



The ELKS Call



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Huntsville Elks Lodge No. 1648

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Dear Fellow Elks,

As we enter February, I would like to remind everyone that if you would like to run for a Lodge Officer position, nominations will be held at the first meeting in February.

Congratulations to all of our Alabama Football fans. The Tide clinched its 17th National Championship.

Hoop Shoot was held on January 27th and I would like to thank all the volunteers that showed up to help. We again partnered with the Boys and Girls club to host the event at the West Side Center. Although we did not have as large of a turn out as last year, it was a great event. The kids and their parents had a good time and were very thankful for what we did.

On February 10th we are hosting our Annual Mardi Gras Party. Tickets are \$15 and are for sale in the bar. This year the committee has made some changes and we should have another great event.

On March 10th we will be hosting our 2nd Annual Open House. This event will be even bigger than last year. Our presentation will concentrate on celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Elks. We will be having a reverse draw down with the winner receiving \$5,000.00. There will be a DJ, our infamous charity casino and much more. If you would like to help sell tickets please see Cathy Kulas or Pat Lamon. If you would like to work or chair a committee for the event we will be meeting every Thursday at 6pm this month planning and organizing this big event. We will need a lot of help to pull this one off. For more information about the event please see the enclosed flyer.

Open House means bring a guest. We want to use this event to recruit new members by showing them the purpose of the Elk's organization and what we do to contribute to our community. It's a perfect event to introduce someone you know to Elksdom.

Every Lodge in the state and the whole country continues to shrink in membership. The more I learn about other Lodges the more I appreciate this one. We have truly become a more unified Lodge with everyone trying to make us better each day. We need to work very hard this month to find our friends and neighbors that can help us to continue in those efforts. Everyone please pull together and **recruit, recruit, recruit!**

At 1:00 P.M. on February 7th, Governor Ivey will be making a presentation in Montgomery to issue a proclamation honoring the Elks Organization's 150th Anniversary. Senator Harri Anne Smith will follow the Governor in sponsoring a resolution on the Senate Floor proclaiming the 150th Anniversary of the Elks. Our State Government Relations Chairman, Mike Campbell, says both the Governor and the Senator were very impressed by the Elks diverse charitable work around the state. I am proud to say I know we have done our part. Please keep up the hard work.

In closing, please remember an Elk is an "American citizen who guides their course in life by the cardinal principles of our Order: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity."

Hope to see you at the Lodge.

Fraternally,
Buzzy Byrom ER, PER

Elks Care - **Elks** Share

House Committee

Bills and taxes against the Club are paid and current. Bar and kitchen inventory completed on schedule. The Members' Breakfast served 61 on January 6. Next breakfast is February 3, so come on down and join your fellow members and guests from 9 to 10:30 AM. Repairs were made to leaky faucets, walk in cooler thermostat and office safe. The main kitchen grease trap was drained. Smoke filters were cleaned by HC Billy Herndon. Tut Fann Veterans came to Lodge for dinner on January 4, with nine Veterans present. Next visit will be February 1. Come down and visit with the Veterans, it means a lot to them. The Club has returned to regular opening hours on Saturdays at 3PM after close of college football season. Mardi Gras party is February 10th at 6PM, watch for details in the lounge. Thanks to the members who volunteer to help club staff with their duties. The Bingo Committee still needs volunteers to help with this important program. Submit any ideas or suggestions to the HC in writing or attend a HC meeting which is the 1st and 3rd TUESDAY at 5:30 PM. Thank you all.

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

HOUSE RULES HIGHLIGHT - Administrative: D: The lead bartender (Manager on Duty) will act as Club Manager in the manager's absence.



MARDI GRAS PARTY

FEBRUARY 10

\$15 PER PERSON, TICKETS AT THE BAR

COME ENJOY SOME GREAT FOOD

AND MUSIC

WITH YOUR FELLOW ELKS

AND FRIENDS

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



SECRETARY NEWS . . .

February is going to be a busy month for the Secretary's office. Dues notices are being prepared and will be mailed in the next couple of weeks. Dues are payable before April 1, 2018.

Cathy Kulas and I have been shopping for the items requested for “more than a backpack” program, using our “Promise Grant” which is being used for the “Kids to Love” organization (foster children).

Ed Limback and I are working on the “Freedom Grant” which we are using with homeless Veterans and “First Stop”. So far we have purchased winter coats, and socks and you have been very generous in donating the small toiletry items, etc. that we asked for.

We will be starting work on our “Impact Grant” which we are using with Farley Elementary School. If you would be willing to help us with this great endeavour, please let me or Wayne Tucker know because we certainly are going to need a lot of help.

Ed Limback and our Elk members of “Rolling Thunder” have been working closely with Tut Fann Veterans Home (“Beacon Grant” combined with the “Anniversary Grant”) and bringing a few of them to our Lodge each month for dinner. When they are here for dinner, please take a few minutes to stop and talk with them, they are eager to have your company.

