

Kona Hawaii Elks Lodge 2616



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KONA ELKS LODGE No. 2616 AT HUALALAI CENTER



Message from The Exalted Ruler



The long-awaited date of July 1st is finally here! Hualalai center is now officially the Kona Elks Lodge!

Elks were allowed early admission to the new building in mid-June and since that time have been working hard to get the place ready for lodge use. The volunteers, who helped us move, accomplished the impossible in such a short span of time. Much of the old construction and left-over items were removed from the Hualalai Center to clear the way for the many boxes of materials and heavy appliances, pool tables etc. from our old location. Roll offs for waste materials and flat-bed trucks to move heavy items were brought in, courtesy of Dean Evans and Chris Olivera. Volunteers' trucks were used to haul smaller items and boxes of materials to the new lodge. So many members (and some, potential members) worked to make this feat possible. If I listed all these Elks, it would fill this page and if I tried, I fear that I might not remember all involved. The lodge cannot thank you enough.

On June 24th, the lodge had it's first Thursday Administrative meeting in the mid-bay theatre of the Hualalai Center upon the stage. Being on stage in the large auditorium added an impressive touch of formality to our Thursday ritual. Initiation of new members was postponed until the next administrative meeting on July 8th per protocol since we had distinguished visitors, Byron Apo, CHEA association Vice President and Chairman of CHEMPI accompanied by Wayne Howard, Hawaii District Leader. Byron spoke to us about the new President of CHEA, Jim Larkin, and the goals that he has set this year for CHEA.

Much work still lies ahead to return our lodge to full function. After the Grand Lodge meeting scheduled for July 4th through 8th, weekly blurbs will be sent out about our progress towards this goal.

Thank you, Kona Lodge Elks for your hard work, dedication and support to make all this possible.

On July 1st I attended the preliminary hearing for the transfer of the Lodge's liquor license to our Hualalai location. The hearing accepted the request for the transfer and the final hearing for the license is scheduled for September 2nd. Until that time our bar will be donation only for alcoholic drinks similar to what the VFW used to do before obtaining their license.

Nicole Johnston
Leading Knight



Well June is over and what a month it was! As leading night and in charge of purple pigs, one of the most exciting things was our piggy weigh-off. The participation was great. Our heaviest pig weighed 6.2 pounds turned in by Rosie Blair. Congratulations Rosie! Also, congratulations to the others who turned in pigs and honorable mention to Jeff McConnell who came in a close second. The piggy weigh-in brought in over \$400 for our CHEMPI fund. We, also, accomplished our move to a new location at Hualalai Center. It was quite a task but thank you to all of the volunteers who stepped up to help and make it possible. This is really an exciting time for our lodge. So many changes happening. I can't wait to see you all again soon.



Nancy
Albright
Chairman
Membership
Committee

What an exciting and joyous time it is for our Kona Elks Lodge 2616!!!

I truly hope that each member is feeling the positive vibes that are reverberating all around Kona town as the word spreads that the Elks are moving to the Hualalai Three Theatres Building! At this new, larger complex we will have the opportunity to serve our much loved community in a way-bigger capacity by being able to rent out the large, center theatre, nightly, for concerts, stage plays, speeches, church services, etc. And the mauka theatre will be remodeled to have half dance floor and half nice dining for our lodge dinner dances. And it can also be rented out by the local ballroom dance club and other appropriate groups. And the restaurant will be open to the public bringing in more money to the lodge, so that we can not only support the building, but soon have more charitable funds available to better help our community by serving the veterans, the families in need, the local kids with our sports & scouts & drug awareness & scholarship programs... So, so exciting! ELKS CARE - ELKS SHARE

Thank you to all of the members who have helped with the huge moving process. Watch for email blurbs announcing how each of you can participate as part of "Team 2616" and really become an important part of the lodge. **Your participation is important! Spread the exciting news, and sponsor some new members!**



Art Chang
Loyal Knight

I would like to thank everyone who came out to help during our move. Just a reminder to drop your Recycled bottles off to the Elks. It goes in as a donation to the California Hawaii charities

Wendi Wasson
Esquire



The new Elks location will become the hub of community activity in Kona and will fill a much-needed niche by providing a gathering place, a venue for Plays, meetings, Seminars, Churches and other gatherings. The beauty of it all is that Kona Elks 2616 will be front and center, our commitment to community far more obvious, and I believe our membership will grow rapidly - there are people out there who don't even know they want to be Elks yet!! We have a wonderful opportunity ahead to swell our diverse membership!

