

# December 2011



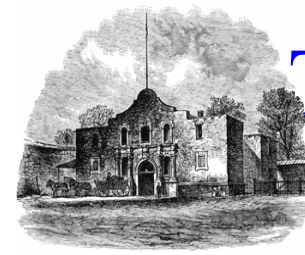
**Lodge Hours**  
 Tuesday—Friday 4:00—9:00 p.m.  
 (Lodge Meeting Night open later)  
 Saturday 4:00— 11:00 p.m.  
**Closed Sunday & Monday**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>Wednesday and Friday Night Meals</b> Served 6:30—8:00 p.m.		1 \$1.00 Draft Beer \$1.00 Hot Dogs	2 <b>Chicken Fried Steak</b>	3 Helotes Market Days
4 Elks Memorial Service 3:00 p.m.	5 Horse Racing V A Hospital 7:00 pm	6 Lodge Meeting 8:00 pm PER Meeting 7:30 pm	7 <b>Sweetheart Burgers</b>	8 \$1.00 Draft Beer \$1.00 Hot Dogs	9 <b>Chicken Fajita Dinner</b>	10
11 	12 BINGO V A Hospital 7:00 pm	13 House Committee Mtg 7:30 pm	14 <b>Youth Activities Burgers</b>	15 \$1.00 Draft Beer \$1.00 Hot Dogs	16 <b>Lodge Family Party 6:00 p.m.</b>	17
18	19	20 Lodge Meeting 8:00 pm Trustee Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>The Lodge will be closed December 17 thru December 31 for the Holidays. Open Sunday, January 1, 2012</b>			24 
25 <b>Merry Christmas</b>	26	27	28 Join us on New Years Day for Football, Fun and Fellowship	29	30	31 
Having a party or family gathering? Consider having it at the Elks Lodge. Call 210.697.3331 for information.						

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**DECEMBER 2011 HAPPY HOLIDAYS**



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**Elks Memorial Service Sunday, December 4th, 3:00 pm**  
**Lodge Family Party - December 16th**  
**New Years Day - Lodge Open For Football Games**



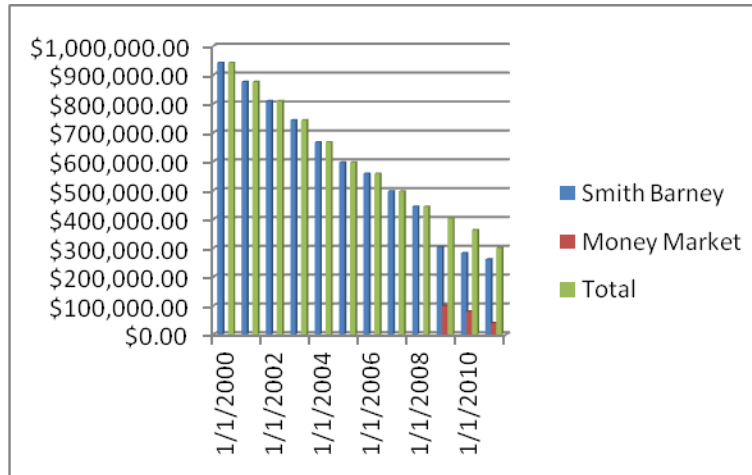
## January 2016 Headline: San Antonio Lodge 216 CLOSED FOREVER

That's a pretty scary headline, but that is where we are heading.

We have been shamelessly spending the equity created by our forefathers throughout the first 100 years of our Lodge's existence. In 10 short years we have spent almost 75% of this endowment, and the spending rate continues today. We have not organized many fund raising functions to benefit our lodge. All our efforts went towards raising funds to special needs kids and youth activities. We are doomed if we do not change.

How big is the problem, you ask? We have been spending about \$3,000 per month more than we receive in revenue for the last 10 years. Look at the chart below and you can see where we are headed. Last year, we did not host a single fund raising activity, but our expenses have not changed.

This message is to notify our lodge members of our pending future and to make our lodge members aware we need your help to turn this around. In the past, requests for help go on deaf ears.



If this is going to blind eyes, then come out to your lodge someday and wait for the above the headline.

