



The ELKS Call



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Another year begins.

That's right, I will be serving as your Exalted Ruler for a third year.

Many people have come up to me and said are you crazy? Why would you want to be the Exalted Ruler at all? Why would you do it a second time? Why in the name of Hades would you do it a third time? Am I crazy? Well, certain people may conclude that I am. But I contend, is doing something you enjoy crazy? Is it crazy to find fulfillment in knowing that you are contributing to society and helping those that may not have life as well as we do? Is it crazy that we may enjoy coming up with ideas, putting plans together and watching a team execute these plans? Is it crazy to work with great people and watch them spend tireless amounts of time and effort to make a difference and help our Veterans, our impoverished youth, those that desire to gain as much education as possible but lack the funding, to work with elementary schools, tutoring, rewarding the kids with rewards for

good behavior and classroom accomplishments, making the school yard a more beautiful piece of landscape and teaching the students how to respect and care for what is given to them? Is it crazy to realize that we have a well-funded Elks Drug Awareness Program that we can use to fight a nationwide Opioid crisis, to educate about the true effects of legalized Marijuana on our youth and the effects of binge drinking? And lastly, just come to our Children's Christmas party this year and you will see the tears, the joy, the smiles and excitement of kids that come from our poorest areas of town when we present them with a real Mr. and Mrs. Santa Clause presenting them with probably the only presents they will receive. If you witness this one event you will understand.

Hence, now that we have gone completely crazy and made all the above contributions and put in all the hard work it took for that enjoyment we must turn to the Lodge. For all these efforts we must try and create an environment where we can come together and celebrate. A place to make new friends. A place to sit and talk with old friends. A place to enjoy a good meal. A place where we all must work to maintain a warm and welcoming environment. A place where we must come together to maintain a nice facility that sits in the Heart of Huntsville that is ours. A place you must be asked to become a member, or you can't enjoy all that we have.

Hence, I conclude that we may be insane but those that ask these questions and fail to realize what an honor it is to be an Elk may be the one that is crazy.....!

Let me conclude by saying that I am looking forward to another great year of working and visiting with each and every one of you. Please help us to make my last year a great one. Please get involved. We need new leadership, new volunteers, new committee chairs. Please realize we cannot live on our past accomplishments and rest on our laurels. We must continue and strive to be **"The Best Elks Lodge in America."**

Fraternally Yours,
Buzzy Byrom

Please save your used ink cartridges and drop in jar at the Club. We can take them to Staples and they will give us credit for them. This helps defray the cost of our office supplies.

House Committee

Bills and taxes against the Club are paid and current. Inventory of the bar and kitchen were completed on schedule. Members Breakfast was March 3rd and served 54, next breakfast is April 7th. Join your fellow Elks and guests for this great event. The Tut Fann Veterans were in for dinner on March 1st with 18 vets and caretakers. Next visit will be April 5th. Volunteers performed a Lounge clean-up day on March 4th. The new Club office computer and answering machine system has been installed. The compressor for the walk in cooler has been replaced with a new one. A new camera system will be in place throughout the lodge and parking lot soon. Formal work attire for Club staff has been purchased for special events. Thanks to those members who donate their time to help with club operations. As a reminder, the Bingo Committee needs volunteers to help run this important event that supports the Lodge youth scholarship program. Please submit any ideas or suggestions to better our Club, in writing or attend a HC meeting which is every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 5:30. Thank you all.

Chairman Pat Edwards, David Burkett, Billy Carlton, Jason Jonson, Billy Herndon, Cathy Kulas

HOUSE RULES HIGHLIGHT – Club Operations: A: Hours of Operation

(3) The Club Manager will have at the House Committee discretion the authority to extend the hours of operation when sufficient members are present or to close the Club operation at 10:00 pm if insufficient members are present to warrant regular hours of operation.



If you know of a member that is ill or has passed, please let Chaplain Richmond know or send an email to bpoe1648@gmail.com or call 256-539-4093 and leave a message. Keep In your prayers Pam Tumminello and Jannette Jones. Also remember Allen Cathy.

