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# The San Antonio Elks Tale

## A message from the Exalted Ruler

May was an impressive month with our Friday Night Dinners. Especially the Steak Night with a Band on the 15th where we had about 75 Elks and their guests. I will remind you that you can invite your family and friends to the Lodge for our events. Thanks for your support.

Congratulations are in order to Brother Bob Aguilera, for he is the Elk of the Month for May 2009. Brother Bob organized our first annual golf tournament. An outstanding effort was made by Brother Bob and his helpers, and the profits go to our Sweetheart Fund. Brother Bob can also be counted on to volunteer at most functions that he is available for and for that I say a great big "Thank You."

Speaking of the Sweetheart Fund, our Wednesday Night Burgers are going like hotcakes. Linda Espeleta, your Sweetheart, is cooking burgers and all profits are going towards the Sweetheart Fund. Remember my Brothers and Sisters



*Exalted Ruler Frank Arechiga*

you can bring your friends and family to have burgers and enjoy your Lodge, and help send a kid with special needs to the Texas Elks Camp. See [www.texaselkscamp.org](http://www.texaselkscamp.org)

A note: we are having a Rummage Sale on the 27th of June, if you are planning a garage sale in June have it at the Lodge parking lot. This is a fund-raiser for the Lodge and spots will be rented at \$10 each. Another project this time from the House Committee is our 4th of July Party. We will have the traditional hamburgers and hotdogs and of course the Bar will be open. Unfortunately, I will not

be able to attend for that is the day that we are leaving for the Grand Lodge convention in Portland. I know that last year's was a success so I am sure that this year will be too.

Let's welcome PER Paul Hughes, to the position of One Year Trustee. He was duly elected last meeting and of course immediately installed into office. Thank you Paul, for your dedication to Elkdom.

Brothers and Sisters, remember we are not about individuals, but about being an ELK.

I hope that everyone enjoyed their Memorial Day Holiday, and I hope that everyone remembers the purpose of the day, which is to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our Country. Please pray for the safety of our Servicemen and women that are in harm's ways in the defense of the freedoms that we take for granted.

Fraternally  
*Frank Arechiga*  
Exalted Ruler

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|---------------------------|--|
| Exalted Ruler             | Frank Arechiga   |
| Esteemed Leading Knight   | Steve Bergeron   |
| Esteemed Loyal Knight     | Vacant   |
| Esteemed Lecturing Knight | Bob Aguilera   |
| Esquire                   | Vacant   |
| Chaplain                  | Chuck Ward   |
| Secretary                 | Lee Hincer, PER  |
| Treasurer                 | Sherron Christmas  |
| Inner Guard               | Sharyl Madison   |
| Tiler                     | Angel Avitia   |
| Organist                  | Jack Huggins, PER  |
| 1 Year Trustee            | Vacant   |
| 2 Year Trustee            | Julian Cruz  |
| 3 Year Trustee            | Coy Christmas, PER   |
| 4 Year Trustee            | Rudy Pietz   |
| 5 Year Trustee            | Tom Hopper   |
| Lodge Sweetheart          | Linda Espeleta   |
| Club Manager              | Tom Madison  |
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## June Birthdays

The following members are celebrating birthdays in June

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Frank Imholz    | 6  |
| James Merritt   | 6  |
| Ed Pryor        | 9  |
| Ken McGinnis    | 13 |
| Donald Cochran  | 16 |
| Cecil Ullom     | 18 |
| Richard Price   | 23 |
| Fulton Lesovsky | 27 |
| Grady Tyson     | 27 |

## Special Thanks

Brother Bob Aguilera recently arranged for all the carpets at the Lodge to be steam cleaned. This was a job that was past due, and we all owe Bob a debt of gratitude. The Lodge is now a nicer place.

**EIKS**  
**Colossal Garage Sale**  
 15650 Market Hill  
**Chairs June 27, 2009**

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**GARAGE SALE**

Hamburgers - Cheese Burgers - Hot Dogs  
 and drinks available

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## NVSC sets events at Audie Murphy

*By Jack Huggins  
 NVSC Chairman*

We continue to support our Veteran's at Audie Murphy VA Hospital.

In June we will have our monthly Horse Racing on Monday, June 1st at 7 p.m.

Bingo will be on Monday, June 15th at 7 p.m.

The monthly Visitation will be on Thursday, June 25th at 7 p.m.

May was a busy month for our volunteers. In addition to our regular activities we also participated in the annual Classic Car Show on Memorial Day. The Elks served as escorts for the patients in wheel chairs. There are photos at the Lodge, stop by and take a look.

