



The ELKS Call



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Happy New Year to All of You.

As 2017 comes to an end, I think it has been a year that all of our members should be proud of. We should be proud of all the accomplishments that we had and the contributions that were made to our community.

Our College Scholarship program provided an all-time high of \$37,000.00 in tuition help to 32 very deserving High School Seniors from our local schools. Our "Grant Think Tank" applied for and received every grant available from the Elks National Foundation. These Grants totaled approximately \$21,000.00 and have or will be put back in to our community to help our local Veterans in need, help to promote our Drug Awareness Program and provide for the betterment of Farley Elementary School.

We received a \$2,600.00 Grant from the Alabama Elks Trust that was used to host our annual Children's Christmas Party. We had approximately 50 kids from the Harvest Youth Club and the Boys and Girls Club as well as 28 Elk children attend. Each child received a gift and served as representatives of each organization to receive the larger gifts that each group requested to help their facilities. Flat screen tv's, X-Box games, soccer balls, building blocks, after school snacks and school supplies were bought totaling over \$4,000.00. Several members made personal contributions that added to the Grant and gave us close to \$4,000.00 to help these organizations. Attending this party and mingling and watching the kids is a very rewarding opportunity.

2017 saw our Lodge come together and build a whole new Bingo team. We have new callers and new volunteers to work and help with this great cause. Without Bingo the scholarships and the other \$30,000.00 we donate back to the community would not be available. I am very proud of those that stepped up to keep this great effort running.

One effort that does concern me is our membership growth. Each year we will lose 50 plus members due to many different reasons. That is to be expected. Last year we overcame those losses and grew our membership. This year we are still behind. We need each one of you to recruit new members that will be great Elks. Our future depends on it.

As we move in to 2018 the Elks will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary. We will again be having our "Open House" in February. I want to incorporate this celebration in to that event. We will need to begin organizing the logistics to have this year's event this month. Please see me or let April know if you would like to help.

In closing, I would like to thank all of our members that worked on this year's Christmas Float. Our theme was a Winter Wonder Land and the float was just that. This group put in a lot of hard work and should be proud of the results. The parade is a great opportunity to publicize our organization, it allowed us to distribute drug awareness bags, colors and coloring books to the kids along the route. It is also a great way to spend time with fellow members and get to know each other.

See you

Elks Care - Elks Share

House Committee

Bills and taxes against the Club are paid and current. Club and kitchen inventory were completed on December 1. The Members' breakfast served 120. Please join your fellow Elks for the next breakfast which is January 6, 9:00 – 10:30 am. The HC assisted the Lodge with the Annual Lodge Fund Raiser Auction which was held after the December breakfast. The HC also assisted with the annual Memorial Lunch on December 3. We donated 6 pizzas to the "float committee" after the Christmas Parade on December 5. The Tut Fann Veterans visited the Lodge for dinner on Thursday, December 7. The Family Christmas Party was held on December 16 with Lavoy Smartt winning the "Turkey of the Year" competition and \$50 in Elko Bucks. The Employee Christmas Party was held December 18 with Pattie Hartley winning the "wheel barrow" drawing and Pat Lamons winning the "wine" drawing. All proceeds went to the employees' Christmas bonuses. The Dirty Santa Party was held on December 19, with games and pot luck dinner brought by the members. Minor repairs were made to the ice maker and member William Frazier repaired the Club door key lock. Please submit any ideas or suggestions to the HC in writing or appear at a HC meeting which is the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 5:30. Thanks to the many members who helped the HC and Club staff during this very busy December.

Your House Committee:

Pat Edwards, Chairman

David Burkett

Billy Carlton

Jason Johnson

Billy Herndon

Cathy Kulas

RULES: Club Operations: D. Access to the Club: (1) Access to the Club will be by key card only. Visitors or guests will enter only through designated entrances where they will identify themselves and their host member. They must be escorted at all times by their host member of the Lodge.



Local Hoop Shoot contest will be SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH. For information and entry form, please contact Club Manager April Wiggins.

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 . . .

