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Lodge 2616





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2021-2022 James Booth	1999-2000 Bonnie Hodkinson
2020-2021 Lourdes Hernaez	1998-1999 Douglas McLeod
2019-2020 John Meserve	1997-1998 Jonathan Hodkinson
2018-2019 Barbara Nance PER	1996-1997 Vern Ungerecht
2017-2018 Laurence Kniffin	1995-1996 Dave Paton
2016-2017 John Richard Smith	1993-1995 John Granahan
2015-2016 Joseph Reynolds PER	1992-1993 Vern Ungerecht
2014-2015 Vern Ungerecht PER	1991-1992 Richard Holly
2013-2014 Mary Reynolds PER	1990-1991 Joseph Reynolds
2012-2013 Ron Cole	1988-1990 Douglas McLeod
2010-2012 Barbara Nance	1987-1988 Ken Driskell
2009-2010 Martha Kawai	1986-1987 George Glaser
2008-2009 Bill Stockly	1985-1986 Robert Wilson
2007-2008 Chuck Kohn	1984-1985 David Hawkins
2006-2007 Allen Nance PER	1983-1984 Max Crittenden
2005-2006 Annette Rodrigues	1982-1983 Ron Serrao
2004-2005 Daniel Malakie	1981-1982 Anthony Arruda
2003-2004 Allen Nance	1980-1981 William Reeves
2002-2003 Angie Kawai	
2001-2002 Mary Reynolds	
2000-2001 Richard Skarnes	

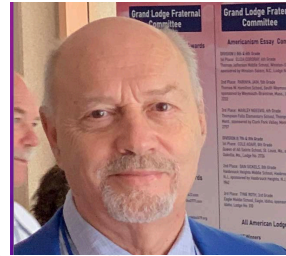
ADDITIONAL MEMBERS PER ASSOCIATION

John M. Brown, PER

Chester Virchinsky, PER



Message from the ER



As I look back on Lodge activities for the month of May, I am thrilled to report that our Mother's Day Flower Ceremony on May 8th was a great success. The lodge had the best turn-out of officers and members for this event that I have seen in several years.

I want to extend a special thanks to those who attended this very special ritual to honor our nation's Mothers as well recognition of Vinny DeWitt's preparation of a tasty brunch following the event. Hopefully, our upcoming Flag Day Ceremony in June will be as well attended.

May was also the month of the California Hawaii Elks Association (CHEA) State Convention in Fresno, California. The Esteemed Leading Knight, Nicole, and I attended the event. It was a real pleasure to greet fellow Elks with whom we had developed warm friendships during previous Elks meetings as well as making new Elk friends from California and Hawaii. We witnessed this past year's CHEA President, the honorable Jay Larkin, turn over the gavel as State President to the honorable Bradford Smith from Modesto Lodge No. 1282. We are all looking forward to the new CHEA year under his able leadership.

The last day of our meeting was the most exciting of all. On that day the CHEA donations for the year of 2021-2022 were tallied. The 19 districts that make up CHEA raised a total of \$4,497,105.63 for the California Hawaii Elks Major Project (CHEMPI) to help our children "walk, talk, see and play". May God bless all of you members who helped make this possible.

This month of June brings with it the Elks Flag Day ceremony which will be held on Tuesday, June 14th this year. We remind all members of our lodge and visitors from other lodges, as well, to join us as we honor this most precious symbol of our country. Patriotism is an integral part of the Order of Elks.

On June 10th the Kona Elks Lodge will host a Veterans Fair at Hale Halawai Park in Kailua Kona. This is a new event for our lodge and underscores our lodges support for our veterans. Veterans organizations from all over the Big Island will be attending to provide information on resources available for veterans. Please read Nancy's column and the secretary's column in this newsletter for details. We will need many volunteers to help with this event. If you wish to participate, please contact our secretary, Cat Mikkelsen or Trustee and Scholarship/Membership Committee Chairman, Nancy Albright at **808-345-6487**.



