

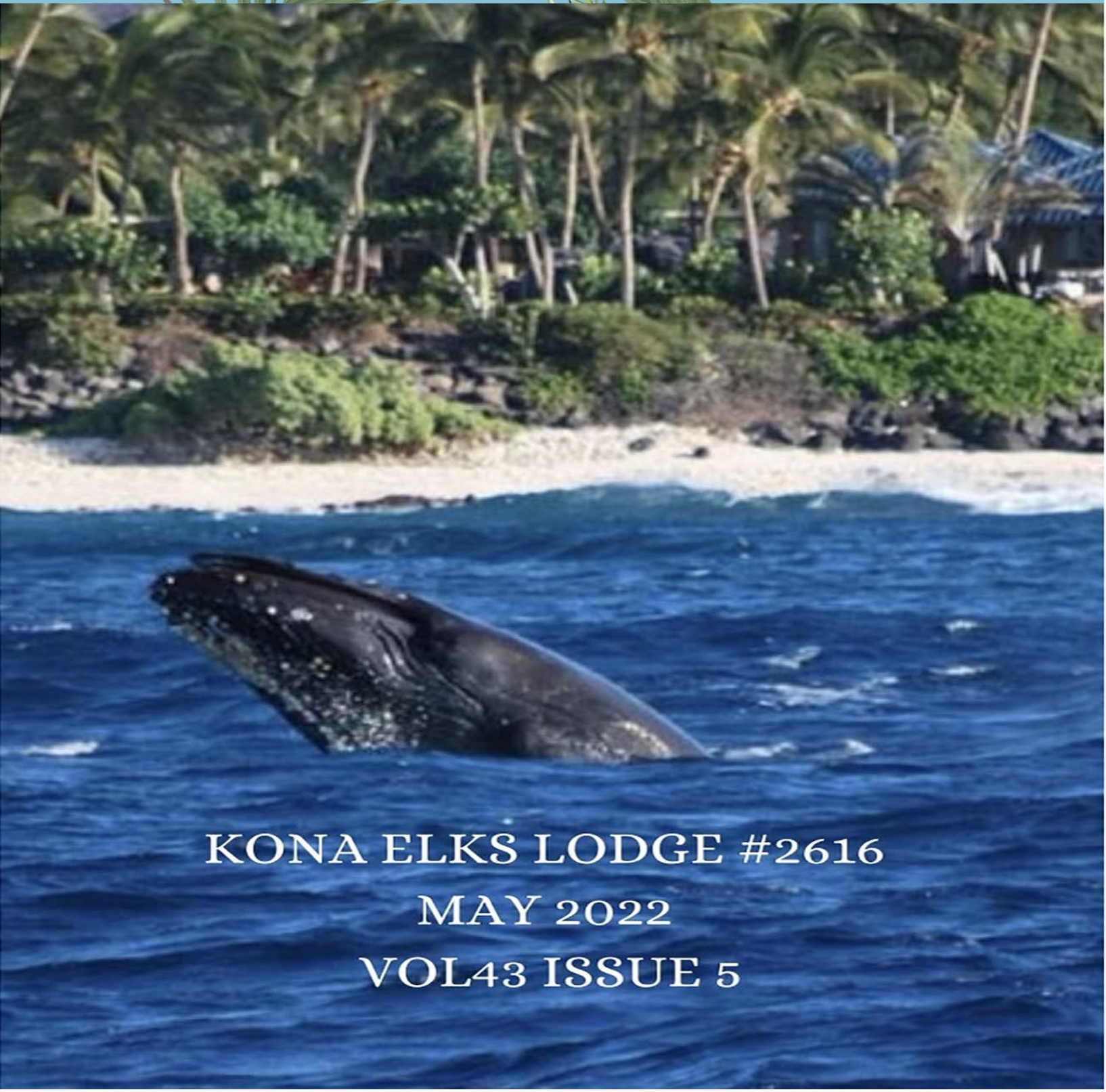


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Kona Elks Lodge 2616

WE CAN'T WAIT TO
MEET YOU



KONA ELKS LODGE #2616

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PAST EXALTED RULERS

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	

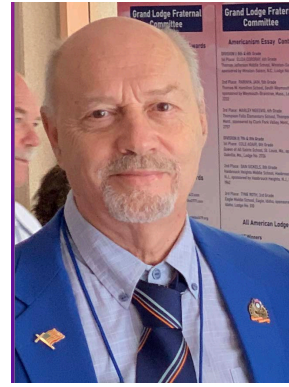
ADDITIONAL MEMBERS PER ASSOCIATION

John M. Brown, PER

Chester Virchinsky, PER



Message from the ER



As the new Elk year gets underway, I remind our members that this has been a year of huge change for our Kona elks lodge. We are 10 months into our move to our new location and have gone from about a 3500 square foot area to managing over 11000 square feet.

A great deal of time and energy had to be spent in the refurbishing of our new home. Thanks to all the efforts of so many of our members, we have been able to minimize the expense involved in those endeavors.

I am pleased to say our rental clientele for the café, lodge area and theater is growing. Total membership is up by 54 members compared to this time last year (403 versus 349), and we remain on solid financial ground. This has allowed us to continue to pursue our Elk appropriate goals of maintaining our contributions to CHEA and increasing our contributions to ENF over last year's.

During this new Elk year, we look forward to completing our new bar, expanding our membership even more and continued growth of our charities and community activities. Our members have continued their volunteer services with the Friends of the Library, the Meet and Eat group (in partnership with the Rotary Club), our food donations to the Salvation Army, our Christmas Angel Tree for children and the elderly in need of Christmas gifts, as well as cosponsor of the Little Miss Kona Coffee Contest and most recently a Veterans Fair.

We especially need to express our appreciation to Cliff Poffenbarger for his dedicated work in the preparing the offices upstairs for use. He was assisted by Ben Water's as well. Please let them know how grateful we are.

Don't forget that with Elks the celebration of Mother's Day is an important event. We will have our official ceremony beginning at 10:00 AM on May 8th followed by brunch and the public may attend the ceremony.

This year we have added the Kentucky Derby event to our calendar, complete with a contest for the most, clever hat. The details will be out in the weekly blurb.

