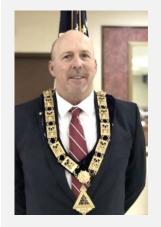
FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

COVINGTON ELKS LODGE #1806

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A NOTE FROM YOUR EXALTED RULER:

As April approaches, it's time to wrap up our commitments for 2019 and focus on our vision for the upcoming year. I'm so proud of our Lodge and its members; together we have accomplished so much this past year!

In 2019, the Covington Elks Lodge:

- Ranked first in ENF donations
- Brought in several new active members
- Surpassed our state challenge of +1 on membership (and we're on track to a +4)
- Participated in almost all of our ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE state projects (6 out of 8)
- Reached our 100% member donation participation for the Pearl Harbor Campaign.

This is what your membership and dues help us do! None of these things would have been possible without the dedication and teamwork of our members. You should be proud to be a member of this Lodge, because we're proud to have YOU as a member! If you attend any of our state meetings, which I highly encourage you to do, you will constantly hear Lodge #1806 as the topic of many conversations when it comes to "Lodge Envy" and accomplishments. With all this being said, I applaud and thank you from the bottom of my heart.

February is also the time for nominations and the election of officers. Please keep in mind what last year's team accomplished during these times! We need motivated members that work well together to continue keeping our Lodge as productive as possible. I would also like to honor our PER's during our first meeting night; without their input and help this past year, I would have been lost!





2020 ELKS OFFICERS

EXALTED RULER

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LODGE TRUSTEES

Cyrus Wolverton Lloyd Queen David Mayo Sid Reagan Billy Mashburn

LODGE TILER Tim Myers

LODGE INNER GUARDJoyce Mayo

LODGE ESQUIRE Jim Kirkpatrick

LODGE CHAPLAIN
Scot Fincher

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PEARL HARBOR CAMPAIGN MATCH GOAL REACHED!



Last month, the ENF announced a match for up to \$100,000 in donations to the Elks Pearl Harbor Campaign received by December 31st. We're excited to announce that you raised nearly \$144,000 for the Pacific Historic Parks-USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor! The initial installment of campaign funds was presented at the

Memorial by GER Robert Duitsman last week during his state visit. Thank you for your support—if you haven't had a chance to get involved, the Elks Pearl Harbor Campaign ends on June 1. Support the campaign at enf.elks.org/phc. Our Covington Elks Lodge has sent in over \$450 to this campaign to date, way to go! That's 100% participation from our members - let's keep it going!

HOMETOWN HERO'S LUNCHEON

Thanks to all the Elks that cooked, cleaned, served, and socialized with the members of our local emergency services during our Hometown Heroes Luncheon. The Lodge was a popular lunch stop on January 22nd! We had more than 65+ police officers, sheriff's deputies, firemen, and EMTs attend the luncheon... and there weren't many leftovers after 2:00pm!









UPCOMING EVENTS

February 1

District Hoop Shoot @8am-12pm Eastside High School

February 4

Lodge Dinner @ 6:30pm Lodge Meeting @ 7:30pm *Bring your nominations for 2020-2021 officers!

February 11

Board Meeting @ 10:00am.

February 15

State Hoop Shoot @ 8am-12pm Newton High School

February 18

House Committee Meets @ 5:30pm Lodge Dinner @ 6:30pm Lodge Meeting @ 7:30pm *Voting for 2020-2021 officers!

February 28-March 1

Elks Spring Meeting Valdosta, GA *Registration forms in the lounge

March 3

Lodge Dinner @ 6:30pm Lodge Meeting @ 7:30pm

March 13

Elk Youth Award Night @ 7:00pm

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COMMITTEE NEWS & UPDATES

LUGGAGE ROUND-UP FOR FOSTER KIDS



If you are planning to find a new home for any of your old suitcases, bags, or luggage, please clean it up and donate it to the Lodge! Foster kids are often asked to transport their belongings from place to place in trash bags. Luggage for these young people will boost their self-esteem! Contact Cathy Myers if you have any luggage or duffle bags that you would like to donate!

BABY SHOWER FOR REFUGE PREGNANCY CENTER

Please join us at the Covington Lodge on March 6, 2020 for a Baby Shower! We will be presenting the Rockdale Refuge Pregnancy Center with much-

needed baby items and gifts for all mothers-to-be that come and celebrate with us. Volunteers are needed to help with this event! Call Cathy Myers at (770) 880-8672 for more information and to get involved.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Ken Malcom for joining us at the Lodge on January 17th for one of our Friday Night Dinners! Ken is running for Newton County Sherriff this year and shared some of his ideas and goals with us. His campaign speech was very informative and our Elks enjoyed the Q & A session that followed.



SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Please continue to pray for our fellow Elks, our Veterans, and our home-bound members. A friendly call, visit, or card would help them know we are thinking of them.



Scot Fincher
Bobby Lassiter
Tony Ballard
Ellabeth Green
Llyod Queen
Pat Telley

Please keep our Military in your prayers.

