



The ELKS Call



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Dear Fellow Elks,

When this Newsletter is published The Lodge Secretary, her husband George, my wife Suzanne and I will all be in San Antonio for the Elks National Convention. This year will be a very special meeting and will be centered around celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Elks being started. I look forward to learning new ideas and more about different Elks lodges across the country. Hopefully, we can bring some new knowledge back to help and improve our lodge.

One topic I know that will be at the top of the list is membership. The want and desire to be a member of a fraternal organization is declining across America. Times are changing, and people do not have the same respect for their forefathers, their neighbors, their fellowman and the values that made this country great and made America the greatest country in the world. These same values are what make great Elks.

All of this brings me to reality with our Lodge. At the writing of this article we have approximately 100 members that are delinquent. As I scroll down the list there are many names that I recognize and many I do not. My concern is we have over 128 members (approx. 23%) that have been members for over 25 years. We have two generation gaps that we need to fill. We will probably initiate 50-60 new members.

When you consider all the above we are setting ourselves up for our own self destruction. I ask each of you to see the list in the lobby and call the people you know and bring them up to date on what great things we are doing. I further challenge each of you to at least recruit one new member. If 100 people read this newsletter then that's 100 people that can at least bring one new member to our lodge. If you did not care about our lodge you would not be reading this article. Hence, prove you care and recruit at least one new member.

Please inform your prospective member(s) we are close to unveiling a major face lift/ remodeling project in the coming weeks. Show them our fabulous patio and game room. Show them all the great work being done in the community that is displayed on the lobby bulletin board. Most importantly tell them why you are an Elk and why they should be.

In closing I would like to offer my appreciation and thanks for all the hard work that went in to the Golf Tournament and Flag Day.

LTC (Ret) Tom Hartley and his team put together a Flag Day Ceremony that we can all be proud of. We had many Elk State Officials as well as a Grand Lodge Representative to attend. There were many local high ranking military Officials there as well. Our special guest Mike Rose, Medal of Honor Recipient, delivered a very inspiring message.

Wayne Lamon and Kathy Young chaired this year's golf tournament. With the help of Wayne's wife, Pat, and all the other team members this year's golf tournament broke all records. We had more corporate sponsors and hole sponsors than ever before. The Calcutta and Friday night dinner were a huge success, and everyone is still talking about what a great event it was.

Please remember recruit, recruit, recruit. We must build our membership.

Fraternally Yours,
Buzzy Byrom

Elks Care - **Elks** Share

House Committee

Bills and taxes against the Club are current. Bar and kitchen inventory completed on June 1. The last Member's Breakfast of the season served 52 members and guests. Roof shingles around the Lodge have been repaired and replaced as needed on June 5. Tut Fann Vets had dinner in the Lodge on June 7, and served 18 Vets and caregivers. Next visit is July 5. Karaoke in the Lounge July 7 and 21. Play bingo in the Lounge every Monday at 6 and win Elko Bucks. Thanks to those members who volunteer their time to help with bar operations. Reminder: BINGO Committee needs volunteers with Sunday Bingo. Contact any Lodge officer to help. Please submit any ideas to better the Club in writing or attend a HC meeting, which are the 1st and 3rd Mondays 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 HIGHLIGHT: Club Operations: Section D (2) Any member who admits a non-member to the Club without proper identification and without a member escort may be subject to disciplinary action after written notice to the member and after a hearing before the House Committee.



by Tom Hartley

On Saturday, June 9th, the American Flag took center stage at our Lodge's annual Flag Day Ceremony. Throughout the ceremony homage was paid to the "Stars and Stripes", "Old Glory", and "Star-Spangled Banner." Exalted Ruler Buzzy Byrom exclaimed that it is time to "honor our country's Flag." Leading Knight Jan Abbott proclaimed "upon its folds is written the story of America." Chaplain Bob Richmond in his invocation described our Flag as being "an ensign of freedom, liberty and opportunity." Tom Hartley stated "The evolution of the American Flag marks the progression of the government of the American people." Our guest speaker and recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Mike Rose, referred to our American Flag as an "icon". The 313th Army Reserve Band played time-honored patriotic songs to accompany the presentation of historical American Flags by the 1st Patriot Support Corps dressed in era military uniforms. The American Legion Post 237 Honor Guard performed the flag-folding ceremony with an interpretation provided of the meaning of each fold. Leah Pinkerton's excellent performances of "God Bless America" and "The Star-Spangled Banner", the display of American Flags by the Patriot Guard Riders and the invaluable support of our Lodge's many volunteers culminated in what many attendees referred to as an inspiring, enjoyable, patriotic Flag Day Ceremony. For those who did not attend this ceremony, you owe it to yourself to do so at next year's ceremony. Patriotism is so vitally important to every member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks as it is the only fraternal or veteran's organization required to annually celebrate Flag Day. See you at next year's ceremony.