Lastly, I remind you that we continue to need volunteers for committee work, kitchen duties, bar help etc. Please see Nancy Albright, if you can contribute as a volunteer. For those who are unable to volunteer, consider supporting your lodge by simply visiting the lodge several times per week and make use of the café or bar.



ESTEEMED
LEADING
KNIGHT

As we move into our new Elks year and as the chairperson of CHEMPI, I want to remind all our members that we need you to fill those purple pigs with coins. If you know of any businesses that would allow you to put one on there counter, please do so. The next piggy weigh-in will be on June 1st. Bring in your pigs before then and compete for a prize for the heaviest pig.

Happy May to all of you beautiful Kona Elks! We are beginning to see our glorious summer rains return, which make even more tropical May Flowers appear all around us! And, we are seeing more of you step up to be part of The Team at the lodge, like **Cliff Poffenbarger who is working at least five days a week in the new lodge office area!** Thank you so, so much Cliff! **We are sensing a wonderful, warm Feeling Of Community at the lodge as we continue making it a lovely & fun place to be.**

Now that COVID has become less of a concern in our daily lives, we are returning to the more normal routines of pre Covid days. At the lodge we are activating all of the COMMITTEES which are tasked with formulating & carrying out plans to serve the Kona community with their charitable events and services. Please note the committees listed in this newsletter, and contact the chairmen of the ones that interest you. And we still need a few more members to sign on to be part of the Kitchen Team, especially Saturday Night Cooks and Weeknight Assistant Cooks and Servers. Plus, we are still reaching out in the community to find a 7:30-1:30 Paid Cook in the Cafe! **Call me with questions & your availability to make these important contributions to the lodge. Nancy A., Membership Chairman 808-345-6487**



NANCY ALBRIGHT
TRUSTEE & CHAIR
OF MEMBERSHIP
& SCHOLARSHIP
COMMITTEES



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.

Hello everyone. Nice to meet you. I'm pleased to step in as our Lodge Secretary for the year. Thank you to Terri Thomas, our former Secretary, for kindly showing me ropes, and to Exalted Ruler James Booth and Leading Knight Nicole Johnston for all of the support for Secretary functions that they perform!