"Be generous to the poor" - Chaplain Bob Richmond



SECRETARY NEWS

NEW DOOR LOCKS will be installed April 2nd. Your yellow or gray cards will work then, blue cards will no longer get you in the door. Dues for 2018-2019 is \$106. If you have not paid your dues, please get your check in the mail or pay them at the Club. We have a lot of activities planned and we would not want you to miss them because your card didn't work at the door.

IMPACT GRANT WITH FARLEY SCHOOL – I would like to thank Cathy Kulas, Wayne Tucker, Tom Rathz, Mary Cannon and Nicole Anderson for all the work and help on the Farley project. Wayne and Tom have been out getting donations to be used for trees and shrubs to give the school more "curb" appeal. If you would like to donate on this, pick up a gift card at Lowes or Home Depot and drop it off at the Club or drop your donation in the jar at the bar. ALSO, TUTORs are needed beginning the week of April 16th. The teachers just need someone to come help the children with their reading, flash card recognition, math, etc. If you could spare one hour a week, please let me know. Elk involvement in this project is vital to its success. Our goal is to raise the reading and math scores of every child in the school. We have our teacher supply room set up and are working to get the student reward shop open. The teachers are already enjoying the "moveable white board" we purchased for them. We also plan to purchase a much needed list of books for the library.

ALSO NEEDED FOR FARLEY – SAVE YOUR PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS and LIDS, drop them in the jar in the hallway beside the Manager's office.

FREEDOM GRANT - this grant is ongoing. Ed Limback and I are working to help the homeless veterans and also a soup kitchen. If anyone would be interested in helping with this, please let us know.

BEACON GRANT – this grant is dear to our hearts because we use it with the Tut Fann Veterans Home. It gives us Elks an opportunity to give back to those who have given so much. They come to dinner once a month, please take a few minutes and talk with them. They love conversation, a game of pool or cards.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Front L-R Nona Hopper, Steven Grimes
Back L-R Albert Perkins, Todd Lester, Mike Jankowski, Mike Jones

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

April Birthdays:

01 – Mike May, Joe Vinson
02 – Lee Gavitt
03 - James Chandler, Genevieve Cooke
04 – Albert Perkins
05 – Winston Hodge, John Lary Jr.
06 - Sharon Brown, Steve Hatfield
07 - Debra Cornelius
08 – Mark Payne, Jimmy Ruple
09 – Don Harbin, Lillian Hawkins
10 – Rebecca Harris, Michael Hepler
11 – James Baumann, Patricia Holden
13 – Michael Forsythe, Terry Morgan
14 – Jimmy Agnew, Lonetta Dawson, Richard Morris,
Stella Musick
16 – Billy Herndon
17 – Linda Garrett, Doug Patterson Jr.
18 – Dennis Hanning, Ann Moore
21 – Susan Troxtel Anderson
23 – Karen Duncan
25 – Ron Shadrick, Steven Wilt
26 – Marshall Corlew
27 – Jason Johnson
28 – Angie Ezell
29 - George "Bear" Ellzey
30 - Robert Bond



Join in the fun:

**QUEEN OF HEARTS
FUNDRAISER**

Every Friday Night



BINGO WORKERS NEEDED!!!

BINGO IS OUR LIFE-BLOOD FOR HELPING TO KEEP OUR 501 (C) 3 STATUS AND IT'S THE MONEY THAT IS GIVEN TO LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AS SCHOLARSHIPS. PLEASE, PLEASE, IF YOU CAN SPARE A FEW HOURS ON SUNDAY EVENING ONCE A MONTH OR EVERY OTHER MONTH TO CALL BINGO, SELL TICKETS, OR WORK THE CONCESSION, LET THE LODGE SECRETARY KNOW AND SHE WILL PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO THE BINGO COMMITTEE. REMEMBER – ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE. PLEASE HELP US CARRY THE LOAD!!