We continue to collect magazines for the VA Hospital. These

are placed in the waiting rooms for use of patients and family members. Just bring them to the Lodge. There is a box in the front entrance hall.

Do you have one or two hours a month for our Veteran's? We welcome your support.

"As long as there are Veteran's in our hospitals they will never be forgotten."

## Club Manager's Corner: June events scheduled

Thanks to Coy and Emma Christmas for donating the popcorn for May. Bob and Erma Aguilera have donated to pay for the popcorn in June. Come on down and have free popcorn with your favorite beverage.

June Specials: Bullfrog (Skyy Vodka, Triple Sec, Lemonade) for \$3 and Heineken Beer for \$2 (while it lasts).

We had 9 volunteers attend Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission training in May. Thank all of you. I look forward to seeing you behind the bar soon.

Angus Burgers are going fantastic on Wednesday nights and you are invited to come down and join the party.

Our Lodge Sweetheart, Linda Espeleta, is cooking the best burger or chicken burger in town. Bring a friend. I promise they will be im-

pressed. All profits go to supporting our kids camp.

We are starting our Pizza nite on Thursday nights from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Good, fresh-baked pizza sold cheap.

And of course we have a special every Friday in June. June 6th is Fish Fry. June 13th you are invited to bring down a friend and your favorite hors d'oeuvres to share. You can also bring your favorite CD and we'll listen to a little music. June 20th is our Steak Nite from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and then we will have a live band. June 20th we will be featuring Taco's.

I have had several request to start a daytime poker session at the Lodge. I will be contacting the Texas Gambling Control Board to make sure we are in compliance with all local and state laws. Hopefully we will start

allowing poker sessions on Saturday afternoons. I will keep you all up to date.

And finally, it looks like we have finally gotten rid of our family of racoons. We have plugged their access hole and put up live traps. The trap is empty and we are confident we are now racoon free. Thanks to Jeff Puckett spending many very hot evenings up in our attic and crawl space, all of our duct work has been replaced or repaired and our air conditioning is working fantastic. A couple of the women actually put on sweaters at our last Steak nite.

We have many volunteers spending many hours making your lodge a better place to enjoy. Please come down and see what we are doing and let me know if you have any suggestions that will make our Lodge a better place.

## Sickness and Distress

Let us not forget our members, and family members, recovering from illness.

The father of Joann Rodriguez passed away.

Erma Aguilera's daughter has had several surgeries.

State Rep. Ed Kuempel of Seguin, and a friend of the Elks, had a heart attack, and is recovering.

## Good of the Order

The following names were drawn for the Pot O' Gold during recent Lodge meetings:

Paul Hughes' name was called May 5 for \$145. Must have been in Oklahoma.

Ron Silivan's name was called for \$145 on May 19. No sign of him.

You must be present at the Lodge meeting when your name is called to win.

## We are collecting:

- ◆ Used Golf Balls for First Tee San Antonio
- ◆ Campbell Soup Labels for youth services at Ottine
- ◆ Aluminum Cans for the volunteers' Christmas Party



## Flag Day Ceremony set for June 13th

Since 1907 the Elks have proudly observed Flag Day. On Saturday, June 13th, 2 p.m. the San Antonio Elks Lodge will pay tribute to the symbol of our country.

Boy Scout Troop 814 will assist in presenting the history of the flag. We will salute our Service Members and honor our fallen Heroes. All Elks, families and friends are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

## 4th of July to be celebrated with Lodge cookout

The House Committee is sponsoring a July 4th cookout at the Lodge.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be available and members are asked to bring a side-dish. Serving will begin at 6:30, and all are invited to stay and watch the fireworks from Fiesta Texas.

Contact Rose Anderson and let her know what side-dish you will bring.

## Notes from the Lodge Secretary

By Lee Hinchler, PER Lodge Secretary

There are many events scheduled at the Lodge in June.

The regular meetings will be held at 8 p.m. on the 2nd and 16th.

The PER Association will meet June 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Your Exalted Ruler and I will attend the Texas Elks State Association annual convention in Addison June 4-7.

The Trustees will be holding a Lodge Garage sale to sell off some of the items in our storage building. This is also an opportunity for you to sell some of your own items, as ta-

bles will be available for members at the low, low rental price of

The Elks National Veterans Commission continues to have many activities at the Audie Murphy Hospital. See PER Jack Huggins article on page 7 for details about how you can help.

Please welcome our newest Lodge Members: Erma Aguilera was initiated into the Order on May 19th and Richard Rutkoski was elected to membership by transfer from the Cleveland, Ohio Lodge.