This month I want to challenge you. Things are getting accomplished at your lodge. Cliff Poffenbarger has finished the wiring upstairs and now it is ready for the finishing touches. The doors have come to finally finish our display case. Workers are moving earth to build our new bar. The Cafe is open and serving breakfast and lunch. We have movie night and Salsa dancing on Thursdays. And even more. Read your calendars and see all the things. My challenge to you is to come in and see what is happening. Tell us what you want to add. What movies do you want to see. Tell us how we can make your lodge better for you. We all need to work together to make this work. My cell number is **360-566-3002** if i can help you.

LET'S BRIGHTEN & BEAUTIFY THE NEW KONA ELKS MEMBERS' LOUNGE!

I think we should do it now! What do you think! I feel so strongly about it that I will put my money where my mouth is! I will match your contributions to the NEWLY ESTABLISHED BEAUTIFICATION FUND dollar for dollar, up to \$5,000.00! Just take your \$20, \$50, \$100, \$500, or whatever to the Lodge bartender (or mail it to the Lodge: P.O. Box 9004, K-K, HI 96745, noting that is for the BEAUTIFICATION FUND. Let's get that ceiling looking like a bright summer sky, and the walls like a light turquoise ocean. This is just the beginning!

We will see all of you at the Elks Lodge #2616 sponsored Veterans Health & Wellness Fair on June 10, 1-7pm, at Hale Halawai! Wear something purple if you are able. Phone or text me to say that you will help with parking, greeting veterans, set up the hall at 11am, tear down at 7pm, or help Bridget and Cyndee make chili dogs. It will be one of the first Community events since Covid. If you are willing, give me a call at **808-345-6487**.



ESTEEMED
LOYAL NIGHT

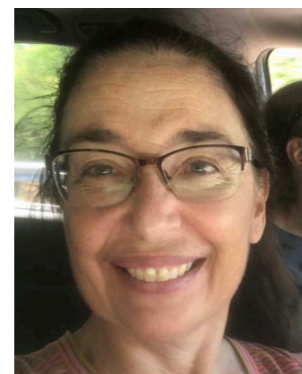
Thanks for everyone's support while we transition our lodge. We are working very hard to get our lodge up and running. Please be patient and thank you for your support.



NANCY ALBRIGHT
TRUSTEE & CHAIR
OF MEMBERSHIP
& SCHOLARSHIP
COMMITTEES

This past month, we received a grant to hold a Veteran's Health and Wellness fair, and I have been working with Nancy, Nicole, James, Bridget, Vinnie, and David to set up the fair.

We are seeing really big interest in this fair. This is a great opportunity for Elks to present ourselves to the community, and to help our community come together and help our vets stay healthy. Thank you for all of your help.



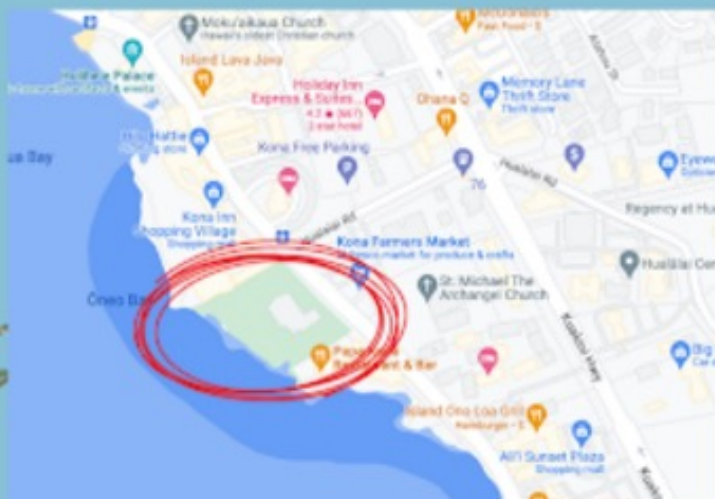
SECRETARY &
GRANTS
COORDINATOR

We are still looking for volunteers to help us with setting up the fair or cleaning up, thank you! We are still looking for volunteers to help us get donated food. If you know anyone at all who is a health or wellness provider and who works with Veterans, please email me with their contact information — we'd like to offer them a table! secretary@konaelks.org