Or, if you care, you can get engaged in our current efforts to change the direction of the lodge and help us in focusing on attaining volunteers ( potential members) that want to be involved and become future members. You can help by doing a few things:

1. Give us your email address, so we can send you reminders of our special events and fix-up group activities. Send your email address to: richard.morales@nw-controls.com. We can also add email address for the Friends of The San Antonio Elks and these do not need to be Elks members.
2. Let us know if we can email your newsletter to you, instead of mailing it. This is a very large expense for us in both \$\$\$ and labor.
3. Make tax deductible donations to the lodge from time to time. The lodge has put up a Christmas tree with "Wish Cards" decorating it. Come to the lodge and pick up a card and buy the lodge a Christmas present or make a cash donation.
4. Donate your special talents and skills to the lodge. We always need technical skills, phone, financial skills, management skills, gardeners, plumbers, painters, and carpenters.
5. Invite your friends and neighbors to our weekly meals and special events. We have published an on-line 90 day calendar, website: [www.sanantoniobelks.com](http://www.sanantoniobelks.com)
6. Suggest to your business acquaintances that they rent the lodge for meetings or celebrations. Many of our members are elderly and physically cannot participate in our fix-up activities, but if you make

**Check the Lodge Web Site for Events and Food Menu [sanantoniobelks.com](http://sanantoniobelks.com)**

# House Committee Status Report to the Lodge

December 2011

First let me thank Sharon Pinnell, Tom Lally, Richard Morales, Tommy Wolfe, Ed Scolforo, Rosann Arteaga and Don Roberson for their outstanding contributions to improving the quality of the lodge over the last 6 weeks. Several prospective renters had positive comments about the appearance of the lodge. We have a lot more to do, so please note the Volunteer Days on Saturdays and let me know if you can lend a hand. If you are not physically able to help, please send a donation so we can hire someone in your place.

We would like to keep the lodge presentable at all times and we seek your assistance in keeping the tables and chairs in the dining area neat and orderly. If you need to rearrange the tables, please put them back where you found them. The same is true for the sofa and chairs.

Due to lack of bar customers on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, **the lodge will be closed on those days after Dec 31<sup>st</sup>**. If any of you feel strongly about this, you can be a volunteer bartender. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board outside the bar. We will still be open for lodge nights and special events as needed. We have been averaging less than \$10/day on these nights.

The Christmas Wish Tree in the dining area has tags hanging from it that contain some ideas of things the lodge needs. Since we have no money to buy these things, we are asking for your tax deductible donation. We do a lot for our Veterans, and Youth Activities, but we need your help in keeping the lodge financially viable in the coming years. For those that cannot come to the lodge, we need donations to replace the bathroom faucets, a food processor, a food vacuum sealer, broken dining room tables, kitchen utensils, cooking pots, an electric knife sharpener, we need new shelving in the kitchen, a good set of knives, a commercial can opener, a refrigerator, another large TV, and a new security system. These all cost a great deal of money that we do not have, so please make a generous tax deductible donation via gift card or check and help preserve our 100+ year heritage of serving the Youth and Veterans of San Antonio.

Now to the fun stuff. We had a couple great events in November. The Marine Corps Birthday Ball organized by Frank Arechiga and the Veteran's Thanksgiving Dinner organized by Jack Huggins were well attended and were big successes.

Mark your calendar for the events we have planned for the next three months. We need sponsors and volunteers for most of them to pull them off. See our calendar on [www.sanantoniobelks.com](http://www.sanantoniobelks.com). On Friday **Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>** we will serve a great chicken fried steak dinner and chicken Caesar salad; on **Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>** we will be at the Helotes MarketPlace promoting our new Caribbean Cruise Raffle and promoting the lodge. Put on your purple shirts and come join us from 10AM to 5PM. If you can't stay all day that's OK. On **Dec 9<sup>th</sup>**, we are serving fajitas, pecan crusted tilapia, and chicken Caesar salad. On **Dec 10<sup>th</sup>**, Tom Hopper is having an anniversary party and he has invited lodge members to attend. On **Dec 16<sup>th</sup>** we are having a lodge family party.

