



The ELKS Call



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Dear Fellow Elks,

As I began writing my message for our June Newsletter, I realized today is Memorial Day. Today is a day we honor all of those that gave their life for this country. Today is a day that we should self-reflect and honor those that gave all the blood, sweat, tears and ultimately their life for us. To make America the greatest country in the world. To make America the strongest country in the world. To give us the liberty and freedom we have today. Today is a great day to be an American and thank those that sacrificed so much so we could have our freedom and liberty.

Today is also a day to understand how much the Elks have played in supporting and celebrating those that have served and sacrificed for this country. Most members nationwide do not understand the heritage the Elks have with our soldiers and veterans. The money that is available through the Elks National Foundation to support these men and women who put their lives on the line for our freedom and survival is an untold story.

Today, I would like to challenge each of you to research the Elks role in supporting our Military and Veterans and how that support led to our philanthropical involvement as an organization. I will give you a couple of links you can Google or use to pull up articles describing such.

www.elks.org/programs/history.cfm

www.elks.org/vets/

chea-elks.org/lodi-elks-lodge-1900-honors-veterans-during-memorial-day

These are just a few links of what Elks have done and are doing.

As some of you know Suzanne lost her dad on May 10th, 2018. Harold "Tater" Graham was an Elk for 25 years. He first joined the Florence Lodge and four years ago transferred to the Huntsville Lodge. "Tater" exemplified what an Elk is. He never met a stranger and never refused to offer his help. A lot of you got to know Tater and got to know what a great man he was. He was a fixture in my life and someone I will miss very badly. I cannot describe what he meant to Suzanne. As an only child, her mother and father were her everything. I am proud to say I got to share in their glory. I would like to thank all of you who have shown your support and offered your sympathy for her and our family. Being an Elk reminds us we are a family and, in these days, and times just a little care for one another, respecting each other and knowing each other goes a long way. THANK YOU!!!

Please remember Flag Day. This year we will have our Program on June 9th starting at 11 AM. The program will be held at the Lodge. Lt. Colonel Tom Hartley and his team have put together a great program. This year's Honorary Speaker will be Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Mike Rose. Your support is needed. Not many organizations in this whole country have ever had the honor of listening to the message of such a Hero.

See you at the Lodge...

Buzzy

Elks Care - Elks Share

House Committee

Bills and taxes against the club are paid. Inventory of the bar and kitchen completed on May 2. Tut Fann Veterans had dinner in the Lodge May 3, served 20. Next Vets dinner will be June 2, plan to come chat with them during dinner. Health Department inspection of bar and kitchen scored a 96, up from 92. Members' breakfast served 50 members and guests. Next breakfast is June 2, which will be the LAST BREAKFAST FOR THE SEASON. Breakfast returns October 6. The club hosted a Derby Party on May 5th. Smoke filters in the Lodge have been cleaned, the annual patio clean-up was held on May 19 with Betty Mahone managing. Thanks to the volunteers who did the work; Gwenda Hall, HC David Burkett, Marvin Yost, Jack Bean, Jack Rogers, Tom Hartley, Charles Crute, Jamie and Bill Porter and Carol Cadori. No major repairs in May. Karaoke in the Club on June 2nd and 16th. Thanks to the members who help the bar staff keep things running. Any suggestions or ideas to better the Club, please submit in writing or come to HC meeting which is the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30. Thank you all.

Your House Committee: Chairman Pat Edwards, David Burkett, Billy Carlton, Jason Johnson, Billy Herndon, and Cathy Kulas

HOUSE RULES: Club Operations: B. Food Service (2) No one is allowed access to the kitchen area or the area behind the bar unless they are an employee, Lodge Officer, House Committee Member, or a member of the Lodge whose duties require them to have access.



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Please keep in mind those members and their families that have sickness or have lost a loved one. If you know of anyone that is ill or has had a death in the family, please let Chaplain Bob Richmond know, or the Lodge Secretary. We send our love and prayers to Suzanne Byrom in the death of her Father, Harold "Tater" Graham. Tater will be missed by many at our Lodge as well as the many other lives he touched. Also love and prayers to Pam Willoughby Sneed in the death of her husband Charlie, and also our love and condolences to Dee Huber in the death of her Brother. Please keep in your prayers Darwin Baker, Janette Jones, Sherry Yarbrough, and Pam Tumminello and pray that they never lose faith in their battle with cancer. Remember Wayne Tucker and Allen Cathy as they recuperate. Wayne is now at Regency Retirement Village on Max Luther Drive. He is in room 313 and his daughter said she thinks that it would mean a lot to him if he had visits from the Elks as well as receiving cards from us.