SECRETARY NEWS

How quickly time does pass, we just completed one quarter of our new year and we still have several delinquent members. Please check our board in the foyer and if you know one of these people, encourage them to pay their dues and come join us. These delinquent members are missing out on some really great happenings at our Club and Lodge. We just had a great "flag day" program, and our best golf tournament ever. We have completed our FREEDOM GRANT (homeless Veterans), and our PROMISE GRANT (Kids to Love, foster children). And as part of our Impact Grant, we are having delivered to Farley school, books as well as the electronic book that goes with it, in the amount of \$2,003.65. We will be asking for your help again when school starts in August. We will be needing help in our "student reward room" and we will be needing tutors. Remember, Grand Lodge requires that we have Elk Members involved in working with these grants. We just delivered to Tut Fann Veterans as part of our Beacon and Anniversary Grants a 72x40 mobile dry erase white board; 3 Blu-Ray DVD players with wi-fi and streaming; 10 Amazon Fire HD, 32 GB Tablets, 10 covers for the tablets; and a USB charging station for the 10 tablets for a total of \$1,926.40. We also have them to the Lodge on the first Thursday of the month for dinner. We will be using our Gratitude Grant on July 13th at the Harvest Youth Club for our Drug Awareness Program. This will be led by Patrick Mickle, so please come out and help us serve these beautiful children and have a great day of fun.

NOW, on another subject!!! – if for some reason you have paid your dues and have not received your card, or you have lost your card, PLEASE. If you would be so kind as to send an email to bpoe1648@gmail.com or call the Lodge office at 256-539-4093 and leave a message on the answering machine, or even leave a note with the bartender to put in my folder or come to the Lodge office on Tuesday when I work, it will be taken care of. It is very disconcerting to walk into the club when I'm there to socialize with my friends (same as you) and get hit up by several people that it does not concern, wanting to know why I haven't sent your card. Please understand that I have no control over the postal service, ex-wives, your change of address that you did not pass on to me, or whatever the situation is that you have not received your card. I can only send the card out and if it doesn't get to you, I'm sorry, but it is not an issue for the entire "tell the club" pass it on word of mouth game. The Treasurer John Bell and I are in the office on Tuesday's from 10:00 to 6, on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday and 10:00 – 8:00 on Lodge Meeting nights, if you need anything.



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: Please remember those that are sick and those that have lost a loved one. If you know of anyone that is ill or lost a loved one, please let us know. You may contact our Chaplain Bob Richmond 256-883-6439, call the Club 256-539-4093, or send an email to bpoe1648@gmail.com. Remember in your prayers Darwin Baker, Janette Jones, Sherry Yarbrough, Pam Tumminello, Allen Cathy, and Wayne Tucker.

Time will heal the heart, but memories will always be with us.

Chaplain Bob Richmond

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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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.*

Karaoke -

Saturday

July 7 and 21

6:00 - 10:00 p.m.



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



July Birthdays:

- 01 - Kenny Mitchem
- 02 - Lee Eslick
- 04 - Bobby Grubbs, Dosey Uptain
- 05 - Jennifer Parks
- 06 - Don Petrask
- 07 - Harold Newlander
- 08 - Katherine Lockridge
- 09 - Chad Hartley, Rodney Reyna
- 11 - Margaret Clark, Steve Yearick
- 12 - William McClure
- 13 - Charlotte Bailes, Kay Masley, Lisa Smith
- 14 - Charles Crute, Phillip Towry
- 15 - Chuck Verschoore
- 17 - Robert Deneefe, III
- 20 - Julie Brakefield, Bill Johnston, Greg Welch
- 21 - Mike Deegan
- 23 - Randy Speegle
- 25 - Butch Bailey, Burton Honeycutt, Kurt Lineback,
Joe Loughheed, George Mahoney, Jr.
- 27 - Ronald Becker, Robert Yarbrough
- 28 - Steve Buchanan, Ronald Owen
- 29 - Jack Bean, Fraser Sparkman
- 30 - Dwayne Beckham, Meridith Fournier, Todd Lester
- 31 - Randy Bafford