As we begin a new year, let me say how pleased and proud I am of our Lodge Members for the great job everyone did in 2017! If there was a need, someone stepped up to pick up the slack and made it happen. To me, this is ELKDOM at its finest! I especially want to thank those that did the things I



was not physically able to do during my hip recovery and made sure the Children had a great Christmas party and that the Memorial Service was done in honor of those we have lost. I hope everyone bought or sold their Camp ASCCA tickets as the drawing will be at the mid-year convention in Orange Beach, January 19-21. 2018 is going to be a busy year for our Lodge. We still have several members that are delinquent in their dues and we really need to work toward getting them active again in the Lodge. ALSO, if you have a change of address within the last year, please let me know so that I can keep up to date.



Please remember those that are ill or have lost loved ones this past month. If you know of a member who is ill or has passed, please let us know (bpoe1648@gmail.com) Please remember Pam Tumminello as she continues her fight against cancer, Jeannie Richmond as she recovers from a broken hip, and also Steve Ellzey as he recovers from knee surgery. Our condolences go out to the family of Joan Thomas who passed away December 23rd. Joan loved this Lodge and the people in it. She will be greatly missed.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

We participated again this year in the Huntsville Christmas Parade. Thanks to those that worked so hard to make it happen. Special thanks to Mike Deegan for the use of his warehouse during construction. We as Elks are a "presence" in Huntsville and our community.

ADOPT-A-VET TREE . . .

. . . went great. There were close to 100 veterans adopted and Christmas gifts purchased for them. Thanks to Ed Limback and Rolling Thunder for their continued, dedicated work with our Veterans at Tut Fann Veterans Home. Ed also delivered two more wheel chairs to Tut Fann from members that had donated them to our Lodge.

FREEDOM GRANT

We are still collecting gloves, socks, toboggans, and hygiene items to be included in our Freedom Grant. Please take a little extra time and pick up some of these items next time you are shopping and put them in the box next to the Club Manager's office. We have purchased several warm coats and will be purchasing backpacks, warm boots, etc. to complete this grant. These will be distributed to our "homeless veterans" served by First Stop. As you all know, it has already been a cold winter with more cold weather to come. These people have served us, now it is our time to give back.

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.*

Happy Birthday

January Birthdays:

01 - Greg Jennings, James B. Schrimsher, Phillip E. Wilbanks
02 - John P. Davis
03 - Richard Darden
04 - Wayne R. Gwynne, Walker McGinnis, Ernest F. Rhodes
05 - Jerry Byrom, Teresa O'Malley, Roy H. Turner
06 - Anneliese M. Bonds, Duane Willis
07 - John M. Henrikson
08 - Dan Aldridge, Tom Hardy
09 - Helen Grabney
10 - John Heath
11 - Donna M. Theriault
13 - Jim Askins
15 - Shaun Canter
16 - Bill L. Nettles
17 - Janice Schuckman
19 - Doyal J. Hyatt
20 - Suzanne G. Byrom, Walter B. Smith
21 - George T. O'Toole LM
22 - Edward M. Limback, Tom Rathz, Cynthia Tippet
23 - William Frazier
24 - Patricia Ann Quick
25 - Roger T. Davis, Mark E. Pullen
26 - Jerry L. Bredeson PER, John R. Conway, Larry Woodruff,
Sherry Yarbrough
27 - Nancy L. Cunningham, Alan D. Peterson
28 - Gregory R. Barrett, Lee Roy Cunningham, Michael R. Sosebee
30 - Robert E. Cramer, William F. Porter, Beth Wright

**YOU COULD WIN \$10,000
IF YOUR NAME IS DRAWN AT THE
MID-YEAR CONVENTION.
PLEASE RETURN YOUR MONEY AND
TICKET STUBS FOR CAMP ASCCA NO
LATER THAN FRIDAY, JANUARY 12TH.**

PROMISE GRANT - KIDS-TO-LOVE

We will be working to fulfill the first half of our commitment to this great organization. We will be purchasing school supplies and toys for those that have been moved to a different foster home/school and had to leave everything behind. Cathy Kulas will heading up this project and she has a great group of Boy Scouts to help.