The **Grand Lodge Convention** will be in **San Antonio, July 1-4**. Alabama will be staying at the San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk. Rooms are \$127.26 (tax included). If you would like to go, see me for a registration form. You cannot get this rate by calling the hotel directly. Rooms **MUST** be reserved through the Elks.

If you have a change of address, phone number or email, please let the secretary know. This is our way of communicating with you to keep you informed of our activities.



Please remember those that are ill or have lost a loved one this past month. If you know of a member that is ill or has passed, please let the Chaplain Robert Richmond PER, or the secretary know (bpoe1648@gmail.com). Continue to keep in your prayers Pam Tumminello and Steve Ellzey. Our condolences to John and Kathy Milligan for the death of his Mother.



**Please welcome our newest members:
John Kvach and Trip Ferguson**

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

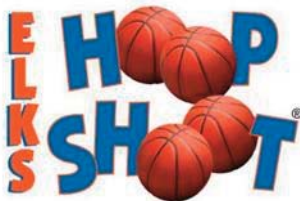
Like us on Facebook -
Elks Lodge 1648 Huntsville, AL

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.*



Local Hoop Shoot was Saturday, January 27th. Thanks to ER Byrom, Randy Morris, Tommy Fish, Billy Carlton, and others for taking this on.



Join in the fun:

**QUEEN OF HEARTS
FUNDRAISER**

Every Friday Night

Happy Birthday

February Birthdays:

01 – Debra Fish, Colter McGaha, Jim Miller, Lola Sullivan
02 – Ken Coulter, Kathy Pierce
03 – Wayne Lamon
05 – Mike Fulton, Benjamin Johnston, Phillip Radzinski,
David Vest, Jimmy Woods,
07 – Billie Hughes Foster, Karl Peterson, Larry Pridmore,
William Russell
08 – David Lee, George Payne
09 – Phillip Vest, Pam Willoughby
10 – Kenneth Gawronski, Jason Healy, Tom Ryan
11 – Michael Wilbourn
12 – Doug Lumpkin, Jennifer Suns, John Worley, Marvin Yost,
13 – Scott Retzler
14 – Sam J. Citrano,
15 – Gary Lunsford, John Milligan, Robin Steele, William Woodall
16 – Nancy Dugas, April Patten
17 – Brian Allen, Linda Culver, Gordon Day, Alan Jenkins
18 – Jim Duncan
19 – Jay Lockridge
20 – Sunny Baker, Michael Innes, Barbara Schulze
21 – Scott Nelson, Russel Whitlock
23 – Sam Givhan,
24 – Rebecca Lott, Jerry Mullins, Briana Teague
25 – Corey Mullins
26 – Carol Cadori, Charles E. Hopper, Carlton O'Neal,
Sherry Retzler, Robert Schrimsher
27 – James Curley
28 – Billy Carlton, Gene Christy, Mike Davis



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!!

ER BIRTHDAY

We had a great time at the ER Birthday to celebrate birthdays for November, December, and January. Our cook, James Madaris, does an excellent job preparing the steaks to order. Hopefully we will have a large crowd for the next one in APRIL.



Huntsville Lodge was recognized by the Grand Exalted Ruler at the mid-year convention for being the only Lodge in Alabama to receive all grants available from the Elks National Foundation. **THANK YOU TO OUR "GRANT THINK TANK"**. Please see Jan Abbott to contribute, this is how we get our grant monies.

Secretary Di Wilson, GER Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr., GER, ER Buzzy Byrom

FEBRUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
KARAOKE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE		HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETINGS MOVED TO TUESDAY		1 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Country Fried Steak</i> Tut Fann Vets Here	2 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Steak Night Queen of Hearts 8:00	3 ELKS BREAKFAST 9:00-10:30 <i>Bring Your Friends</i>
4 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30-7:30 BINGO 5:30 Team Hepler Caller: Wilson SUPER BOWL	5 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 Bar Bingo 6:00	6 Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed Pizza Available at the Bar House Committee Meeting 5:30	7 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	8 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Chicken Buffet</i> Civil War Roundtable 6:30	9 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Steak Night Queen of Hearts 8:00	10 Open 3:00 OPEN HOUSE 4:00 Elks Presentation 5:00 Drawdown 6:00
11 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30-7:30 BINGO 5:30 Team Mickle Caller: Anderson	12 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 Bar Bingo 6:00	13 Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed, but Food Special LODGE MEETING Nomination of Officers	14 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Steak Tips/Gravy</i>	16 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Steak Night Queen of Hearts 8:00	17 Open 3:00
18 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30-7:30 BINGO 5:30 Team Ezell Caller:	19 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 Bar Bingo 6:00	20 Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed Pizza Available at the Bar House Committee Meeting 5:30	21 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	22 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Shrimp Special</i> Little Civil War Roundtable 6:30	23 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Steak Night Queen of Hearts 8:00	24 Open 3:00
25 Open 2:00 Kitchen Open 4:30-7:30 BINGO 5:30 Team N. Anderson Caller: Cannon	26 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 Bar Bingo 6:00	27 Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed, but Food Special LODGE MEETING PER NIGHT	28 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	SEE THE LARGE BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE MANAGER'S OFFICE FOR UPDATES AND COMING EVENTS		

