



# The ELKS Call



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Huntsville Elks Lodge No. 1648

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Dear Fellow Elks,

March is the last month of our fiscal year and brings to end my 2nd term serving as your Exalted Ruler. In April we will indoctrinate a new slate of officers and I am proud to say I will be returning one more year to help with the management and putting plans together for the future of our organization. We have had a great year and accomplished many of our goals and made several contributions to our youth, veterans, and people in need throughout the community.

On March 10th we will be having our 2nd Annual Open House. This event promises to be a very exciting and fun time. We will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Elks being found with a presentation about the Elks and its history. We will be having a reverse draw down raffle where you can win \$200.00 up to \$5,000.00. There will be a very nice dinner served including Roasted Pork Tender Loin, Grilled Chicken and Shrimp Scampi. There will be an assortment of vegetables,

a salad bar and dessert served to all that purchase a ticket. We will also be having our charity casino open. Tickets are available at the bar.

During the draw down raffle tickets will be sold for a chance to win a \$100 ticket. These are ticket numbers 199 and 200. To participate in this raffle, you must have already purchased a green \$100.00 ticket. The mini raffle will give people who have been eliminated a chance to get back in the main event. Cost per ticket will be forthcoming.

This event also serves as a night to bring friends and neighbors to see and experience what Huntsville Lodge 1648 offers and contributes to our community. Last year we gained 23 new members from our open house. We need to do more this year. Please note, guests can attend for free.

This month we will begin asking for volunteers to head up all the committees that make our organization function. If you are interested, please let me know. We have a lot of committees that are very important to our operations and charity work. The term of service will be from April 2018 through March 2019.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the Open House.

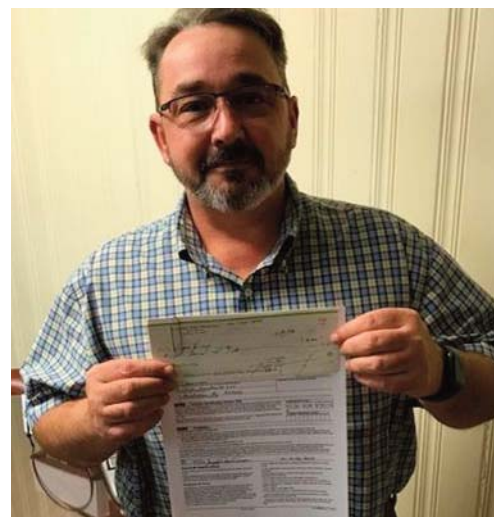
See you at the Lodge.

Fraternally, ER Buzzy Byrom

## **PAYS TO PURCHASE CAMP ASCCA TICKETS!!!**

Duane Vinson, son of member Paul and Kay Vinson, was the lucky winner of \$10,000 at the drawing of the Camp ASCCA ticket sales at the mid-year convention in Orange Beach. This is only the second time that our Lodge has had the "big" winner.

**CONGRATULATIONS, DUANE!!!**



## House Committee

Bills and taxes against the Club are paid and current. Monthly inventory of bar and kitchen completed on schedule. The February Members Breakfast served 77, next breakfast MARCH 3, so join your fellow members and guests for this great event. The Tut Fann Veterans will be at the Lodge for dinner on March 1. The walk-in freezer door has been replaced with a new one. Shelves have been installed in the outside storage unit. The Lodge flag has been replaced with a new one. The Club will be adding an answering machine for Club business during closed hours. Thanks to those members who help with Club operations. Please submit any ideas or suggestions in writing or appear at the HC meeting, which has changed to every 1st and 3rd TUESDAYs at 5:30.

Thank you all, Your House Committee:

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

### HOUSE RULES, CHECK CASHING POLICY, (POLICY C)

Checks presented by members that are returned by the bank for any reason **MUST** be honored by the member with cash or certified check within five days after notification of the check's return. A thirty-five dollar (\$35) service charge will be assessed to the member for each returned check. **THREE (3)** instances of returned checks within a six month period will result in the loss of check cashing privileges for up to one year as determined by the house committee.



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](mailto:bpoe1648@gmail.com). Keep In your prayers Pam Tumminello, Steve Ellzey, Jeannie Richmond, and Jannette Jones. Our heart felt condolences go out to Herbie Ray and family of Ann Walker for her death; Charles and Ches Crute in the death of his Mother, to Scott Yarbrough in the loss of his wife, Cathy and to Liz and Don Looney in the death of her son.

