



# The ELKS Call



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I would like to start this newsletter congratulating Di Wilson and the members of the Grant Think Tank for all of their hard work on ENF Grants. We were recently notified that we received the ENF Impact Grant which is the largest grant available. We will use this grant for the benefit of Farley Elementary School. There will be many projects for our members to participate in. Please see Di or Wayne to help out.

Also, on a good note, we just had our annual visit and audit from Jim Norton. Jim is our District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. Jim and Eddie Pickle, Grand Lodge District Auditor, were very complimentary of our Lodge. We passed all of the audit requirements with flying colors. Verbally they both commented on how well we are doing financially and were very proud of the work and organization of our House Committee. We were also informed that we must comply with new requirements for initiation. From this time forward we will be using the LONG Form Ritual for initiation.

The Holiday's are fast approaching which means we are going to be having a lot of fun and performing a lot of good deeds for our community.

November is special month for our lodge and our association with all the Veterans in our community. On November 7th we will be presenting a brand new motorized scooter to Tut Fan for the use of their Veterans. Jan and Bill Abbot donated the scooter to our Lodge and we as Elks are proud to be making this contribution. November 11th will we be participating in the Annual Veterans' Parade. Following the parade, we will host a luncheon for the participating Veterans from Tut Fan. Please stop by and say hello.

December is probably going to be the busiest month we will have all year. As Christmas approaches there will be many events for our members to enjoy. December 2nd will be our monthly breakfast. Following the breakfast will be our annual auction. Please contact Jimmy or Stella if you have some items to donate.

December 3rd, we will hold our annual Memorial. Each year we host this service to honor our deceased members and their families from the previous year. It is a beautiful service and something you will truly enjoy. A luncheon buffet will follow the service. If you would like to help with the service or the luncheon please contact Mary Cannon or Di Wilson.

On December 13th we will host our annual Children's Christmas Party. We will be hosting a special group from the Huntsville Boys and Girls Club along with The Harvest Youth Center. This event is possible due to our lodge receiving the annual Alabama Elks Trust Grant. Congratulations to Di and her team for receiving this grant.

On December 16th will be our 2nd annual Family Christmas Party. Last year was a great time and the food was unbelievable. We will again be having a pot-luck supper followed by our charity casino and musical entertainment. Please be looking for emailed updates and to sign up for a dish to bring.

We will finish out the fun with the Employee Christmas Party on December 18th and the annual Dirty Santa Party will be on December 19th.

*Elks* Care - *Elks* Share

## House Committee

Taxes and bills against the Club are paid and current. The October inventory was completed on schedule. Repairs were made for leaks in the kitchen sink. Welcome new Monday night bartender "Cathy McHenry" and new assistant cook, "Megan Lawson". HC Billy Herndon cleaned the smoke filters in the Lodge. On October 5th a group of Tut Fann Veterans were served dinner. Next visit for them will be November 2nd. The Members' breakfast served 76 on October 6th, next breakfast is November 4th. Join your members and guests for this great monthly event. There was a "low country boil" held on the patio, October 17th and was a great success serving about 75 members and guests. Thanks to Jimmy Wood, Trustee Randy Morris, Huff Sanders, HC Chairman Edwards, HC Cathy Kulas, Joan Speegle, Inner Guard Randy Speegle and many others for making this fund raiser a great success! Lounge clean-up day was held on October 29th, thanks to Gwenda Hall and the volunteers who helped. **Bar Bingo** started Monday, October 30th at 6 pm, come out and play every Monday evening, kitchen will be open 5-8. The HC wants to remind members that the Lodge Bingo Committee needs volunteers to help on Sundays. Only a few hours once a month. Try it and see if it is right for you. "REMEMBER" our scholarship money comes directly from bingo. Please submit any ideas or suggestions on Club operations in writing or come to the HC meetings which are the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 5:30. Thank you, your House Committee: Chairman Pat Edwards, David Burkett, Billy Carlton, Jason Johnson, Billy Herndon, Cathy Kulas

**House Rules Highlight** – Administrative: Paragraph B. Quorum – Although Club business may be discussed at any meeting of the Committee, no voting shall take place unless there is a quorum of members of the House Committee present.



## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Please contact the Lodge by phone (256-539-2520) or email bpoe1648@gmail.com if you know of any of our members that are ill, in the hospital/rehab or have passed. Our sincere condolences to the family of Jim Saddler in his passing and also to Pam Gardener Gilbert in the passing of her Mother, Kathleen. Please continue to remember Bill Osmer as he continues his dialysis treatments and also Jeannie Richmond as she recoups from pneumonia.