Grateful thanks to the vision and leadership of John Richard Smith and ER James Booth to make this move happen and to all the volunteers who have done the hard work to clean up, fix up and handle logistics of the move.

Cheers to a great future Kona Elks 2616!

June is coming to an end and despite all the transitions and changes that are occurring in our lodge I am happy to report that 257 out of 368 members have paid their dues. We did not reach this point until December of last year. That is great news but we still have 111 of our members who are delinquent. The list of names is posted in this newsletter. If you are on this list, please consider addressing this issue. If you know or sponsored any of these members, please remind them to pay their membership dues.



Terri
Thomas
Secretary



July

BECAUSE OF CONSTRUCTION, MOST MEETINGS WILL BE
ANNOUNCED BY WEEKLY BLURBS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

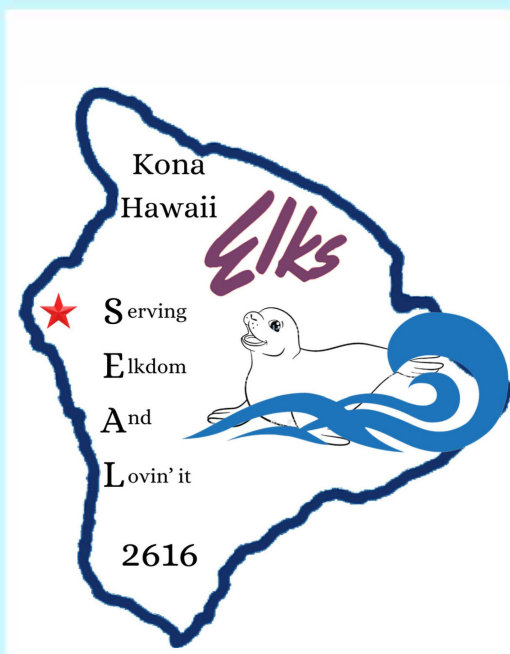
2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8  ADMINISTRATIVE MTTG. 7:00pm	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22  ADMINISTRATIVE MTTG. 7:00pm	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



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

Ron Cole, PER
 Jane DeMello
 Bill Steffenhagen
 Julie Lederer
 Nicole Johnston
 James Buehler
 Ron Cole, PER
 Nancy Albright
 Larry Kniffin, PER
 William Reese Jr.
 Joseph Reynolds, PER
 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



01	Edith	Flinn	10	Deborah	Lattimer	24	Winifred	Flick
01	Yvonne	Madrid	12	Richard	Merschdorf	25	Ryan	Gerrits
01	Thomas	Martin	14	John	Bansemer	26	Craig	Bottomley
03	Kelly	Drysdale	14	Rodney	Porter	26	Philip	Johnson
03	Wallace	Shrinski	15	Jim	Gomez	26	Gregory	Novotny
04	James	Booth	15	Jose	Tolentino	26	Richard	Wallace
04	Julie	Lederer	17	John	Wilson	27	Teresa	Thomas
05	Curtis	Grand	19	Anthony	Poggi	29	Bruce	Boese
05	Diana	Olsen	21	Harold	Akiona	30	Bridget Ann	Smith
06	Donald	White	22	Don	Helow	31	Robert	Behn
07	Keith	Kimi	22	James	Wolfinger	31	Christine	Hoffman



MEMBERSHIP SATUS UPDATE JUNE 24,2021

PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP	TYPE	PROPOSER	OCCUPATION
Booke Caldwell	New	Nicole Johnston	Caregiver
Carla Colabianchi	New	Kim Thomas	Legal Field
Ray Kester	New	Gina Torres	Musician
Angela Mowinski	New	Bob Moulton	Restaurant
Claude Pomerleau	New	Gene Leslie	Kona Hospital
Marcus Roberson	New	James Joyce	Hertz Rentals

BALLOTING BY LODGE	TYPE	PROPOSER	OCCUPATION
William Brooks	New	Nicole Johnston	Alternate Energy
Gary Capri	New	Raymond Hoyt	Retired
Gary Coddington	New	Chris Coddington	General Contractor
Raymond Engel	New	Chris Coddington	Retired
Sean Hila	New	Chris Coddington	PLP Inc
Lelia Kanuha	New	Nicole Johnston	General Manager
Christopher Stillson	New	Steve Rousseau	Retired
Marsha Stillson	New	Steve Rousseau	Retired