"Always be kind to your fellow man"

Bob Richmond, Chaplain

FREEDOM GRANT

Well, it certainly has been a busy spring for us at the Lodge. We just completed our Freedom Grant for 2017-2018 and it was well received. Thanks to Ed Limback for spear-heading the project. With this \$2,000 grant, we were able to provide heavy coats, shoes, gloves, and toboggans to several homeless veterans. We also were able to help a "soup kitchen" that feeds these homeless vets. They feed them breakfast, lunch, and then they make them a sandwich to take for dinner. The Veterans are served at the table which has a table cloth and flowers on it. We provided 10 backpacks filled with toiletries (toiletries donated by our members), we purchased sets of dishes, pots and pans, silverware and other kitchen utensils. These kitchen supplies went to a total of 56 Veterans. Our Grant Think Tank is very proud of the services we provided to these homeless veterans. We hope that we will be able to get the grant again for 2018-2019.



SECRETARY NEWS

We started a new Lodge year in April and it is now three months later and we have 122 members that have not paid their dues. Please remember, if your dues are not paid, you may not participate in Club or Lodge activities. You may attend Lodge meetings, but not any other activities inside or on the patio. We have a lot of things going on and we would hate for you to miss out on any of them. There is a large calendar board outside the Club Manager's office and our "Elk happenings" will be posted there. Please check this board for updates to our Club and Lodge activities. Our Derby Day and mini casino was a big hit. Everyone had a great time. We had a small crowd at Karaoke on May 19th, hopefully more people will come out and enjoy the Karaoke on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month 6:00 – 10:00.

GUESTS IN OUR CLUB

Just a reminder that ALL guests MUST be signed in. This is not a Club rule, this is a rule by the Alcohol and Beverage Control Board (ABC). As we are a "private club" guests are required to be signed in by whomever is bringing them into the club. **ALSO – if you sign a guest in, your guest must leave when you leave, no exceptions!**

MEMORIAL DAY

Our Lodge always is honored to "lay" a wreath at the Veterans' Memorial here in Huntsville. Unfortunately, the ceremony was cancelled this year because of inclement weather. Michael Hepler made us a beautiful (reusable) wreath for this occasion. We will however, be using it at our Elks Flag Day Ceremony here at the Lodge and for other Flag ceremonies.



GOLF TOURNAMENT

JUNE 16TH

Please sign up for the
Elks Charity Golf Tournament.
Dinner and Calcutta on Friday evening 15th,
Golf Tournament on Saturday the 16th.
If you would like to be a corporate sponsor
or a hole sponsor, or play golf,
please contact
Wayne Lamon 256-682-4002 or
Kathy Young 256-509-3603.
**REMEMBER the first 72 paid payers are in,
so hurry and sign up.**

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

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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.*



Join in the fun:

**QUEEN OF HEARTS
FUNDRAISER**

Every Friday Night

Karaoke -

Saturday

June 2 and 16

6:00 - 10:00 p.m.



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



June Birthdays:

01 - Ron Springsteen, Scott Yarbrough
06 - Bob Gamble, Bubba Parks, Gary Smith
08 - Matthew Danner, Joseph Stopper, PER
09 - Robert Benson
10 - Huff Sanders
11 - Darwin Baker, PER, PDDGER
13 - Pat McIngvale, Cynthia Vandiver
14 - Ron Murphy, Jimmy Pemberton
17 - Bill Collins Sr.
20 - Ringo Unbaugh
21 - Bill Mahan
22 - Fred Rodrigue, PER, PDDGER, Larry Whitt
23 - Rex Reynolds
24 - David M. Holman
20 - Nicole Anderson, Rand Gaylord

Delinquent Members' June Birthdays: 11 Pete Ferrell, 12 Stanley Fuller, 13 Jodi Stephens, 15 Stephen McDaniel, 15 Jason Padgett, 16 Linda Theriault, 20 Ray Galyean, 20 Marcia Hastings, 21 Ben Lehman, 23 Marci Baker, 27 Randy Lehman, 30 James Apperson



BINGO workers are desperately needed!

With the size of our Lodge membership, we should never be without help on our bingo teams. Bingo is vital to this Lodge in keeping our 501 (c)3 status as well as being able to give away the youth scholarships that we give every spring. Every penny of the bingo money, except the money that is used to purchase more bingo supplies, goes to our scholarship program. We all come into this Lodge and say that we are happy to be here, thank you for accepting my membership and I want to be a part of this Lodge and look forward to working with you. Well SURPRISE, bingo is a part of this Lodge and we need your help. The same few people work week after week and are tiring out. If you would just donate a few hours on a Sunday, every other month (that's 6 times a year), we could get enough workers to relieve the burden on those that have been carrying the load week after week. We NEED callers, concession workers, and floor workers. Please see Braxton Butler or Fred Rodrigue or call the Secretary and let them know that you are willing to help.

