



The ELKS Call



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Huntsville Elks Lodge No. 1648

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Exalted Ruler's Message

WOW. What a year!!!

With COVID-19 playing a huge part in all decisions concerning Elks Lodge 1648, the Lodge still made great progress in 2020. Great accomplishments were made despite the doors being closed for 3 months and 4 days.

The Board of Directors, House Committee, all Chairmen and their committees worked beyond their call of duty to make 2020 a success. Their accomplishments include hiring a 5-Star CPA Firm, many repairs to the building and new equipment in the bar and kitchen, getting several of our Grants back that we had lost, taking care of our Veterans, the Harvest Youth Group, Stand-Down Huntsville, Boys and Girls Club, and H.A.P.P.I. Clinic. Also, does anyone miss the holes in the parking lot? A very successful year! Our Lodge was one of the few that had great success with new membership this year. Bingo also got restarted with safety procedures enforced. We also passed our yearly Grand Lodge audit with flying colors. I want to give my personal thanks to all the volunteers who contributed their time and support to achieve those goals along with other achievements unmentioned and to all the members who consistently supported the Lodge.

With this upcoming year, COVID-19 is still playing a major part in the Lodge's decisions on how to proceed with safety in mind. The Lodge applied for a COVID-19 Relief Grant back in December and are waiting for the application to be reviewed by the State.

At the Lodge meeting on Tuesday February 9th, there will be nominations for new Officers. Voting for the nominees will be at the Lodge meeting on Tuesday, February 23rd. We have set up new training protocol for all newly elected Officers. This should make the transitioning of Officers more successful. All members should plan on attending.

February is a month of celebration. February 16th is the date of the Elks' Origin. Words quoted from Rick Gathen, our Grand Lodge PR and Membership Marketing Manager "I marvel at Elks' strength and unyielding spirit and admire in amazement how we do it. How you react in difficult times shows your strength". I think Lodge 1648 has demonstrated this strength very well in this difficult time.

The Lodge is doing its part in making the Lodge a safe place to socialize. You are responsible for your safety and for the safety of others, please follow the COVID-19 guidelines.

Be Safe,
Mike Davis
Exalted Ruler

House Committee

Taxes and bills against the club are paid.

2021 is here and your House Committee is excited about making Lodge 1648 great again! We have a unique opportunity to help our community, aid and assist our veterans and offer college scholarships to our all-important young adults. We have also added items to our menu and are offering weekly specials on Thursday's. Once again, your lodge is made for members by members so let's all get involved!!

Your House Committee:

Pat Edwards, Chairman
Billy Herdon, Acting Chairman
Mike West
Billy Carlton
David Burkett
Ed Limback
Peg Rathz

Elks Lodge Officers 2020-2021

Exalted Ruler - Mike Davis
Leading Knight (Acting) - Tom Rathz
Loyal Knight - Mike West
Lecturing Knight - Cathy Kulas
Secretary - Nicole Anderson
Treasurer - Stan Cannon
5 Year Trustee - Jan Abbott
4 Year Trustee - Jay Lockridge
3 Year Trustee - Louis Tumminello
2 Year Trustee - Mary Cannon
1 Year Trustee - Phillip Towry
Chaplain - Sally Culver
Esquire - Peggy Rathz
Tiler - Kathy Pierce
Inner Guard - Brenda Buxton

Happy Birthday

February Birthdays:

- 1 James Miller Jr., Lola M. Sullivan
- 2 Ken Coulter, Kathy Pierce
- 3 E. Lamon, Taylor Wright
- 5 John Fulton, Curtis Hall, Philip D. Radzinski, Janice West, Jimmy Woods
- 7 Billie Foster, Karl Peterson, Larry D. Pridmore, William H. Russell
- 8 David Lee
- 9 Pamela Willoughby
- 10 Kenneth Gawronski, Jason Healy, L. Thomas Ryan
- 11 Mike Jankowski, James Thompson
- 12 Jennifer Suns, John Worley, Marvin Yost
- 13 Scot Retzler
- 14 Johnny Burks
- 15 Gary Lunsford, John Milligan, William Woodall
- 16 Nancy Dugas, April Patten
- 17 Brian Allen, Gordon W. Day, Alan C. Jenkins
- 18 James M. (Jim) Duncan
- 19 Steven Lockridge
- 20 Sunny Rae Baker, Michael Innes, Barbara Schulze
- 21 Russell Whitlock
- 23 Sam Givhan
- 24 Rebecca Lott, Briana Teague, William N. Towery
- 26 Carol Codori, Charles Hopper, Andrea Mastin, Sherry Retzler
- 28 Billy Carlton, Michael L. Davis



Secretary's Corner

Currently our lodge has 77 delinquent members.

