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Huntsville Elks Lodge #1648

**Newsletter**

July 2024

**Exalted Ruler's Message**

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I hope this finds you all doing well. July is here and so is the Summer Heat!

First, so that all Members will know...Phillip Towry tendered his resignation as Trustee. He has been a great Elk for 51 years and many remember him doing a lot of the cooking when we had Pancake Breakfasts. He always helped Elks 1648 out no matter what it was. Phillip is a **True Elk** to me and a lot of others in Elkdom. We appreciate all that Phillip has done and hope he looks forward to *really* retiring now!

Congratulations to the Golf Committee on another stellar Golf Tournament that was held Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June. These Volunteers worked their tail off this year to have Elks Lodge 1648's Golf Tournament: Kathy Young; Louis Tumminello; Randy Morris; Brenda Morris; Michelle Ullman; Mary Cannon; Michelle Ballard; Bradley Keena; Maxwell Kenna; Janette Jones; and all the others that contributed.

I am excited for the upcoming trip to Austin, TX for the Grand Lodge Convention. I hope to go out and learn how other Elks Lodges are doing things to improve on the overall and retaining Membership.

Elks Lodge 1648 has had some good times out on the patio that has recently been worked on very hard by a few Members. I would like to thank Bob Gamble; Russ Grimes; Todd Lester; Stephen Grimes; Kevin Butler and his son Christopher; and Gina Spencer and her son Jackson. We have also had some record numbers for Thursday Night Trivia. The kitchen ran out of food for a couple of nights.

After the non-smoking vote by the Lodge, we officially went smoke free on June 11, 2024. We have had Members show up that we have not seen in a long time, and at the same time, we have lost a handful of Members. We must be diligent in bringing in new Members to keep our Lodge strong. This is the only way we can grow to our full potential.

Do not forget we have some fun things coming up. July 20<sup>th</sup> we will have a LUAU 4-6pm, please see a bartender for a ticket, a flyer in the Lodge for a QR code, or click [HERE](#).

Do not forget that we only have one meeting in July on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and then one meeting in August on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

I hope you all have a Safe and Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July in a few days.



**Patrick D. Mickle**

Exalted Ruler  
Elks Lodge #1648  
Huntsville, AL

**Lodge is Non-Smoking**  
As of 6/11/2024



Read Policy [HERE](#)

## Alabama Elks Association (AEA)

### State Convention

June 6-9, 2024

Alabama State Elks Convention was held in Decatur. Exalted Ruler (ER) Patrick Mickle, Lodge Secretary Christy Johnson, PER Mike West, and Janice West were in attendance representing Huntsville Elks Lodge No.1648.

Huntsville had two State Scholarship Recipients with ER Mickle in attendance at those ceremonies.

All Absent Members from the last year were remembered in a touching Memorial Service.

The Convention ended with a banquet and new State Officers were installed for the coming year.



*Congratulations!*

**Mike A. West**

**ER of the Year**



### Elks Delivered Snacks to Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home

June 26, 2024

*Thank you to all the Elks  
that donated to Tut Fann Veterans!*



The Veterans are awarded full-size candy bars as game prizes (*hint hint*).

#### Other suggestions:

Pork Rhinds; Beef Jerky; Chips; Crackers (Cheez-It, Peanut Butter/Cheese); Little Debbie Snacks; Rice Crispy Treats; and any kind of Candy.

The **Snack Basket** is by the Lodge Conference Room door...and the snacks are delivered monthly.

[Veterans Committee](#)



## Elks Celebrate Flag Day

June 15, 2024



Elks have celebrated Flag Day since 1908.

Chicago, IL Media Alert is [HERE](#).

Elks Lodges across the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Panama Canal continue a proud tradition established by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in 1908. The Elks remain the only fraternal organization that mandates a formal observance of Flag Day.



[Harris Home For Children](#) Residents Attended the Elks Lodge Flag Day Ceremony and Enjoyed Refreshments with Elks Members.

[Harris Home For Children](#) is the only Licensed Facility in the State of Alabama providing Emergency Crisis Services for Youth. When children unexpectedly find themselves without a safe place to sleep, or wonder where they will get their next meal – they, in concert with the Department of Human Resources (DHR), turn to Harris Home For Children.

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## Elks Golf Tournament

June 22, 2024



Fifty-two (52) golfers participated in this year's Elks Golf Tournament. Thank you to those golfers who participated, and a thank you also goes to the \$100 Hole Sponsors and the \$500 Corporate Sponsors.

Last but not least, a big thank you to those who helped the Golf Committee make another successful Elks Golf Tournament happen.

***It wouldn't have been possible without you.***





## Dinner & Bingo at the Lodge with Tut Fann Veterans

June 10, 2024

**Bingo Buddy's** are needed **July 8<sup>th</sup>**  
when the Veterans will come to the Lodge again

**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each Month**

**Thank You Bingo Buddy's**  
*You make a difference!*



**Working  
Together**



*Jeffrey & Tracy Swayne  
Veterans Committee  
Co-Chairs*

**Thank You...**

- Elks Bingo Regulars for moving to the Dining Room for space & providing Dessert
- Scott Stokes for calling Bingo
- Cathy Kulas for keeping things on track
- April, James & Greg for making a special Veterans Menu
- Tom Pluth for the awesome sound system



*Veterans Committee*



# FRIDAY FUN



6/9/2024



The [Activities Committee](#) has been busy planning fun times on Friday Nights on the Patio. Come join in for great Steaks and Entertainment.