The Lodge will be **closed Dec 17<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>** so everyone can spend time with their families, but on **Jan 1<sup>st</sup>** we will be open all afternoon and evening to watch the games, enjoy chili and hot dogs and \$1 draft beer. Bring all your leftovers from your New Year's Eve party. Stay tuned for our extra special Lover's Dinner on **Valentine's Day**.

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7. Many of our members are elderly and physically cannot participate in our fix-up activities, but if you make a donation, we can hire someone to work in your place.

We have a rich 110+ year heritage and an important mission to support. Think of the special needs children and veterans of San Antonio that need our help. Don't let it die. A handful of members have already decided not to let the Lodge die. They updated the member's bar with a fresh coat of paint. In the member's bar, we have a white table to remember our veterans, assembled by Sharon Pinnell, a non-elk member.

The dining room has also received a face lift, a new coat of paint with a relocated flat screen TV donated by Dave and Rose Anderson and two new flat screens TV's donated by Tom and Cheryl Madison, hopefully to be installed by first week of December. Also a new sound system has been installed, hardware donated by Poley Barenz, School Intercom Systems or saxophone player from Triple T Variety Band and labor donated by North West Controls.

A second bar is in the works to serve the dining room. I currently have a commitment from the Church of God of up to \$500 to purchase a 3-drawer refrigerator to our new bar. I would like to said, "Many thank you to Mr. Julian Cruz and his church members". Our lodge needs more partnership organizations like his.

Richard Morales  
Exalted Ruler

### Save Time and Money get the Lodge Newsletter on line

It is easy to sign up just send us an e-mail to [saelks216@sbcglobal.net](mailto:saelks216@sbcglobal.net) Please put **NEWSLETTER** in the subject line. You will also receive announcements of special events at the Lodge.

Departing Galveston Feb 26, 2012

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**\$10.00 Donation per Ticket  
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#### LODGE OFFICERS 2011-2012

Exalted Ruler	Richard Morales
Esteemed Leading Knight	Robert Parker
Esteemed Loyal Knight	Belinda Morales
Esteemed Lecturing Knight	Larry Brown
Esquire	Don Roberson, PDDGER
Chaplain	Dave Anderson
Secretary	Lee Hincer, PDDGER
Treasurer	Mary Parker
Inner Guard	
Tiler	Tommy Wolfe
Organist	Jack Huggins, PER
Trustee 1 year	Coy Christmas, PER
Trustee 2 year	
Trustee 3 year	Tom Hopper
Trustee 4 year	Frank Arechiga, PER
Trustee 5 year	Paul Hughes, PER
Presiding Justice	
Club Manager	House Committee

Your officers are here to serve you. They will keep you advised of the functions and activities of the Lodge. If you have questions or comments they are the ones who can help you.

**Want more information about the Elks?  
Go on line - Log on to:**

[sanantoniobelks.com](http://sanantoniobelks.com)  
[elks.org](http://elks.org)  
[texaselks.org](http://texaselks.org)

### Veteran's Activities December 2011

Audie Murphy V A Hospital Monday 2nd - Horse Racing  
Monday 16th - BINGO  
Thursday 26th - Visitation

#### Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

A BIG San Antonio Elks THANK YOU to Roy Cruz, PER and his outstanding crew from Northern Hills Country Club for the wonderful turkey dinner for our Veterans on November 18th. **You done us proud.** Also, Boy Scout Troop 814 and the members of the Lodge for assisting. And the wonderful children from Bob Hope Elementary School for making the very special place mats for our Veteran's. And once again the Triple T Band provided us with their great toe tapping music. *(photos at the Lodge)*

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

Jack Huggins, PER, Chairperson

### Elks Memorial Service

All Elks, families and friends are invited to attend this very special service. We will pay tribute to the departed members of our Lodge and those that have passed away this past year.

**Sunday, December 4, 2011, 3:00 p.m.  
San Antonio Elks Lodge**

*In vain we call! They have passed through the valley of the shadows into the sunlight of eternal morning; the places that have known them shall know them no more, but upon our tablets of love and memory, their names shall endure forever.*

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December 17 - 31 for the Holidays.**