ORIENTATION & INITIATION July 8th meeting

Stephen Alexander	New	Lohi Goodwin	Integrity Land Development
Lynn Angay	New	Lohi Goodwing	Integrity Storage
Justin Bensch	New	John Richard Smith	Chef
James Hernandez	New	John Richard Smith	Chef
William Hamilton	New	Nicole Johnston	Retired
Angel Hernandez	New	Nicole Johnston	Accountant
Cameron Hewines	New	Nancy Albright	Wordwork
Abraham Johnston	New	Gina Torres	Subcontractor
Robert McGanon	New	Kim Thomas	
Catherin Mikelsen	New	Nicole Johnston	Bridle Labs
Scott Wiener	New	Nicole Johnston	Popdoc, Inc.



WE NEED YOU!

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

DELINQUENT MEMBERS AS OF JUNE 30TH, 2021

[Ai, Rudy](#)
[Akiona, Harold](#)
[Anderson, Harriet E](#)
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[Anthony, Michael Dean](#)
[Ariel, Bradley K](#)
[Asbach, Richard](#)
[Benlein, Janice Lynn](#)
[Bento, Kieven K](#)
[Bianchi, Caroline](#)
[Blake, Peter A](#)
[Borrer, Brooks R](#)
[Boudreau, Shawn H](#)
[Brown, Michael J](#)
[Buchnowski, Donald Frank](#)
[Burge, John](#)
[Burge, Stacey L](#)
[Butler, Ron](#)
[Church, Charles](#)
[Cislo, Randall S](#)
[Clay, James C](#)
[Coakley, Jeffrey](#)
[Coburn, Julie](#)
[Cohen, Mark Howard](#)
[Cowell, Robert](#)
[Cruse, Estelle](#)
[Dawson, Dondi](#)
[Dehmer, Kalani Ak](#)

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[Duford, Robert H](#)
[Engstrom, W Mark](#)
[Esslinger, Beth](#)
[Eugenio, Veronica](#)
[Field, Stephan V](#)
[Flick, Winifred Crosby](#)
[Freitas, Kaeo](#)
[Gallo, Thomas F](#)
[Gault, Jan](#)
[Gerrits, Ryan H](#)
[Gomez, Jim](#)
[Groeling, Daniel](#)
[Grogan, Steve](#)
[Gross Jr., Charles E](#)
[Hackworth, Gary W](#)
[Hanna, Cindy](#)
[Hoyt, Raymond](#)
[Hughes, Susan](#)
[Hurst, Dave](#)
[Hussey Jr, James K](#)
[Jang, Dina](#)
[Jensen, Herb](#)
[Johnson, Ellen L](#)
[Kabus, Michael John](#)
[Kalcic, Anne](#)
[Kincaid, Roy](#)
[Kitzmilller, Ernett Malhui](#)

[Knotts, Marci](#)
[Korkes, William](#)
[Leverone, Dale](#)
[Long, William](#)
[Mangubat, Susan](#)
[Masters, Burton](#)
[McCaskill, Jae](#)
[McLeod, N Douglas](#)
[Meadows, Leonard](#)
[Merschdorf, Mr Richard](#)
[Meyer, Margaret L](#)
[Miranda, Philip](#)
[Mlakar, Patti](#)
[Moa, Judy](#)
[Monk, James A](#)
[Morales, Josephine Kuuipo k.](#)
[Oftedal, Robert](#)
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[Richter, Oskar](#)
[Riley, Glenn](#)
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[Rodrigues, Annette](#)
[Rodrigues, David](#)

[Ross, Kathleen](#)
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[Salas-Selem, Paulo](#)
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[Schattauer Jr, George](#)
[Schlarb, Christopher D](#)
[Schwirian, Bonnie](#)
[Sisson Jr, Randall Keith](#)
[Soo, Michael Ikaika](#)
[Souza, Kalani](#)
[Springer, Gary Dean](#)
[Stewart, Bronson](#)
[Sue, Cavan](#)
[Tatsugawa, Terry](#)
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[Zapataoliva, Joe](#)
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OUR NEW HOME







2021 Theme Child

Ellie from Redding, California



Elks Lodge Classifieds

Advertise



Marketplace

Do you have an item you would like to sell? Why not sell it to a fellow Elk?! Place your ad here!