6/22/2024



Frank Sinatra music by [Dave McConnell](#)  
6/28/2024



2024 ANNUAL ELKS LODGE 1648  
INDEPENDENCE DAY  
FUNDRAISER BBQ BUTT SALE

\$40.00 each

8 Lb. average butt

Sale cut off is June 25 at close of  
business

Bring a container when picking up /  
fresh off the grill and HOT!

Pick up location is the Lodge north  
door at 5:30 July 2

If purchaser is not available for pick  
up the HC will store their order in the  
Club refrigerator or freezer on  
request

See bartender to order (pay at time  
of order / cash or check only)

Questions: Contact Pat Edwards

Sale begins June 5. The order  
sheet will be at the bar.

### Elks Volunteer Sign-Up

Signing-Up doesn't add you on a Committee

It allows the Committee Chairs to reach you directly for volunteer opportunities

**Volunteers Needed**

Your **Elks Lodge** Needs **YOU!**  
Please **Sign-Up** for your Area of Interest.

**Let's Help Our Community Together!**

- Open your phone camera
- Point at the QR code
- Click the link that pops up
- Sign-Up

<https://bit.ly/ElksAOI>  
case sensitive

This Sign-Up is also posted in the Lodge. Click [HERE](#) or above to Sign-Up





## Elks Lodge No. 1648 Facebook Page

Please “**Like**” and “**Follow**” the Huntsville Elks Lodge Facebook Page. Security measures are in place and updates to the page are made regularly.

Click the picture to the left, the underlined header, or [HERE](#) for the Huntsville Elks Facebook page.

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## Elks Lodge Officers 2024-2025

**Exalted Ruler** ..... Patrick Mickle  
**Leading Knight** ..... Stephen Grimes  
**Loyal Knight** ..... Kevin Butler  
**Lecturing Knight**... Wesley Knowles  
**Secretary** ..... Christy Johnson  
**Treasurer** ..... Nan Stuart

**Trustees**  
**1-Year** ..... Jan Abbott  
**2-Year** ..... Phillip Towry  
*(resigned 6/2024)*  
**3-Year** ..... Mary Cannon  
**4-Year** .... Louis Tumminello  
**5-Year** ..... Kathy Pierce  
**Temporarily Appointed  
Trustee** ..... Todd Lester

**Chaplain** ..... Sommer Woods  
**Esquire** ..... Davis Smallwood  
**Tiler** ..... Todd Lester  
**Inner Guard**... Taylor VanKoughnett

Contact Secretary Christy Johnson at: [Secretary.Elks1648@gmail.com](mailto:Secretary.Elks1648@gmail.com)

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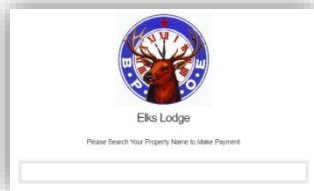
## Membership Dues Payments

◆ Pay Online ◆ Place in **Secretary's Box** ◆ Mail to PO Box 352, Huntsville AL 35804

- 2024-2025 Dues: \$123.00
- Members must be current on Dues to enter the Lodge
- Additional Door Access Card: \$5.00
- Delinquent Members may not be signed in as Guests

## Pay Lodge Dues Online

<https://search.revopay.com/elkslodge>



Click here for  
step-by-step  
instructions



**Mike Childress**  
BPOE District Deputy  
Grand Exalted Ruler  
[machidr@hotmail.com](mailto:machidr@hotmail.com)



[Elks.org](https://www.elks.org) Account  
Click the link...

Lodge Locator Register Login

In upper right corner ↑



Contact  
Sommer Woods  
[SommerWoods6677@yahoo.com](mailto:SommerWoods6677@yahoo.com)

## Committee Reports



### House Committee (HC): 2024-2025

**Chair - John Worley;** Pat Edwards; Todd Lester;  
Pete Ferrell; Russ Grimes; Fran Morris; Doug Lumpkin

The HC is moving forward with:

- Refurbishment of the Lodge patio. New paint on tables and chairs with general cleaning and updating.
- The HC is working with the [Activities Committee](#) to offer Members several activities on the patio this year.
- Taxes and bills against the Club are current.
- The monthly inventory of the bar and kitchen are completed.
- Minor repair to the sandwich prep line cooler was made and a new fryer was installed in the kitchen.
- Some targeted areas of the kitchen have been cleaned.
- The HC supported the Golf Committee with part of the food prep for the annual [Golf Tournament](#).
- Turner Beverage tech performed the bi-weekly cleaning of the keg cooler dispensers.

Special thanks to Member Jim Bragg for the Lodge lawn care.

The HC thanks those Members who volunteer to help with Club Operations and Special Events.

Members with concerns or ideas regarding the Club may submit them in writing to any HC Member or appear at a...

