



# The ELKS Call



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Huntsville Elks Lodge No. 1648

January, 2021



## Exalted Ruler's Message

I hope you and your families had a wonderful Christmas and hope your New Year is happy and prosperous. May your Christmas have sparked with moments of love, laughter, and goodwill. May your year ahead be full of contentment and joy. Please keep in your hearts, our beloved Elks who have passed and for comfort for their families.

The year 2020 presented unexpected challenges but also brought triumphs for Huntsville Lodge 1648, our members, leadership, and our community. We all expected the usual ups and downs but never expected it to be the most unique of our lives and of our Lodge.

In the face of new obstacles and new responsibilities, our Lodge not only survived but we thrived. This is due to the loyal members who consistently supported our Lodge. It is

also due to our Officers and Committees who worked so well together to accomplish a successful year. I would like to thank all the members and the leadership for all their support.

The month of December has been very active for our leadership, teams and volunteers. Membership approved getting the sprinkler system for the hood in the kitchen repaired.

Our Christmas decoration team, consisting of Brenda Buxton, Julie Brakefield, Jan Abbott, Karen Anderson, Cathy Kulas, and others did a great job on the decorations.

The \$3,000 ENF Grant went for Christmas gifts to the Harvest Youth Club and the Boys and Girls Club. Thank you to Nicole Anderson and Mary Cannon for shopping and making this a success this year. Drug Awareness info was included with the gifts.

The Spotlight Grant along with monetary donations was used to support the 41 books and 300 "Color Me Huntsville" books. The donation for the "Color Me Huntsville" books was a very generous donation by a member who wishes to remain anonymous. These books were delivered to the H.A.P.P.I clinic. Each book states "Compliments of Elks Lodge 1648". Thank you to our anonymous donor and to Pam Holden, Cathy Kulas and the volunteers who worked so hard to make this another successful project by the Elks Lodge 1648 members.

Ed Limback, our VA Chairman, used our Beacon Grant by presenting a \$1,000 check to Stand Down. Stand Down is an organization supporting Homeless Vets in our community. He also delivers snacks and cokes to the Tut Fann home on a regular basis. Thank you, Ed, for the great work you do for our Vets.

Congratulations to Phillip Towry for winning the Christmas Wheelbarrow.

Our next Lodge meeting is Tuesday, January 12th. Please come to the meetings so you can have a voice and stay up to date on all your Lodge business.

My personal thanks to everyone who helped Lodge 1648 go forward and keeping the Lodge a safe place.

\*A note from Joel F. Vickery, PSP and AEA Secretary

We all use Amazon. If we all use Amazon Smile (no extra charge), Amazon will donate a small portion of your purchase price to our designated charity. Of course, for us that would be ENF.

ELKS Care, ELKS Share

Be Safe, Mike Davis, Exalted Ruler

## House Committee

Taxes and bills against the club are paid.

Happy New Year!

We will have normal business hours on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. The kitchen will be open. The Civil War Round Table has been contacted and their schedule will begin in January 2021. We welcome them back. Once again, thanks to all volunteers for keeping our lounge functions running. We look forward to planning new events and activities for our members. Thanks to all of you for following our safety protocols. Lodge 1648 is a special place, and we look forward to all members attending our Lodge meetings and getting involved.

Thank You,  
Billy Herndon, #3 Acting Chair

### Your House Committee:

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

## Elks Lodge Officers 2020-2021

Exalted Ruler - Mike Davis  
Leading Knight - Pam Holden  
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*

### January Birthdays:

- 1 Greg Jennings
- 2 John Davis
- 4 Walker McGinnis
- 5 Roy H. Turner
- 6 Anneliese Bonds, Sterling Bradford, Duane Willis
- 7 John M. Henrikson, Barbara Tran
- 9 Helen Grabney
- 10 John Heath
- 11 Lee Madole
- 13 Jim Askins
- 15 Shaun Canter
- 16 Bill L. Nettles
- 20 Suzanne Byrom
- 22 Edward Limback, Tom Rathz, Cynthia Tippet
- 23 William Frazier
- 24 Patricia Lamon
- 25 Roger Davis, Mark E. Pullen
- 26 Gerald L. Bredeson, Sherry Yarborough
- 27 Alan Peterson
- 28 Gregory Barrett, Lee Roy Cunningham
- 30 Cary C. Collins, Beth Wright
- 31 Mila Young

## Secretary's Corner

Currently our lodge has **92 delinquent members.**

The Boys and Girls Club picked up their Christmas gifts which consisted of two 58 Inch Smart TVs, Wall Mounts for each TV, Gaming consoles and a few games. They were very excited and appreciative.

There are still several items for the Harvest Youth Club that are still being shipped so I will feature those items and a picture with Directors in the next Newsletter.

