bronson**

**Sue, Cavan**

**Tatsugawa, Terry**

**Thomas, Judith**

**Wahl, Mark Richard**

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