**House Committee Meeting**  
**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6pm**



### Grants Committee: 2024-2025

**Co-Chairs - Scott Stokes & Mike West;**  
Jerry Skonieczny; Anna Skonieczny

Please consider donating to the  
[Elks National Foundation \(ENF\)](#)  
501(c)(3)



### Audit & Accounting Committee: 2024-2025

**Chair - Kathy Davis-Chesser;**  
Alan McClendon; Butch Buffaloe; Mike Wisner

The Audit Committee is currently reviewing the financials for the first quarter of the calendar year: April, May, and June.





When proposing a New Member, please ensure the Application is complete, signed, and includes the \$50 fee

## Membership

**Membership Committee: 2024-2025**

**Chair - Kevin Butler;** Cathy Kulas;  
Drenda King; Jeffrey Swayne;  
Amanda Minton

The Membership Committee conducts Interviews (6:30 pm) and Orientation (7:30 pm) on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

We enjoy getting to know the new candidates so please continue to propose candidates. Please remind candidates to check their email during the Membership process.

We hope to see you all around the Lodge and invite any Member to attend our meetings. All are welcome!

## Welcome Newest Elks



*ER Mickle; Bradley Keena, Maxwell Thompson, Jason Davis,  
Wyn Reed, Robert Terry, Mark Blackburn, Lynwood Smith*

## July Birthdays

01 Kenneth Mitchem  
03 Sally Ann Culver  
04 Dorsey Uptain, Jr.  
05 Jennifer Hajek  
07 Harold A Newlander  
08 Scott Morgan; Gwendolyn Scivally  
09 Rodney Reyna  
10 Mark Loeb  
11 Steve Yearick  
12 Barry Mooror  
13 Charlotte Bailes; Lisa Smith  
14 Charles Crute; Phillip P. Towry



15 Robert Paul Costello; Kelly McManus; Larry Stewart  
16 Dathan Morrell  
17 Jason Landers; Adam Pearsall  
20 Julie A. Brakefield; William H. Johnston, Jr.  
21 Michael W. Deegan; Gregory Welzyn  
23 Patrick J. Lane  
24 Martha N. Schamberger  
25 George A. "Butch" Bailey III; Claud B. Honeycutt, Jr.  
Kurt Lineback; George M. Mahoney, Jr.  
29 Jack R. Bean; William 'Fraser' Sparkman  
30 Todd L. Lester  
31 Jacob R. Cangelosi





**Activities Committee: 2024-2025**  
 Co-Chairs – Melissa Ryman; Kyle Rone;  
 Fran Morris; Kevin Butler

## Get involved with the Activities Committee

The Activities Committee is dedicated to bringing a variety of events to our Members and guests.

If you have ideas for activities or would like to help us make these events exciting for Members and attractive to potential Members, stay tuned for emails regarding our next scheduled meeting.

### Sneak peek of what's coming up...

- **Luau Party – July 20<sup>th</sup>**: Enjoy a pig roast with catered sides from 4–6pm, followed by [Nautical Wheelers Duo](#), a Jimmy Buffett Cover Band from 6-10pm. See a Bartender or click [HERE](#) for details and tickets.

*50/50 with Proceeds going to the Greater Huntsville Humane Society*



**\* Best Luau Attire Contest**



**Veterans Committee**  
 Co-Chairs - Jeffrey Swayne and Tracy L. Swayne;  
 Kathy Davis-Chesser; Craig Brower; Amanda Minton

### ★ Bingo Buddy's Needed July 8<sup>th</sup> Every month - 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday

Help a Tut Fann Veteran at the Lodge. Take dinner order, bring drinks, help with Bingo daubers & be a **Buddy**.

**Contact Tracy @ (713) 824-9086**

Thanks to the awesome work done by the Grants Committee, funds are now available to bring the Tut Fann Veterans to the Lodge for Dinner one time per month – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday. There is no longer a charge for the Veteran Bingo Cards!

### ★ Snack Basket for Tut Fann ➤ Monthly

*Thank You to everyone that donated for the delivery on 6/26/2024. [See page 2.](#)*



Look for the **Tut Fann Snack Basket** at the Lodge. Collections are delivered monthly for the residents to enjoy.

**If you like 'em – they'll like 'em**

*...especially full-size candy bars*

### ★ Donation Jar on the Bar...Please consider donating for the Veterans Only Bingo Round **PRIZE** each month!







# July 2024

Chicken Buffet  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month

Only 1 Lodge Meeting in July & August

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>Open: 4p</b> <b>Kitchen: 4-8p</b> Bingo: 6p 	<b>Open: 4p</b> <b>Kitchen: Closed</b> House Mtg: 6p Membership Mtg: 6:30p 	<b>Open: 4p</b> <b>Kitchen: 5-9p</b> Texas Hold 'em 6:30p 	<b>Lodge Closed</b> 	<b>Open: 4p</b> <b>Kitchen: 5-9p</b> 	<b>Open: 2p</b> <b>Kitchen: Closed</b> Serving Hot Dogs & Pizza 	<b>Open: 2p</b> <b>Kitchen: Closed</b>
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