Chaplain Bob Richmond – "Trust in God's Mercy"



## SECRETARY NEWS from Di Wilson. . .

Dues notices for 2018-2019 have been mailed and several have already responded (new yellow card will not work until April 1st). Dues are payable before April 1, 2018. If you have not received your renewal notice for 2018-2019, please let me know. **Delinquent** notices were sent to 67 members to let them know that if their 2017-2018 dues are not paid before March 31, 2018, they will be dropped from our Elks roll. We have gotten a couple of them in, due to their just overlooking the previous notice. We need to recruit, recruit, and recruit to fill these delinquent spots.

**IMPACT GRANT with Farley Elementary School** is in progress. We will be asking for volunteers to help us in the school store, tutors, and other tasks. It takes a lot of Elks to implement something like this. If you would be willing to help out, please let Wayne Tucker, Cathy Kulas, Tom Rathz, or I know. We just had a meeting with the Principal and at the same time, donated 1,000 books for the teacher's resource room, estimated cost of around \$5,000. Cathy and I got these books donated to us from another grant we were working with. Cathy has been purchasing Clorox wipes, Kleenex and hand sanitizer for the classrooms and the Nurse's supply room. With the flu and colds going around, we can never get enough of these supplies. We don't want the teachers to purchase them out of their own pockets. Mary Cannon has been getting donations and filling the "teacher's wish list" of supplies. We just ordered a moveable "white board" that was shipped directly to the school this week, so we will be in need of dry erase markers. We are going to be looking for trees and shrubbery for the front lawn of Farley, if anyone has connections with a garden shop and could help us out it would be greatly appreciated. I will post the teacher's wish list in the hallway by the Manager's office and if you would like to donate some of these items, please bring them to the Lodge.

**If you have not received your 2018-2019 dues notice, please contact the Lodge or send an email to [bpoe1648@gmail.com](mailto:bpoe1648@gmail.com).**

**WIDOW OR WIDOWER CARDS** - Statutes of the Grand Lodge – Section 14.140 – A Lodge may issue without charge, identification cards for use of the facilities only upon written request of any Member in good standing to: an un-remarried widow or widower of a deceased member. Those that wish to have such a card, please send a letter to P.O. Box 352, Huntsville, AL 35804 with your name, your address and the name of your deceased spouse. You may also send an email to [bpoe1648@gmail.com](mailto:bpoe1648@gmail.com). Our list is outdated and some that are on the list have passed away, so please let me know if you desire a card.

**Grand Lodge Convention in San Antonio – July 1-4, 2018.** Room rate at the San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk is \$127.26 per night (taxes included in price). You **MUST** make your reservation through the Elks to get this rate, DO NOT call the hotel directly. See the Lodge Secretary for a registration form.



Di Wilson and Cathy Kulas delivered 25 backpacks to "Kids to Love" organization as part of our "Promise Grant". Backpacks were filled with all the supplies a child would need to start school. We also donated 25 small blankets, clorox wipes and hand sanitizers.

Teachers, along with Wayne Tucker, rolled in two carts filled with donated books for the teacher's resource room, as part of our Impact Grant with Farley Elementary School.





## 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.*



*Join in the fun:*

**QUEEN OF HEARTS  
FUNDRAISER**

**Every Friday Night**

### 2017-2018 Officers

Exalted Ruler – Jerry “Buzzy” Byrom  
Esteemed Leading Knight – Patrick Mickle  
Esteemed Loyal Knight – Nicole Anderson  
Esteemed Lecturing Knight – Angie Ezell  
Secretary – Dianna Wilson  
Treasurer – John Bell  
Chaplain – Bob Richmond  
Esquire – Michael Hepler  
Tiler – Jan Abbott  
Inner Guard – Randy Speegle  
Trustees –  
1 Year - Louis Tumminello  
2 Year - Mary Cannon  
3 Year - Randy Morris  
4 Year - Phillip Towery  
5 Year - Mike Davis

## Happy Birthday

### March Birthdays:

01 – Stephen Simpson  
02 – Linda Bennett, Phillip Cooper, Patrick Mickle  
04 – Allen Cathey, Jennifer Walker Lewis  
05 – Jerry Nelson  
08 – James Henley  
09 – Jan Abbott, Steve Casey, Owen Roberts  
10 – Kenneth Grady, Ruth Lee, Tony Wright  
11 – Braxton Butler, Tom Hales, Clarke Edgar Moore,  
Bruce Edward Niemeyer, Joseph Rains, Ken Williams  
12 – April Wiggins  
13 – John Carr, William C. House, Gary Murfield, Dan Tweedy  
14 – Walter Porter  
15 – Debby Bonds-Pierce, Seth Lund  
16 – Butch Perkins, William Wylie Sammons, Bud Steger  
17 – Sam Nazworth, Merritt Robbins  
18 – Di Wilson  
19 – Russell Browning, Lynne Horst, George W. Neal  
20 – Michael Hopper, Kirk Ritter, M.B. Spragins  
21 – David Tucker, Kathey Young  
23 – Keith Allen  
24 – Bryan Bentley, Stan Cannon, James Garner Jr.,  
B.J. Johnson  
25 – Stanley Rowe  
26 – Herbie Ray  
27 – Breezy Carney, Mark Hooper  
28 – Lynda Hall, Kelly Stinson, Lillian Strickland  
31 - Byrom Goodwin, Ashley Myers-Lorino