MEMBERSHIP matters to our Lodge and we do not want to lose any members. We currently have 80 members that are delinquent on their dues as of **APRIL 1, 2017**. The Grand Lodge tells us that we have to **DROP** these members on **MARCH 31, 2018**. If you are unable to make the payment due to financial hardship, we may be able to help. Please contact me at bpoe1648@gmail.com or 256-539-4093. I am listing the names of those that have not paid their dues, not to call you out, but as a gentle reminder in case you have just forgotten to send your dues payment. Please consider sending in your dues, we have great things going on in our Lodge/Club and want you to continue to be included. If you no longer wish to be a part of our great Lodge, please let me know, bpoe1648@gmail.com.

Thanks, Secretary Di Wilson

Robert E. Adams, Randy Bafford, Samuel M. Bentley, Kristen Bowen, Michael M. Brooks, Alexander M. Cathey, Ben F. Cole, Sr., William R. Collins, Sr., John R. Conway, Phillip Cooper, Carl E. Croy, Michael Culbreath, William M. Cummings, Dustin DellaCalce, Mark Detraz, Claude W. Dorning, William A. Farley, Linda Ferguson, Brooks Fleming, Martin P. Foster, Mike Fulton, Robert Gaffin, Bud Gambrell, Thomas J. Gargis, Murray Garton, Charles Gooch, Allison Hall, Denise Hammers, Thomas R. Hargrove, Mary Ensinger Harriger, Marcia Hastings, Steve Hatfield, Jason Healy, Brian Hodge, Winston Hodge, Susan B. Holder, William W. Hooper, Michael E. Jones, Clayton Kaufman, Guy Kay, Sam Keith, Marsha Price Koehn, Gary Lacey, John H. Lary, Jr., Ann Lay, Sue Little, Doug Lumpkin, Robert Massingill, James McElroy, Jonathan Blake Miller, Beth Mumaw, Edward L. Murphy, III, George W. Neal, Jr., Robert Nelson, Scott Nelson, Ervin S. (Bubba) Parks, Jr., Harold E. Parks, Douglas H. Patterson, Jr., George H. Payne, Mark Poole, Rick Prescott, Wayne Putman, Richard Raleigh, Jr., Rob Schrimsher, Erika Smith, Troy A. Smith, Walter B. Smith, Michael Sosebee, Chad Steed, William N. Towery, Joe Tremblay, William J. Tumminello, Richard Valavicious, Hazel Ward, Glenn R. Watson, Phillip E. Wilbanks, Valerie Wilkerson, Larry Woodruff, Steve Woods, Steve Yearick



HUNTSVILLE ELKS 1648 ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

CELEBRATING ELKS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

COMPLETE WITH DRAWDOWN, FOOD & MUSIC

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018

ELKS LODGE 1648 ~ 725 FRANKLIN STREET, HUNTSVILLE, AL

DOORS OPEN 4:00 PM, MEET & GREET

4:30 – 6:00 DINNER BUFFET

5:00 PM ELKS PRESENTATION 150TH ANNIVERSARY

DRAWDOWN BEGINS AT 6:00

\$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

“LOSERS” TICKETS WILL BE PUT IN A BARREL

AND ONE TICKET WILL BE DRAWN FROM THAT BARREL

AT THE END OF THE NIGHT AND RECEIVE \$500.

**EACH TICKET ADMITS TWO PEOPLE FOR BUFFET DINNER, DRAWDOWN,
MINI CASINO, DANCING AND MUSIC**

ELKS LODGE REVERSE RAFFLE	
\$5,000 GRAND PRIZE	
FOR LAST TICKET DRAWN	
<i>Benefiting Our Local Charities</i>	
SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018	
Drawdown Begins at 6:00 p.m.	
\$200 Prize Every 10th Ticket Drawn	
This Ticket Gives You One Entry and 2 Meals	
- You Do Not Have To Be Present To Win -	
\$100 Per Entry	
Name _____	Would you be willing to split the grand prize if you make it to the final 5? () YES () NO
Phone _____	

FOR TICKETS CONTACT CATHY KULAS AT CATKULAS@YAHOO.COM OR
PAT LAMON AT PATQUICK256@COMCAST.NET