Soon you will be receiving your 2021-2022 Elks Membership notice of dues payment in the mail so keep an eye out! You can mail it to our PO Box or bring by the club and put in my Secretary box.

Please remember that only members current on their dues may enter the building and they cannot sign in "delinquent" members as guests.

Annual dues for 2020-2021 Year are \$108.00

Spouse cards and replacement cards are \$5.00

Payments can be made when you come in. Please put your payment in the Secretary's Box on wall to the left of double glass doors.

Secretary hours are on Tuesdays and some Wednesdays from 5pm-7pm at the Elks Lodge and always by email at nicole-anderson@comcast.net

Nicole ♥

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Please contact Sally Culver for any sickness and distress.
Email sallyculver@bellsouth.net
Phone 256-508-2834.

Grant Committee 2020-2021

Your Grant Committee,

- Pam Holden, Chairman: Spotlight, Impact, Promise, Gratitude Grants
- Ed Limback, Chairman: Beacon and Freedom Grants
- Cathy Kulas
- Tom Rathz
- Peg Rathz
- Nicole Anderson
- Mike West

*If anyone would like to help participate in the 2020-2021 grants this year please email the Elks Lodge Secretary, Nicole Anderson at nicole-anderson@comcast.net

Audit and Financing Committee 2020-2021

- Greg Welzyn
- Lenny Johnson
- Tom Rathz

Patrick James
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler
256-338-2599 patrickajames68@gmail.com

FEBRUARY 2021

**Sunday BINGO requires all volunteers and players
to wear a face mask at all times.
NO SMOKING inside the Bingo gaming area.**

**Please remember it is your responsibility to help keep our lodge healthy!
Please wash your hands often and practice social distancing 😊**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	2 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed House Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.	3 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.  6:30 p.m.	4 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.  6:30 p.m.	5 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	6 Open 2:00 p.m. Hot Dogs and Pizza 
7 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed BINGO 4:30 p.m.	8 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	9 Open - 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m. Nomination of New Officers	10 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.  6:30 p.m.	11 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.  6:30 p.m.	12 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	13 Open 2:00 p.m. Hot Dogs and Pizza 
14 Happy Valentine's Day Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed BINGO 4:30 p.m.	15 Presidents' Day Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	16 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed House Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.	17 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.  6:30 p.m.	18 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.  6:30 p.m.	19 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	20 Open 2:00 p.m. Hot Dogs and Pizza 
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28 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed BINGO 4:30 p.m.						

Veteran's Corner

A request from Tutt Fann are some goodies below that Elk Members can bring to the lodge for donation.

- Little Debbie Snacks (nutty bars, oatmeal pies, etc.)
- Hostess Snacks (powdered donuts, twinkies, cupcakes)
- Mini can Coke products
- Rice Crispy treats, Cracker Jacks, chocolate bars and candies like M&Ms, etc.

Thanks,
Ed Limback



Cathy Kulas is still collecting bottle lids/caps (medicine, vitamin, soda, juice, and milk caps, etc.) for the Impact Grant.

The image shows the HAPPI Health logo on the left, which includes the text "HAPPI Health" and a yellow smiley face with a stethoscope. To the right is a photograph of a healthcare professional's hands in blue gloves holding a syringe and a vial labeled "COVID-19 VACCINATION".

HAPPI is pleased to be part of vaccinating our community against COVID. Currently the state of Alabama is in 1B portion of COVID vaccinations. HAPPI has a limited amount of Moderna vaccine to provide vaccinations to 1st responders and individuals 75 years of age and older. Please request a COVID vaccine appointment online.

Include in this appoint request the following:

- Age of vaccine recipient
- List occupation if qualifying as a 1st responder (bring appropriate documentation).
- Understand that all patients will be screened prior to the appointment and must meet HAPPI's criteria of patients we can safely administer COVID vaccine as well as the State of Alabama current phase of vaccinations.

Do not call our office for an appointment! We are **only accepting online appointment requests**...our staff is unable to respond to these calls! We will call patients as we have vaccine available to accommodate requests. Our initial allotment is 200 doses.

Website: www.happihealth.org

Attention Members:

Learn all about the happenings at your Elks Lodge and Club.

**Make sure we have your email address
and if you know of someone**

**not getting our emails please have them contact Sam at samjt3@yahoo.com
We will immediately add you and
send you a confirmation request.**