### 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!!

# MARCH 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY AND EGG HUNT SATURDAY, MARCH 31 1:00 PRE-REGISTER</b>	<b>KARAOKE WILL BE SATURDAY, MARCH 17 6 PM-10 PM DJ TED MOON</b>	<b>CHECK BOARD OUTSIDE MANAGER'S OFFICE FOR UPDATES ON EVENTS</b>		<b>1</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Country Fried Steak Tut Fann Vets Here	<b>2</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Steak/Chicken Night Queen of Hearts 8:00	<b>3</b> <b>ELKS BREAKFAST</b> 9:00-10:30 Bring Your Friends
<b>4</b> Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30-7:30 BINGO 5:30 Team: Hepler Caller: Mary Cannon	<b>5</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 BAR BINGO 6:00	<b>6</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed House Committee Meeting 5:30	<b>7</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30 Bring Your Friends	<b>8</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Chicken Buffet Civil War Roundtable 6:30	<b>9</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Steak/Chicken Night Queen of Hearts 8:00	<b>10</b> Open 3:00 <b>OPEN HOUSE</b> 4:30 Meet & Greet 5:00 Elk Presentation 6:20 Drawdown
<b>11</b> Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30-7:30 BINGO 5:30 Team: Mickie Caller: Di Wilson	<b>12</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 BAR BINGO 6:00	<b>13</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed, but Food Special for Meeting LODGE MEETING 7:00 Balloting	<b>14</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30 Bring Your Friends	<b>15</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Steak Tips/Gravy	<b>16</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Steak/Chicken Night Queen of Hearts 8:00	<b>17</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 St. Paddy's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage KARAOKE 6:00
<b>18</b> Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30-7:30 BINGO 5:30 Team: Ezell Caller: Rena A.	<b>19</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 BAR BINGO 6:00	<b>20</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed House Committee Meeting 5:30	<b>21</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30 Bring Your Friends	<b>22</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Meat Loaf and Veggies Little Civil War Roundtable 6:30	<b>23</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Steak/Chicken Night Queen of Hearts 8:00	<b>24</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Order from Menu
<b>25</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 4:30-7:30 BINGO 5:30 Team: Nicole Caller: GA Pam Sneed	<b>26</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 BAR BINGO 6:00	<b>27</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed, but Food Special for Meeting LODGE MEETING 7:00 Initiation	<b>28</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30 Bring Your Friends	<b>29</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Shrimp Special	<b>30</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Steak/Chicken Night Queen of Hearts 8:00	<b>31</b> Open 3:00 Children's Easter Party and Egg Hunt 1:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Order from Menu



## CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY AND EGG HUNT

Come Join in the Fun and Meet the Easter Bunny!

Contests, Food, Fun!

When: Saturday, March 31, 2018

Where: Huntsville Elks Lodge

Time: 1:00 - 3:00

Please register by calling:

256-603-0376 or 534-5747 or 256-539-2520

or send an email to [diwilson1648@gmail.com](mailto:diwilson1648@gmail.com)

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER, MARCH 23, 2018**



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# **HUNTSVILLE ELKS 1648 ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE**

## **CELEBRATING ELKS 150TH ANNIVERSARY**

### ***COMPLETE WITH DRAWDOWN, FOOD & MUSIC***

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018**

**ELKS LODGE 1648**

**725 FRANKLIN STREET, HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA**

**4:00 PM - Doors Open**

**4:30-5:00 PM - Meet and Greet**

**5:00 PM - Elks Presentation 150th Anniversary**

**5:30-6:30 PM - Dinner Buffet (Eat in only)**

*Schrimp Scampi, Grilled Chicken Breast, Pork Tenderloin*

*Salad Bar and Vegetable Medley*

**6:20 PM - Drawdown Begins**

**6:30 PM - Casino Opens**

**\$5,000 GRAND PRIZE**

**200 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE COST OF \$100 EACH**

**FIRST TICKET DRAWN AND EVERY 10TH TICKET DRAWN WILL RECEIVE \$200**

**EACH TICKET ADMITS TWO PEOPLE FOR A BUFFET DINNER**

*(No carry out on dinners)*

**DRAWDOWN, MINI CASINO, DANCING, AND MUSIC**  
**DON'T GET LEFT OUT**

**ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS REMAIN FOR SALE**