*"Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven". From the book of "Sirach" – Chaplain Robert (Bob) Richmond*

## 2017-2018 Officers

Exalted Ruler – Jerry "Buzzy" Byrom  
Esteemed Leading Knight – Patrick Mickle  
Esteemed Loyal Knight – Nicole Anderson  
Esteemed Lecturing Knight – Angie Ezell  
Secretary – Dianna Wilson  
Treasurer – John Bell  
Chaplain – Bob Richmond  
Esquire – Michael Hepler  
Tiler – Jan Abbott  
Inner Guard – Randy Speegle  
Trustees –  
1 Year - Louis Tumminello  
2 Year - Mary Cannon  
3 Year - Randy Morris  
4 Year - Phillip Towery  
5 Year - Mike Davis

## SECRETARY NEWS . . .

Just a reminder that we still have several delinquent members that have not paid their annual dues of \$105 and if getting a spouse card \$5 more. Some have not paid their 2nd half dues of \$43, plus another \$5 if they want a spouse card. The white key card no longer works as of October 1, 2017. A big



THANK YOU to Tom Hartley. Tom is working with the Secretary on a letter to new applicants to explain the initiation process and also on the "Lapsation list", trying to contact them and get them back into our Lodge. If anyone is willing to help him on the "lapsation" list, please let Tom or the Secretary know. We have several addresses, email or phone numbers that are no longer correct. PLEASE, if you have moved, changed your email, phone number, etc. PLEASE let the Lodge Secretary know. I need to keep our Elks roster updated in order to send out important information. We will have a "big" month in November, as we have several proposed members to initiate. If you have questions concerning the process of initiation, please contact **Nicole Anderson, Membership Chairman**.

**LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP** and our local **LODGE SCHOLARSHIPS** are now available online at [Elks.org/scholarships](http://Elks.org/scholarships). There are pamphlets in the entryway about the Legacy Scholarship. Any other questions may be directed to Tommy Harper, Scholarship Chairman.

**ALABAMA ELKS TRUST GRANT** was just awarded to us in the amount of \$2,600. Again this year it will be used to have a Christmas Party for our Elk Children, Harvest Youth Club, and The Boys and Girls Club.

**IMPACT GRANT** was just awarded to our Lodge again this year and we will be using the grant with Farley Elementary School. This work will start after the first of the year and we will be soliciting help from our members to make this a success.

**ENF** - I encourage all of you to donate at least \$10 to our ENF fund. We get this back in the form of Grants that we write and use for our Tut Fan Veterans, Homeless Veterans, Foster Children, and Drug Awareness, etc. Please contact Jan Abbott to make this contribution.



*Join in the fun:*

**QUEEN OF HEARTS  
FUNDRAISER**

**Every Friday Night**

## HELP NEEDED FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

We are collecting small toiletries, socks, gently used coats, gloves, toboggans, etc. (men's and women's). Collection bin in hallway across from Club Manager's office. Winter is coming and we need to help them stay warm!!

## 5 Ways to Keep You Informed . . .

Email, Online Newsletter, Social Media,  
Lodge Meetings, Wall Calendar (Outside Managers' Office)

If you are not receiving the weekly Elk emails  
please send  
your name and current email address to  
**samjt3@yahoo.com** -  
we'll add you to the list.

**The Elks Call newsletter entries  
MUST be received by 25th of the Month**

Entry address: **bpoe1648@gmail.com** or  
**diwilson1648@gmail.com**

Like us on Facebook -  
**Elks Lodge 1648 Huntsville, AL**

**Interested in booking an event?**  
Club's Email Address:  
**Elks1648@knology.net**

Newsletters are no longer mailed;  
a limited number will be placed at the bar.

Please reserve these copies  
for those Members not receiving email.

*If you know of a Shut-In Member,  
kindly take a copy of the newsletter to them...*

*If we all help out,  
we can save money for the Lodge by  
avoiding postage.*

**NEW GAME AT THE CLUB**  
**Monday evenings 6:00 –**  
**BAR BINGO!!**  
***Come on out and play!***  
**Details, contact bartenders.**

## Happy Birthday

### November Birthdays:

01 - Murray Garton, Valerie Wilkerson, Joseph F. Zito  
02 - Willis Diener, John D. Tarver  
05 - Donna Booth  
08 - Rick Chaney, William King  
09 - Linda Ferguson  
10 - Roger Marcus, Joan C. Thomas  
11 - RE Burns, Sandra E. Henderson, Carey Walker  
12 - Ben F. Cole, Pat Edwards, Betty Mahone  
13 - James A. Lodge  
14 - Charles A. Lones, Randall L. Morris  
15 - Judith A. Chassay  
16 - Mark Russell McDonald  
17 - Millard E. Moon, Alvin Lee Robinson  
18 - William T. Abbott, Dustin DellaCalce  
19 - Gregory B. Gray  
21 - William T. Blue, Martha Miller Collins, Thomas Jared Gargis,  
Louie E. Tippet  
22 - Bryan F. Bergeron Jr., David L. Billingham, Jannette Jones,  
Lee Kinzer May, Greg Patterson  
23 - Wendell Deweese, Margaret R. Duffey, Reynolds Duncan,  
James Moore, Lois A. Smith  
24 - James T. Adams, Edwin D. Hall  
25 - Gwenda Hall-Aaberg  
26 - Jerry W. Bradley, Benjamin D. Crow, Rick A. Schwarze  
27 - Harry B. Mensch  
28 - Becky Balentine  
29 - Stephen B. Ellzey, Amy A. Mohlere  
30 - James McElroy, Jonathan Blake Miller, Helen M. Mitchell