IMPACT GRANT

We will be starting work with Farley Elementary School this month using our Impact Grant. We have a great "Grant Think Tank" and they will be asking for your help with the different projects that we will be doing. Just donating a little time to these projects makes you feel so good about yourself and about being an Elk.



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.

ALABAMA ELKS NATIONAL TRUST FUND

Thanks to this grant of \$2,600 and a donation by a very generous member in the amount of \$700, and another member for \$100, our Lodge hosted a "GINORMOUS" Christmas Party for 28 of our Elk Children, 15 from the Boys and Girls Club of Sparkman Homes, and 28 from the Harvest Youth Club. A special thank you goes out to Santa (Charles Hopper), Mrs. Claus, Sally Culver, Elroy the Elk Cole Morris, Elf Caroline Morris (grandchildren of Randy & Brenda Morris), Elf Kimmy Coulter, Granddaughter of Ken & Mary Coulter. All of Santa's other helpers, that without them, it would not have been possible: Nicole Anderson, Mary Cannon, Brenda Morris, Angie Ezell, JuLee Couch, Pat Lamon for the photos, Jay Lockridge, pianist, Cathy Kulas and Pat Shadrick and their "gang" of food servers, and anyone else that I might have missed, and of course the kitchen staff for such good work. Each child received a stocking with candy and an age appropriate gift and the two clubs received large ticket items that will be used at the clubs.



JANUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 11:00 Blackeyed Peas, Greens, Cornbread, and Bloody Mary's BOWL GAMES	2 Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed Bar Pizza	3 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	4 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Country Fried Steak</i> Tut Fann Vets Here KARAOKE 6:00-10:00	5 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Queen of Hearts 8:00	6 Breakfast 9:00-10:30
7 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30-7:30 BINGO 5:30 Team Hepler Caller: GA Pam	8 Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed	9 Open 3:00 Governing Board 6:00 LODGE MEETING 7:00 Spaghetti Sepcial	10 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	11 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Chicken Buffet</i> Civil War Roundtable 6:30	12 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Queen of Hearts 8:00	13 Open 3:00
14 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30-7:30 BINGO 5:30 Team Mickle Caller: R. Anderson	15 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 House Committee 5:30 BAR BINGO RETURNS 6:00	16 Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed Bar Pizza	17 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	18 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Steak Tips/Gravy</i>	19 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Queen of Hearts 8:00 Alabama Elks Mid-Year Convention 19-21	20 Open 3:00 Alabama Elks Mid-Year Convention - Orange Beach
21 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30-7:30 BINGO 5:30 Team Ezell Caller: Cheek	22 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 BAR BINGO 6:00	23 Open 3:00 Governing Board 6:00 LODGE MEETING 7:00 <i>(food special)</i>	24 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 ER Birthday Dinner 6:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	25 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Shrimp Boil</i> Little Civil War Roundtable	26 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Queen of Hearts 8:00	27 Open 3:00
28 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30-7:30 BINGO 5:30 Team N. Anderson Caller: Cannon	29 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 House Committee 5:30 BAR BINGO 6:00	30 Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed Bar Pizza	31 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30		UPCOMING IN FEBRUARY, ELKS 150TH ANNIVERSARY AND OUR MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AND OPEN HOUSE WITH MINI-CASINO	



ER BIRTHDAY DINNER

JANUARY 24TH, 6:00 PM

Dinner for honored members with birthdays in the months of November, December and January will be compliments of the Lodge. Guests are invited to attend at the cost of \$10 per person. SIGN UP FORMS are in the ENTRYWAY. Cut-off date for reservations will be **MONDAY, JANUARY 22.**

For Honored Members:

I will attend the Birthday Celebration on January 24th at 6:00

Name: _____ birthday month _____

Please circle one STEAK CHICKEN

Guests at \$10 each, payment enclosed

Name: _____ STEAK CHICKEN

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Join in the fun:

**QUEEN OF HEARTS
FUNDRAISER**

Every Friday Night

**Karaoke -
First Thursday
of the month
6:00-10:00 p.m.**



**PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD
OUTSIDE THE CLUB MANAGER'S OFFICE FOR
UPDATES AND COMING ACTIVITIES.**