Our Lodge's contributions to the Elks National Foundation continue to grow, and we have already surpassed

the Grand Exalted Ruler's per-capita goal for the year. See Brother Rudy Pietz to make your donation to this most worthy cause. For every dollar donated by Texas Elks, more than \$1.25 comes back to our state in the form of grants, scholarships, veterans' funds, and funds for our Major Project,

Reminder dues notices went out recently and there are currently XX members who have not paid their 2009-2010 dues. If you are having trouble paying your dues, please contact the Lodge Secretary. Your information will be held in strict confidence.



Golfers from Northern Hills (above) practice their putting form before the Lodge golf tournament May 17. PER Paul Hughes lines up a putt (left photo) while District Advisor Keith Brown from Gonzales Lodge studies the line. The tournament raised money for the Lodge Sweetheart fund.



| Sun  | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  | Sat  |
|--|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| <b>Popcorn Sponsor<br/>for June<br/>Bob Aguilera</b> | <b>1</b> "At the Track"<br>Horse Races at<br>Audie Murphy<br>VA Hospital 7 p.m.<br>Lodge Open<br>4-9 p.m. | <b>2</b><br>Lodge Meeting<br>8 p.m.<br>PER Meeting<br>7:30 p.m.<br>Lodge Opens<br>at 4 p.m.    | <b>3</b><br>Sweetheart Burgers<br>5:30-7:30 p.m.<br>Lodge Open<br>4-9 p.m.                       | <b>4</b><br>Lodge Open<br>4-9 p.m.<br>Pizza by the slice<br>every Thursday  | <b>5</b> " <i>Best Little<br/>Fish Fry in Texas</i> "<br>Catfish, fries, cole slaw<br>6-7:30 p.m.<br>Sponsored by PER Assoc.<br>Lodge Open<br>4-9 p.m. | <b>6</b><br>Lodge Open<br>11 a.m.-3 p.m.                                 |
|  | TESA State Convention. Addison TX   |  |  |   |  |  |
| <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b><br>Lodge Open<br>4-9 p.m.  | <b>9</b><br>Lodge Open<br>4-9 p.m.   | <b>10</b><br>Sweetheart Burgers<br>5:30-7:30 p.m.<br>Lodge Open<br>4- 9 p.m.                     | <b>11</b><br>Lodge Open<br>4-9 p.m.<br>Pizza by the slice   | <b>12</b> Pot Luck Night<br>Bring a guest<br>and your favorite<br>hors d'oeuvres<br>Lodge Open<br>4-9 p.m.<br>Oldies Music                             | <b>13</b><br>Flag Day Ceremony<br>2 p.m.<br>Lodge Open<br>11 a.m.-3 p.m. |
| TESA Convention                                      |   |  |  |   |  |  |
| <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b> Bingo at<br>Audie Murphy<br>VA Hospital<br>7 p.m.<br>Lodge Open<br>4- 9 p.m.                    | <b>16</b><br>Lodge Meeting<br>8 p.m.<br>Trustees Meeting<br>7 p.m.<br>Lodge Opens<br>at 4 p.m. | <b>17</b><br>Sweetheart Burgers<br>5:30-7:30 p.m.<br>Lodge Open<br>4-9 p.m.                      | <b>18</b><br>Lodge Open<br>4-9 p.m.<br>Pizza by the slice   | <b>19</b><br>Steak Night<br>Live band<br>Lodge Open<br>4-9 p.m.  | <b>20</b><br>Lodge Open<br>11 a.m.-3 p.m.                                |
| <b>21</b>  | <b>22</b><br>Lodge Open<br>4- 9 p.m.  | <b>23</b><br>Lodge Open<br>4-9 p.m.  | <b>24</b><br>Sweetheart Burgers<br>5:30-7:30 p.m.<br>Lodge Open<br>4-9 p.m.                      | <b>25</b><br>NVSC Visitation<br>4th Floor<br>Audie Murphy VA Hospital<br>7 p.m.<br>Lodge Open<br>4-9 p.m.<br>Pizza by the slice | <b>26</b><br>Taco Dinner<br>Lodge Open<br>4-11 p.m.  | <b>27</b><br>Garage Sale<br>Lodge Open<br>11 a.m.-3 p.m.                 |
| <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b><br>Lodge Open<br>4- 9 p.m.  | <b>30</b><br>Lodge Open<br>4-9 p.m.  | <b>Lodge Hours</b><br>Monday — Friday 4 to 9 p.m.<br>Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.<br>Closed Sunday |   | <b>New Meal Service</b><br>Sweetheart Burgers every<br>Wednesday night<br>Pizza by the slice every<br>Thursday night                                   |  |