### PER FUNDRAISER

Our PERs will be selling  
50/50 tickets  
beginning November 14th  
to be used with the Lodge Family  
Christmas Party -  
\$1 each, or 6 for \$5.  
Drawing will be December 16th.



### BINGO WORKERS NEEDED!!!

New incentive for bingo volunteers, please see flyers in the Club. If you would be willing to sign up on an as-needed basis and step up when one of the regulars cannot work Sunday night bingo, you would be notified no later than Saturday afternoon. BINGO IS THE LIFEBLOOD of the college scholarships our Lodge gives each year. This year we gave \$37,000 in scholarships to help further the education of some very deserving young people. PLEASE help us keep this going.



# CAJUN SHRIMP BOIL ON THE PATIO

*Thanks to all who had a part in making this fundraiser a great success!*



## ER Birthday Dinner for August, September, and October



# NOVEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	NEW - MONDAY BAR BINGO 6:00 Kitchen Open 5-8		1 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Order from Menu</i> Texas Holdem 6:30	2 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Country Fried Steak</i> Tut Fann Vets Here KARAOKE 6-10	3 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Steak Night</i> Queen of Hearts 8:00	4 Open 11:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00  AL vs. LSU AU@Texas A&M TN vs. SC
5 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30 BINGO 5:30 Team Hepler Caller Willoughby	6 Open 3:00 KITCHEN OPEN 5:00-8:00 House Committee Meeting 5:30 Bar Bingo 6:00	7 Open 3:00 Kitchen CLOSED Bar Pizza	8 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Order from Menu</i> Texas Holdem 6:30	9 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Chicken Buffet</i> Civil War Roundtable 6:30-8:30	10 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Steak Night</i> Queen of Hearts 8:00	11 Open 11:00 VETERANS DAY PARADE 10:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 SEC Football
12 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30 BINGO 5:30 Team Mickle Caller R. Anderson	13 Open 3:00 KITCHEN OPEN 5:00-8:00 Bar Bingo 6:00	14 Open 3:00 Spaghetti Night 5:00 Board Meeting 6:00 LODGE MEETING 7:00	15 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Order from Menu</i> Texas Holdem 6:30	16 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Steak Tips / Gravy</i>	17 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Steak Night</i> Queen of Hearts 8:00	18 Open 11:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00  AL vs. Mercer AU vs. ULM TN vs. LSU
19 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30 BINGO 5:30 Team Ezell Caller Cheek	20 Open 3:00 KITCHEN OPEN 5:00-8:00 House Committee Meeting 5:30 Bar Bingo 6:00	21 Open 3:00 Kitchen CLOSED Bar Pizza	22 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Order from Menu</i> Texas Holdem 6:30	23 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Meatloaf and Veggies</i> Little Civil War Roundtable 6:30	24 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Steak Night</i> Queen of Hearts 8:00	25 Open 11:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00  IRON BOWL TN vs. Vandy
26 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30 BINGO 5:30 Team Anderson Caller Cannon	27 Open 3:00 KITCHEN OPEN 5:00-8:00 Bar Bingo 6:00	28 Open 3:00 Spaghetti Night 5:00 Board Meeting 6:00 LODGE MEETING 7:00	29 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Order from Menu</i> Texas Holdem 6:30	30 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Shrimp Boil</i>		

## LODGE/CLUB FUNDRAISER AUCTION

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 – 10:30 – AFTER MONTHLY BREAKFAST!**

***OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, SO GET THE WORD OUT!!***

Donations needed – tables, chairs, bookshelves, curio cabinets, bed frames, dishes,  
lawn furniture, lawn equipment, small appliances, etc.

**NO CLOTHES, UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE OR BEDDING!**

Pick up by appointment. Contact Jimmie or Stella Musick or call/text 256-539-7264.

Remember “One man’s trash is another man’s treasure”.



**JIM NORTON, DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND EXALTED RULER  
and ER BUZZY BYROM**



*Annual visit from our DD to audit our Lodge.  
Always look forward to having him visit our great Lodge.*



***Remember to honor our Veterans on November 11th.  
Look for our vehicles in the parade!***