**BINGO is our "life blood" for our youth
scholarships. PLEASE donate 3-4 hours a
month to help us in the worthy endeavor!**



Join in the fun:

**QUEEN OF HEARTS
FUNDRAISER**

Every Friday Night

JULY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Grand Lodge Conv. San Antonio, TX Kitchen Open 4:30-7:30 BINGO 5:30 Team: Brown Caller: GA Pam	2 Grand Lodge Conv. San Antonio, TX Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00	3 Grand Lodge Conv. San Antonio, TX Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed House Committee Meeting 5:30	4 Grand Lodge Conv. San Antonio, TX Club Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30 HAPPY 4th	5 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Chicken Fried Steak</i> Tut Fann Vets Here 6:00	6 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Dinner Specials</i> Queen of Hearts 8:00	7 NO BREAKFAST Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Karaoke 6:00-10:00
8 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30-7:30 BINGO 5:30 Team: Abbott Caller:	9 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00	10 Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed <i>Pizza Available</i> NO LODGE MEETING	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 Drug Awareness HYC 11:00 a.m. Queen of Hearts 8:00	14 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00
15 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30-7:30 BINGO 5:30 Team: Hepler Caller: R. Anderson	16 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00	17 Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed <i>Pizza Available</i> House Committee Meeting 5:30	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>Beef Tips and Rice</i>	20 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Dinner Specials</i> Queen of Hearts 8:00	21 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Karaoke 6:00-10:00
22 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30-7:30 BINGO 5:30 Team: N. Anderson Caller: Cannon	23 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00	24 Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed <i>Dinner Special</i> Lodge Meeting 7:00 Only 1 this month	25 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30 ER BIRTHDAY 6:00 p.m.	26 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Shrimp Boil</i> Little Civil War Roundtable 6:30	27 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Dinner Specials</i> Queen of Hearts 8:00	28 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00
29 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30-7:30 BINGO 5:30 Team: Byrom Caller: Byrom	30 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00	31 Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed <i>Pizza Available</i>			<i>Harvest Youth Club</i> <i>Drug Awareness Day</i> <i>July 13th</i> <i>11:00 a.m.</i> <i>(Gratitude Grant being used)</i>	<i>Paint Class</i> <i>To Be Announced</i> <i>Check</i> <i>Bulletin Board</i>

Kimberly Coulter (granddaughter of Ken Coulter) was selected as one of 64 8th grade girls in Alabama to attend the Tech Trek math and science camp at UAH on June 10-16 2018. She and her partner finished first in the Robotics competition.

Kimmy is also attending a week long class in Robotics this week at Randolph School.

The girls also attended a lecture from Astronaut Jan Davis on what it was like to be on the space station and also attended an event called Professional Women's Night.

Kimmy has also helped with the Elk's Easter and Christmas parties for kids.

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ER BIRTHDAY DINNER

JULY 25th, 6:00 PM

Want to have your cake and eat it too? If your birthday month is May, June, or July, then you are invited to the ER Birthday Dinner for a **FREE** steak (cooked to order) or chicken dinner, wine and birthday cake. Guests are invited to attend at the cost of \$10 per person. Sign up sheets are in the Club entry way (left side), so please join us at this great Lodge tradition.

For Honored Members with May, June, or July Birthdays

I will attend the birthday celebration on JULY 25th at 6:00.

Name: _____ my birthday month _____

Please circle one STEAK CHICKEN

Guests at \$10 each, payment enclosed.

Name: _____ (Steak / Chicken)

Name: _____ (Steak / Chicken)

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Front row: Susan Blevins, Brenda Buxton, Austin Hamilton and Patti Johnson
Back row: Nolan "Teddy" Bragg, Mark Gates and Ricky Clark