COME AND JOIN
US AT THE

VETERAN'S HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR

JUNE 10, 2022
HALE HALAWAI PARK
New Time 1PM TO 7 PM



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JUNE

2022

SEE WEEKLY BLURBS FOR EVENT DETAILS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 CAFÉ MENU w/daily specials MUSIC BY THE UNKOS	2 BAR OPEN BAR FOOD AVAILABLE Salsa Dancing	3 FISH & CHIPS DINNER MUSIC BY THE UNKOS MIDNIGHT RIDERS MTTG 6pm	4 SATURDAY ELKS DANCE NIGHT w/Music by OFF THE CUFF BAND
5 LODGE CLOSED	6 HAMBURGER NIGHT MUSIC BY THE UNKOS D-DAY <u>ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE</u> <u>4PM</u>	7 MEXICAN DINNER NIGHT COMEDY HOUR at 5pm	8 POKER NIGHT Fried Chicken MUSIC BY THE UNKOS	9 LODGE ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING 7pm <u>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</u> <u>5pm</u> Salsa Dancing	10 STEAK/FISH NITE QUIET BIRDMEN MTTG. MUSIC BY THE UNKOS VETERANS FAIR 1pm to 7 pm at Hale Halawai Park	11 BAR OPEN BAR FOOD AVAILABLE
12 LODGE CLOSED	13 HAMBURGER NIGHT MUSIC BY THE UNKOS	14 MEXICAN DINNER NIGHT COMEDY HOUR at 5pm <u>ELKS FLAG DAY CEREMONY AT 4pm</u>	15 CAFÉ MENU w/daily specials MUSIC BY THE UNKOS	16 ELKS MOVIE NIGHT in the big theater w/food & drink available <u>ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE</u> <u>4PM</u> Salsa Dancing	17 YACHT CLUB MTTG. & DINNER MUSIC BY THE UNKOS	18 BAR OPEN BAR FOOD AVAILABLE
19 FATHER'S DAY	20 HAMBURGER NIGHT MUSIC BY THE UNKOS	21 MEXICAN DINNER NIGHT COMEDY HOUR at 5pm	22 CAFÉ MENU w/daily specials MUSIC BY THE UNKOS	23 LODGE ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING 7pm Salsa Dancing	24 FISH & CHIPS DINNER MUSIC BY THE UNKOS	25 BAR OPEN BAR FOOD AVAILABLE
26 LODGE CLOSED	27 HAMBURGER NIGHT MUSIC BY THE UNKOS	28 MEXICAN DINNER NIGHT COMEDY HOUR at 5pm	29 CAFÉ MENU w/daily specials MUSIC BY THE UNKOS	30 BAR OPEN BAR FOOD AVAILABLE Salsa Dancing		

Birthdays

DAY	FIRST	LAST	DAY	FIRST	LAST	DAY	FIRST	LAST
01	Mike	Crozier	11	Jeudi	Johnson	18	Gary	East
01	Alexander	Rosenstein	11	David	Wasson	21	Dondi	Dawson
01	Carol	Von Hake	12	Arthur	DeMesa	22	James	Echle
02	Grace	Emanuel	13	Bruce	Robins	24	Robert	Vergano
03	Gregory	Gauron	13	Conrad	Robledo	25	Paul	Duschka
04	Kathleen	Ross	14	Arron	Biber	25	James	Traxler
05	Michelle	Coomes	14	Angel	Corley	26	Becki	Rodgers
05	Kae	Evans	14	Jerome	Kanuha	27	Dyan	Vasquez
05	Rosemary	Taylor	15	Marilyn	Call	28	Dave	Hurst
06	James	Nishimura	16	Erin	Basque	28	James	Joyce
07	Bryant	Balog	16	Daniel	Goodwin	28	Margaret	Meyer
07	Paul	Youngborg	17	Robert	Rousseau	30	Donald	Frederickson
09	Randall	Sisson	17	Frank	Tobias			





107th ANNUAL CONVENTION



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