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](mailto:nicole-anderson@comcast.net)

Nicole ♥

## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

*Please contact Sally Culver for any sickness and distress.*

*Email [sallyculver@bellsouth.net](mailto:sallyculver@bellsouth.net)*

*Phone 256-508-2834.*

## Grant Committee 2020-2021

The Spotlight receipts and final report were submitted mid-December and approved. Our grant committee received a BIG pat on the back from Elks ENF Grants Program ♥

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](mailto: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](mailto:patrickajames68@gmail.com)


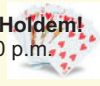
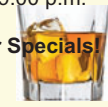










# JANUARY 2021

**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
					<b>1</b> <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>  Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.	<b>2</b>  Open 2:00 p.m.  <b>Hot Dogs and Pizza</b>  <b>Beer Specials!</b> 
<b>3</b>  Open 2:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Closed</b>  <b>BINGO</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>4</b>  Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b>  <b>BAR BINGO</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>5</b>  Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Closed</b>  <b>House Committee Meeting</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>6</b>  Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.  <b>Texas Holdem!</b> 6:30 p.m. 	<b>7</b>  Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.  <b>Liquor Specials</b> 	<b>8</b>  Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.	<b>9</b>  Open 2:00 p.m.  <b>Hot Dogs and Pizza</b>  <b>Beer Specials!</b> 
<b>10</b>  Open 2:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Closed</b>  <b>BINGO</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>11</b>  Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b>  <b>BAR BINGO</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>12</b>  Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Closed</b>  <b>Board Meeting</b> 6:00 p.m.  <b>Lodge Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>13</b>  Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.  <b>Texas Holdem!</b> 6:30 p.m. 	<b>14</b>  Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.  <b>Liquor Specials</b> 	<b>15</b>  Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.	<b>16</b>  Open 2:00 p.m.  <b>Hot Dogs and Pizza</b>  <b>Beer Specials!</b> 
<b>17</b> Open 2:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Closed</b>  <b>BINGO</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>18</b>  Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b>  <b>BAR BINGO</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>19</b>  Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Closed</b>  <b>House Committee Meeting</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>20</b>  Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.  <b>Texas Holdem!</b> 6:30 p.m. 	<b>21</b>  Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.  <b>Liquor Specials</b> 	<b>22</b>  Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.	<b>23</b>  Open 2:00 p.m.  <b>Hot Dogs and Pizza</b>  <b>Beer Specials!</b> 
<b>24 / 31</b>  Open 2:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Closed</b>  <b>BINGO</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>25</b>  Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b>  <b>BAR BINGO</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>26</b>  Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Closed</b>  <b>Board Meeting</b> 6:00 p.m.  <b>Lodge Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>27</b>  Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.  <b>Texas Holdem!</b> 	<b>28</b>  Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.  <b>Liquor Specials</b> 	<b>29</b>  Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.	<b>30</b>  Open 2:00 p.m.  <b>Hot Dogs and Pizza</b>  <b>Beer Specials!</b> 



## 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

## North Huntsville Boys and Girls Club



*Director Calvin with gifts.*

### 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](mailto:samjt3@yahoo.com)

We will immediately add you and  
send you a confirmation request.

## The Bulletin Board

### Books!

The monetary donation was \$1335 for 41 books and 300 Color Me Huntsville Books.

The "Color Me Huntsville" books were a very generous donation from one of our dear members. All the books have Compliments of Elks Lodge 1648 either on the cover or inside of the books.

All of the books were delivered to the HAPPI Clinic on Friday, December 18th.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PROJECT BY THE  
ELKS LODGE 1648 MEMBERS ♥

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

We would like to extend our gratitude to Boeing and Republic Recycling Services for sponsoring this program.