ER BIRTHDAY DINNER

APRIL 25th, 6:00 PM

Dinner for honored members with birthdays in the months of **FEBRUARY, MARCH, and APRIL** will be compliments of the Lodge. Guests are invited to attend at the cost of \$10 per person. SIGN UP FORMS are on the BULLETIN BOARD in the ENTRYWAY. Cut-off date for reservations will be **MONDAY, APRIL 23.**

For Honored Members:

I will attend the Birthday Celebration on April 25th at 6:00

Name: _____ birthday month _____

Please circle one STEAK CHICKEN

Guests at \$10 each, payment enclosed

Name: _____ STEAK CHICKEN

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APRIL 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 EASTER SUNDAY CLUB OPEN 2:00 NO BINGO Kitchen Closed	2 Open 3:00 BAR BINGO 6:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00	3 Open 3:00 House Committee Meeting 5:30	4 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 NAVFOC 5:30 Texas Holdem 6:30	5 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Country Fried Steak</i> Tut Fann Vets Here	6 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Steak, Catfish, Pork Chop Night</i> Queen of Hearts 8:00	7 BREAKFAST 9:00-10:30 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 6:00 DINNER 7:00
8 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30-7:30 BINGO 5:30 Team: Abbott Caller: Wilson	9 Open 3:00 BAR BINGO 6:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00	10 Open 3:00 LODGE MEETING 7:00 Kitchen Closed, but Food Available	11 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	12 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Chicken Buffet</i> Civil War Roundtable 6:30	13 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Steak, Catfish, Pork Chop Night</i> Queen of Hearts 8:00	14 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Concession 4:00-9:00 ROCK & ROLL REUNION 5:00-10:00
15 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30-7:30 BINGO 5:30 Team: Hepler Caller: R. Anderson	16 Open 3:00 BAR BINGO 6:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00	17 Open 3:00 House Committee Meeting 5:30 PAINT CLASS 6:00	18 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	19 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Steak Tips/Gravy</i>	20 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Steak, Catfish, Pork Chop Night</i> Queen of Hearts 8:00	21 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 KARAOKE 6:00-10:00 DJ Ted Moon
22 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30-7:30 BINGO 5:30 Team: N. Anderson Caller: Cannon	23 Open 3:00 BAR BINGO 6:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00	24 Open 3:00 LODGE MEETING 7:00 Kitchen Closed, but Food Available	25 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 ER BIRTHDAY DINNER 6:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	26 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Shrimp Special</i> Little Civil War Roundtable 6:30	27 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Steak, Catfish, Pork Chop Night</i> Queen of Hearts 8:00	28 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 ELVIS, Michael Dean & Memphis 6:00-10:00
29 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30-7:30 BINGO 5:30 Team: Byrom Caller: Byrom	30 Open 3:00 BAR BINGO 6:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00					



CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY AND EGG HUNT – sponsored by Helen Grabney. Thank you Helen and to those great helpers – Easter Bunny, Kimmie Coulter, Mary Coulter, Cathy Kulas, Michael Hepler and Bruce Ricker.

COMING EVENTS

APRIL 7TH, Officer Installation at 6:00, social at 6:30, Dinner at 7:00 and music at 8:00

COZMIC MAMA

APRIL 14TH, KARAOKE WITH DJ TED MOON – 6:00 – 10:00

APRIL 17TH, PAINTING with Susan Persall, 6 pm, call & reserve a spot



APRIL 28TH,

6 PM – 10 PM,

ELVIS WILL BE IN THE BUILDING!!

Michael Dean & Memphis performing.

Look for flyers in the Club.

APRIL 25TH, ER BIRTHDAY DINNER, for birthdays in February, March, and April.

Honored guest free, we welcome all others @ \$10 each, reservation forms are on the bulletin board in the entryway.

MAY 5TH, DERBY PARTY AND MINI CASINO, look for flyers in the Club

JUNE 16th, ELKS GOLF TOURNAMENT

We will need volunteers, look for details on email and in the Club.

OFFICER INSTALLATION DINNER & DANCE

Saturday, April 7, 2018

\$25 Individual Ticket / \$45 Per Couple

Dinner, Bottle of Red & White Wine per table & Dance

Dinner: "Surf & Turf" by "Silver Spoon Catering"

Attire: Officers - Suit/Coat and Tie, Semi-Formal; Guests - Dressy

Ceremony: 6:00 Social: 6:30 Dinner: 7:00

Dinner Music by Silvery Moon Combo, Music and Dancing 8:00 by

COZMIC MAMA

(Band Only - \$5 Cover Charge)