REMEMBER – Elks Care – Elks Share!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Queen of Hearts 8:00 Alabama Elks Convention, Bham	2 BREAKFAST 9:00-10:30 Karaoke 6:00-10:00 Alabama Elks Convention Birmingham
3 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30-7:30 BINGO 5:30 Team: Brown Caller:	4 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 BAR BINGO 6:00	5 Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed House Committee Meeting 5:30	6 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	7 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Chicken Fried Steak</i> Tut Fann Vets here	8 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Steak Night</i> Queen of Hearts 8:00	9 FLAG DAY CEREMONY 11:00 a.m. in the Lodge Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00
10 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30-7:30 BINGO 5:30 Team: Abbott Caller: Wilson	11 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 BAR BINGO 6:00	12 Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed Food Special 5:00 LODGE MEETING 7:00	13 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	14 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Chicken Buffet</i> Civil War Roundtable 6:30	15 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 GOLF DINNER and CALCUTTA - 4:30 Queen of Hearts 8:00	16 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 GOLF TOURNAMENT Fox Run Golf Course - 8:00 Karaoke 6:00-10:00
17 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30-7:30 BINGO 5:30 Team: Hepler Caller: R. Anderson	18 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 BAR BINGO 6:00	19 Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed House Committee Meeting 5:30	20 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	21 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Beef Tips and Rice</i>	22 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Steak Special</i> Queen of Hearts 8:00	23 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00
24 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30-7:30 BINGO 5:30 Team: N. Anderson Caller: Cannon	25 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 BAR BINGO 6:00	26 Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed Food Special 5:00 LODGE MEETING / INITIATION 7:00	27 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	28 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Shrimp Boil</i> Little Civil War Roundtable 6:30	29 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Steak Special</i> Queen of Hearts 8:00	30 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00

THE ELKS AND FLAG DAY

The idea of a Flag Day Service was first suggested by the then Elks Grand Exalted Ruler at the 1907 Grand Lodge Session in Philadelphia. Of the dates submitted for consideration at that time, June 14th was adopted by the session and was called "Elks Flag Day". The following year, in Dallas, the Grand Lodge approved a ritual for the Flag Day ceremony. The 1911 Grand Lodge session at Atlantic City made the observance of Flag Day mandatory for all subordinate Lodges by the adoption of Section 229 of the Statutes: "It shall be the duty of each subordinate Lodge to hold the service known as "Flag Day Services" at the time and in the manner prescribed by the ritual of the Order." It was not until August 3, 1949 that President Truman, himself a member of the Elks, signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day. Thus, the Elks was not only the first fraternal or veteran's organization to celebrate Flag Day, but had made this ceremony mandatory many years before the date on which the observance became a nation-wide practice by legal decree. Please join us Saturday, June 9th, 11:00 am in the Lodge for our celebration with guest speaker Mike Rose, Medal of Honor Recipient.

Tom Hartley, Flag Day Committee Chairman

IMPACT GRANT

Our work with Farley Elementary School is ongoing. A special thank you to Tom Rathz, Cathy Kulas, John Davis, Billy Carlton, Randy Speegle and Randy Morris for all the hard work they have done. Thank you to our members that dropped money in the "jars" we put on the bar, this helps tremendously. Thanks to the donations from SCI and COLSA, we purchased the trees and shrubs and they have been planted. A special thank you to John Davis and his crew. John was able to use, at no cost from "ROBIN RENTS", an auger to dig the holes for the 6, 30 gallon Crepe Myrtles and the three, 30 gallon Red Maples. He had help planting the trees from Billy Carlton and Tom Rathz, thank you fellows! He also put in a temporary watering system so that the trees will be watered during the summer months. Thanks to Cathy Kulas for setting up and working in the "student reward store" – we will have to restock before fall, students cleaned us out. The planter boxes were delivered, set up and filled with dirt by the "Green Team" of the City of Huntsville and the flowers are planted. The school librarian has ordered hard back books and the e-book that goes along with it. By having the e-book, the student can read it from his/her computer and more than one student can enjoy the same book at the same time. These books will be in the library when school starts again. The cost for these books is \$2,003.67, which comes from our grant monies. We will be asking for volunteers to help us this fall. Farley needs help with tutoring and that is part of our grant stipulation, so be ready to help. **Keep bringing in those plastic bottle caps and teacher supplies as we will be re-supplying the "teachers supply closet" in the fall.**



ROBIN RENTS EQUIPMENT RENTAL (auger)

*Our most sincere thanks to these
companies for their
generous donations to our
Farley Impact Grant!*



YOUTH RECOGNITION (SCHOLARSHIP) BANQUET

Thank you Tommy Harper, Chairman and your committee of Jack Bean, Jennifer Parks, and Gwenda Hall for your hard work. There were 36 young people that received \$1,000 each and one that received an extra \$2,000 from the Alabama State Association. Athens State also received \$5,000 to be used at their discretion for those students in need. This is BINGO money at work!!!