## Please Welcome Our Newest Elks Lodge 1648 Members!!!!



*From left to right:  
Jeremy Jackson, Tammy Robertson, Kyle Anderson*



# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY, 2019-2020

## NEW LODGES

GRANTED BY GER ROBERT L. DUTSMAN

NAME AND NO. OF LODGE	INSTITUTED
Lewis County, TN, Lodge No. 2883 .....	3-8-2020



## MEMBERSHIP BY STATE

LODGE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2019

STATE	GAIN	LOSS	MEMBERS
ALABAMA .....	169		5,479
ALASKA .....	72		5,401
ARIZONA .....	454		26,261
ARKANSAS .....	31		4,566
CALIFORNIA .....	1,123		82,679
COLORADO .....	173		21,421
CONNECTICUT .....	252		21,269
FLORIDA .....	26		55,796
GEORGIA .....	192		4,021
HAWAII, INCLUDING GUAM & REP. OF PHILIPPINES ....	108		5,627
IDAHO .....	129		7,334
ILLINOIS .....	709		24,571
INDIANA .....	495		14,740
IOWA .....	177		8,355
KANSAS .....	140		4,739
KENTUCKY .....	93		5,578
LOUISIANA .....	81		2,075
MAINE .....	72		10,712
MD, DE & DC .....	12		19,855
MASSACHUSETTS .....	141		39,430
MICHIGAN .....	294		18,981
MINNESOTA .....	107		7,171
MISSISSIPPI .....	5		2,697
MISSOURI .....	117		30,393
MONTANA .....	301		5,596
NEBRASKA .....	187		5,063
NEVADA .....	147		5,649
NEW HAMPSHIRE .....	244		7,759
NEW JERSEY .....	550		44,544
NEW MEXICO .....	140		8,570
NEW YORK .....	723		48,982
NORTH CAROLINA .....	88		9,423
NORTH DAKOTA .....	335		6,048
OHIO .....	239		34,755
OKLAHOMA .....	47		8,204
OREGON .....	237		23,419
PANAMA CANAL .....	4		292
PENNSYLVANIA .....	59		39,678
PUERTO RICO .....	4		39
RHODE ISLAND .....	111		7,012
SOUTH CAROLINA .....	27		5,116
SOUTH DAKOTA .....	140		2,957
TENNESSEE .....	151		8,098
TEXAS .....	82		13,367
UTAH .....	6		3,550
VERMONT .....	163		6,470
VIRGINIA .....	152		7,723
WASHINGTON .....	370		18,045
WEST VIRGINIA .....	18		5,461
WISCONSIN .....	163		7,116
WYOMING .....	185		6,839
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>3,969</b>	<b>6,076</b>	<b>768,926</b>

NET LOSS 2,107

## CHARITABLE, EDUCATIONAL, WELFARE, AND PATRIOTIC WORK

The charitable, educational, welfare, and patriotic activities in which our Order, state associations, and local lodges are engaged, together with the total expenditures and related statistics for the lodge year from April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020, are listed below.

ACTIVITIES BY MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS & AUXILIARIES (CASH CONTRIBUTIONS ONLY)	AMOUNT
YOUTH PROGRAMS	
(ELKS HOOP SHOOT, SCOUTS, SCHOLARSHIPS) ....	\$ 11,626,162
ATHLETIC PROGRAMS .....	2,061,430
PROGRAMS FOR THE NEEDY OR DISABLED .....	28,273,906
PATRIOTIC PROGRAMS .....	623,954
VETERANS SERVICE PROGRAMS .....	5,018,139
COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS (SUPPORT OF HOSPITALS, CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS, ETC.) .....	7,804,119
COMMUNITY RECOGNITION PROJECTS .....	642,308
ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION .....	7,519,990
DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM .....	599,705
AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS .....	632,249
CATEGORIES NOT COVERED .....	6,204,005
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 71,005,967</b>

## NONCASH CONTRIBUTIONS BY MEMBERS AND HELPERS

DONATED HOURS FOR ALL PROGRAMS	AMOUNT
10,238,385 HOURS @ \$24.69/HOUR .....	\$ 252,785,726
(CURRENT VALUE PER US GOVERNMENT AGENCIES)	
TRANSPORTATION COSTS	
34,633,283 MILES @ 55¢/MILE .....	19,048,306
(CURRENT VALUE PER US GOVERNMENT AGENCIES)	
CONTRIBUTIONS OTHER THAN CASH	
EST. VALUE AT TIME OF CONTRIBUTION .....	38,354,273
(SUCH AS BOOKS, BLOOD DONATIONS, GLASSES, ETC.)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 310,188,305</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 381,194,272</b>

## CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES BY STATE

The following table shows the amount expended in charitable, educational, welfare, and patriotic work in each state and special jurisdiction (by state association) during the period from April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020 (including cash, travel, and hours donated).

STATE	AMOUNT	STATE	AMOUNT
AL .....	\$ 2,522,480	NV .....	\$ 4,093,155
AK .....	1,843,240	NH .....	2,914,748
AZ .....	8,963,582	NJ .....	61,176,958
AR .....	2,640,691	NM .....	4,993,294
CA-HI [GU & PI] .....	38,084,333	NY .....	14,674,486
CO .....	10,014,579	NC .....	2,535,071
CT .....	3,488,146	ND .....	1,515,839
FL [PN & PR] .....	43,940,552	OH .....	9,205,790
GA .....	2,106,061	OK .....	6,948,310
ID .....	6,450,244	OR .....	14,337,377
IL .....	5,183,895	PA .....	8,722,687
IN .....	3,206,729	RI .....	1,152,209
IA .....	4,915,886	SC .....	2,527,803
KS .....	1,393,419	SD .....	1,783,445
KY .....	4,067,755	TN .....	4,890,206
LA .....	2,457,418	TX .....	25,388,545
ME .....	5,340,897	UT .....	5,285,454
MD, DE & DC .....	6,567,601	VT .....	1,926,171
MA .....	5,342,519	VA .....	5,675,913
MI .....	4,178,844	WA .....	7,860,333
MN .....	1,494,299	WV .....	1,746,632
MS .....	2,145,107	WI .....	3,478,026
MO .....	16,689,827	WY .....	1,261,475
MT .....	2,121,499		
NE .....	1,940,742	<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$ 381,194,272</b>

This amount does not reflect additional amounts over and above the participating contributions by local lodges that have been expended by state associations on charitable activities.