In addition to attending meetings and acting as Chairman of the Grant Committee, I am working on the following:

- Updating our lodge profile on the Elks website
- Helping collect committee information for the newsletter and
- Looking at simplifying formatting for the newsletter
- Reaching out to the website team to include the necessary Veterans information.



SECRETARY &
GRANTS
COORDINATOR



Elks National Foundation

Grant Committee Report:

Report from Cat Mikkelsen, Chairman of the Grant Committee:

This month we are:

- Preparing Grant reports this week for the Great Lodge.
- Researching the Elks Impact Grant, a significant grant program that awards up to 10K to make a big difference in a community (Do you know of any big community needs? Tell us!)
- Applied for and received \$1K Freedom grant, which Kona Lodge will use to host a Health and Resources fair for Veterans in June.

Also as part of the grant, our lodge has committed to

- Publishing a Veterans Resource List with the name of our lodge on it, and giving it to local resources and businesses to distribute as needed.
- Creating a page about veterans resources for the Kona Lodge 2616 website.

Welcome
to our
New Members

WILLIAM BINGLE	CELESTE VICTORINE
BRYANT BALOG	DENNIS OBRIEN
KEVIN BALOG	MARILYN CALL
DEBORAH BALOG	DAVID SINNOTT
LAUREN BALOG	TERRELL JACOBY
KAE EVANS	KEVIN KAIDE
GREG GAURON	






JOIN US FOR

ELKS MOTHER'S DAY RITUAL

SUNDAY, MAY 8TH 11:00AM

BRUNCH AFTER CEREMONY

PUBLIC WELCOME



KENTUCKY DERBY

PARTY

Saturday May 7th



KENTUCKY DERBY HAT CONTEST – CAN YOU BEAT THIS?
PRIZE FOR BEST HAT



May

2022

SEE WEEKLY BLURBS FOR EVENT DETAILS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 LODGE CLOSED	2 HAMBURGER NIGHT MUSIC BY THE ONKOLS	3 MEXICAN DINNER NIGHT COMEDY HOUR at 5pm	4 CAFÉ MENU w/daily specials MUSIC BY THE ONKOLS	5 CINCO DE MAYO w/Johnny Shot Band <u>PER MEETING 3pm</u>	6 FISH & CHIPS DINNER MUSIC BY THE ONKOLS	7 KETUCKY DERBY DAY – Ladies hats de rigueur; race starts at 1pm
8 ELKS MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER CEREMONY W/BRUNCH 11am	9 HAMBURGER NIGHT MUSIC BY THE ONKOLS <u>BOARD OF DIRECTORS 6pm</u>	10 MEXICAN DINNER NIGHT COMEDY HOUR at 5pm	11 CAFÉ MENU w/daily specials MUSIC BY THE ONKOLS	12 LODGE ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING 7pm <u>ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE 6pm</u>	13 STEAK/FISH NITE QUIET BIRDMEN MTTG. MUSIC BY THE ONKOLS COMEDY IN THE THEATER	14 BOOGIE NIGHT AT THE ELKS w/dance music by Poncho Man
15 LODGE CLOSED	16 HAMBURGER NIGHT MUSIC BY THE ONKOLS <u>HOUSE COMMITTEE 6pm</u>	17 MEXICAN DINNER NIGHT COMEDY HOUR at 5pm	18 POKER NIGHT W/FRIED CHICKEN MUSIC BY THE ONKOLS	19 ELKS MOVIE NIGHT in the big theater w/food and drink available	20 YACHT CLUB MTTG. & DINNER MUSIC BY THE ONKOLS	21 TO BE ANNOUNCED
22 LODGE CLOSED	23 HAMBURGER NIGHT MUSIC BY THE ONKOLS	24 MEXICAN DINNER NIGHT COMEDY HOUR at 5pm <u>ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE 6pm</u>	25 CAFÉ MENU w/daily specials MUSIC BY THE ONKOLS	26 LODGE ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING 7pm W/PER	27 FISH & CHIPS DINNER MUSIC BY THE ONKOLS	28 POOL TOURNAMENT W/PIZZA
29 LODGE CLOSED	30 MEMORIAL DAY	31 MEXICAN DINNER NIGHT COMEDY HOUR at 5pm				