Ron Martin



Is there a member of our Lodge that you feel should be recognized?
Send in a nomination for them to be our ELK OF THE MONTH!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Tony Bowden
David Brannam
Jeri Cleveland
Anita Denny
Bob Green
John Krueger
Greg Owens
Billy Hodges
Lee Marshall
Jimmy Monk
Melvin Ogletree
Robert Oullette
Richard Potts
W.D. Travis, III
Larry White

Come celebrate with us on Friday, Feb 21st to receive a FREE BIRTHDAY DINNER! (Must be a member in good standing)



LODGE BANQUET HALL RENTALS

Are you or someone you know looking for a venue to host a special event? Consider our Covington Elks Lodge! The lodge offers a great space for Christmas parties, anniversaries, wedding receptions, corporate events, family and class reunions, or any other special events! Please contact Marty Kruger, Chairman for Lodge Rentals, at (678) 481-8356 with any questions.

LOUNGE – Accommodates up to 70 people, includes access to bar/kitchen.





	Deposit	Lounge Rental Fee	Additional Costs
Elk Members	\$50	FREE	None
Non-	\$100	\$250 for 5 hours	\$25 Sitting Fee*
Members	\$100	\$500 for entire day	\$50 Sitting Fee*

MAIN HALL – Accommodates up to 300 people, access to kitchen/bar area. Catering available! Prices dependent upon hours needed for facility rental.



	Deposit	Main Hall Rental	Additional Costs
Elk Members	\$100	\$250	None
Non-	\$200	\$500 for 5 hours	\$50 Sitting Fee*
Members	\$200	\$1,000 for entire day	\$100 Sitting Fee*

(*sitting fee covers cost of an Elk Member being present on-site during an event in which a non-member rents the space).



Who doesn't like to make people laugh? The easiest way to get a chuckle out of others is with a brilliant, well-timed pun. As you're writing your Valentine's Day cards and shopping for heartfelt gifts, spread a little laughter with a cleverly crafted pun. Here are some ideas to fuel your creativity:

- 1. You've gotta **pizza** my heart.
- 2. Olive you.
- 3. I love you a **latte**.
- 4. Words cannot **espresso** how much I love you.
- 5. I **donut** know what I'd do without you.
- 6. We make a great **pear**.
- 7. Don't go **bacon** my heart.
- 8. You are the **apple** of my eye.
- 9. Let's **ketchup**.
- 10. I love you a waffle lot.
- 11. You're tea-riffic.
- 12. I love you from my head, tomatoes.
- 13. You're one in a melon.
- 14. You are the **raisin** why I'm smiling.
- 15. You make my heart skip a beet.
- 16. Thanks for **pudding** up with me.
- 17. I love you **cherry** much.
- 18. There's so **mushroom** in my heart for you.
- 19. **Orange** you glad we're friends?
- 20. You are egg-quisite.
- 21. You're my butter half.
- 22. **Lettuce** be together forever.
- 23. **Meating** you was far from a **mis-steak**.
- 24. I'm a sucker for you.
- 25. I am nuts about you.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY ELK COUPLES!

Hey Elks, bring in your wedding picture so we can display them during our Friday Night Valentine's Dinner!





FRIDAY NIGHT MENU

FEB 7TH - Ham with potatoe salad, collard greens, deviled eggs

FEB 14TH - Stuffed Chicken by our new caterer, Micsha!

FEB 21ST – Birthday Dinner! Roast Beef with green beans, roasted vegatables, rice & pear salad

FEB 28TH - **No Dinner** Spring Meeting in Valdosta!

WELCOME OUR NEW CATERER TO THE LODGE!

We have a new caterer, Micsha Morgan, who will be cooking for us on the second Friday of every month. All of Micsha's food is made from scratch and absolutely delicious, so make sure you join us for Friday night dinners!

PLEASE remember to make your Friday Night Dinner reservations by of that week!

ELKS PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: HOOP SHOOT!

The Elks "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw Contest is the largest and most visible of the many youth activities sponsored by Elks Lodges. More than three million boys and girls, ages 8-13, will participate this year. The Elks "Hoop Shoot" highlights the Elks commitment to America's youth. From the millions of youngsters who participate and advance through local, district, state and regional competition, six national champions are named — one boy and one girl in each of three categories: ages 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. The winners each receive a trophy and their names are inscribed on a plaque at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts.



Parents accompany contestants throughout the competition. The parents of finalists at the state, regional and national levels attend the competitions as guests of the Elks.

The Elks desire, through their "Hoop Shoot" program, to provide an interesting, character-building, competitive program for all girls and boys in the contest regardless of their previous athletic competition or abilities. This nationwide, sanctioned program gives these youngsters an opportunity for



spirited competition, fine relationships with their peers, and travel statewide, regionally and nationally — at minimal expense to their parents or school. Not only are the participants involved in this wholesome, individual-effort program, but parents, classmates, teachers and community are included.

Our area Hoop Shoot took place on January 11, 2020 at Newton Co. High

School with the participation of 6 schools. Thank you to the 15 Elk members and 9 non-Elk members that volunteered their time and helped out with this event! Congratulations to our 2020 Newton County Hoop Shoot 1st place winners:

Girls 8-9	Makinliegh Aua Jones, Porterdale Elementary (13/25 shots)
Boys 8-9	
Girls 10-11	London Smith, Livingston Elementary (20/25 shots)
Boys 10-11	Mekhi Hamlin, Livingston Elementary (17/25 shots)
Girls 12-13	
Boys 12-13	