JUNE

2022

SEE WEEKLY BLURBS FOR EVENT DETAILS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 CAFÉ MENU w/daily specials MUSIC BY THE ONKOLS	2 BAR OPEN BAR FOOD AVAILABLE <u>PER MEETING 3pm</u>	3 FISH & CHIPS DINNER MUSIC BY THE ONKOLS	4 TO BE ANNOUNCED
5 LODGE CLOSED	6 HAMBURGER NIGHT MUSIC BY THE ONKOLS D-DAY <u>ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE</u>	7 MEXICAN DINNER NIGHT COMEDY HOUR at 5pm	8 POKER NIGHT MUSIC BY THE ONKOLS	9 LODGE ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING 7pm <u>BOARD OF DIRECTORS</u> <u>5pm</u>	10 STEAK/FISH NITE QUIET BIRDMEN MTTG. MUSIC BY THE ONKOLS COMEDY IN THE THEATER	11 SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE w/Music by OFF THE CUFF BAND
12 LODGE CLOSED	13 HAMBURGER NIGHT MUSIC BY THE ONKOLS	14 MEXICAN DINNER NIGHT COMEDY HOUR at 5pm ELKS FLAG DAY CEREMONY AT 4pm	15 CAFÉ MENU w/daily specials MUSIC BY THE ONKOLS	16 ELKS MOVIE NIGHT in the big theater w/food & drink available VETERANS FAIR	17 YACHT CLUB MTTG. & DINNER MUSIC BY THE ONKOLS	18

RED SHIRT FRIDAY'S



Our idea of showing solidarity and support for our troops with dignity and respect is by wearing RED SHIRTS on Friday's. Let's get the word out and lead with class and dignity, by example, and wear something red every Friday. Everyone who loves this country should share this with acquaintances, co-workers, friends and family.

LET'S SHOW OUR SUPPORT BY WEARING SOMETHING RED!

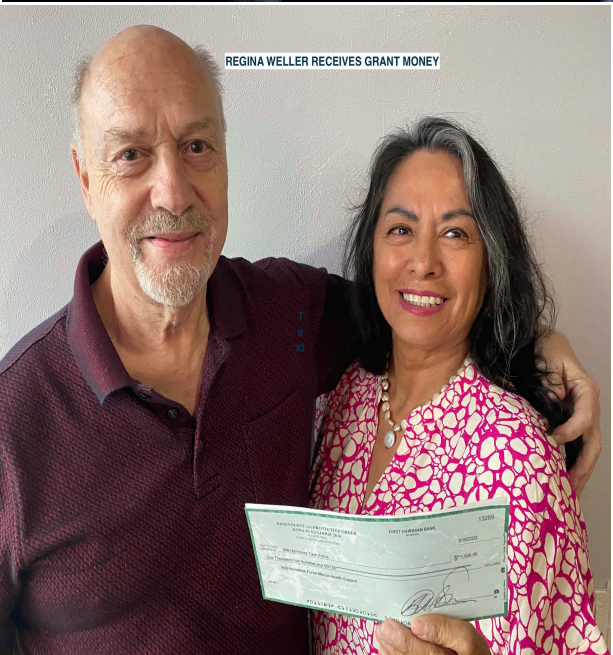


DAY	FIRST	LAST	DAY	FIRST	LAST	DAY	FIRST	LAST
02	Frederick	Dosher	13	Deborah	DeLuz-Balog	17	Terry	Wigzell
02	Charles	Gross	13	Eileen	Mena	22	William	Brooks
06	Carol	Greenwell	13	Dennis	Obrien	22	Richard	Gonzalez
07	John	Brown	13	Judith	Thomas	23	Stacey	Burge
07	Rick	Vollstedt	15	Campbell	Oneill	23	Dennis	Contreras
09	Muzzy	Fernandez	15	Michael	Waldman	26	Jae	McCaskill
09	Alaina	Pacheco	16	Merrily	Bass	27	Dennis	Baldwin
10	Naomi	Damon	16	Warren	Bingham	28	Karen	Hill
						31	Suzanne	Lopez

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!



A NIGHT AT THE THEATER




REGINA WELLER RECEIVES GRANT MONEY



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