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Exalted Ruler
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Huntsville, AL

January 2025

Exalted Ruler's Message

I hope everyone had a **Merry Christmas** and **Happy Hanukkah** with your family and friends. Please make sure that you are taking time for yourself and your family this time of year. It is the one time we know that most people will come home or visit.

On December 7, 2024, Elks Lodge #1648 held the annual Elks Memorial Day ceremony. This day is set aside for the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) all across America to hold a program to honor those members who have passed before us. It is a day of remembrance that we, as Elks, hold very dear to our hearts. We honored five members during this most important and solemn ceremony. Later in the month, we also lost two additional members from our Lodge. We will miss our Elks brothers, but they will always live in our hearts. Rest well.

It's hard to believe that **2025 is here**. I want to take a moment to **thank our hard-working Lodge committees**. Our Lodge has gone through many changes this year. The **House Committee**, with John Worley at the helm, has worked to improve the lodge environment and bar offerings. The kitchen underwent a major makeover spearheaded by Russ Grimes. I don't know what we would have done without Russ Grimes, Stephen Grimes, Todd Lester, and Bob Gamble stepping up!

Our Grants Committee and **Veterans Committee** have worked tirelessly this year to ensure the North Alabama community is supported. The **Activities Committee** has hosted many new events and has more surprises planned for the new year. The **Membership Committee** is preparing more opportunities to showcase our Lodge by hosting Membership Drive Activities. The **Audit Committee** ensures that our Lodge is operating within the guidelines. Our Lodge cannot survive without these dedicated volunteers. In the new year, please ask how you can help make your Lodge an even better place. If we all help out, many great things can be achieved. I look forward to seeing what great things are in store for 2025!

*Patrick Mickle,
Exalted Ruler*



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Dinner & Bingo at the Lodge with Tut Fann Veterans

December 9, 2024

**Bingo Buddy's are needed January 13th
when the Veterans will come to the Lodge again. Please arrive at 5:00 pm.
2nd Monday each Month**



**Thank you to Cathy Kulas
for bringing dessert.**



BINGO is for Everyone – Elks, please join in!!!

**Elks...Last Month to sign-up if interested!
Then we'll schedule a time that's good for everyone**

**1) Tour of Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home
~10 minutes from the Lodge**

**2) Charlotte Robinson (Tut Fann Director) offered to speak
to Elks Veterans & their spouses at the Lodge
about little-known Veterans Benefits.**



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Contact Tracy: (713) 824-9086

**3) Veteran Mentor Ray Zimmerman offered to speak to Elks about the
Veterans Court Program.**

Thank You for Donating Monthly to the...

**Tut Fann Veterans Snack Basket
Delivery is made in the last week of
each month.**



*Jeffrey & Tracy Swayne
Veterans Committee Co-Chairs*



Tut Fann Veterans Angel Tree

Thank You to all the Generous Elks that adopted 35 Veterans for the Angel Tree



**A Huge Thank You to
Kathy Davis-Chesser...**

who organized all the Angel Tree gifts and made last-minute purchases from the Grant funds. Mike & Janice West then helped deliver all the gifts to Tut Fann. Veterans had an awesome Christmas!



Elks Angel Tree gifts were distributed to the Veterans at TUT Fann Veterans Home at their Christmas Party on December 20th. In the facility area pictured, Elks visited with four of the regulars that come to the Lodge for Bingo on the second Monday each month.

Elks Volunteers at the party were Andy Ledbetter, Louis Tumminello, and Mike West.

Mike West stated, "It was a great time to sit and talk to these women and men that served our country. I encourage everyone to consider volunteering for Bingo Buddy's and other Veterans events through the Lodge.

These Veterans appreciate our time more than any gift.

As I was leaving at 4:30pm "Taps" was being played throughout the inside and outside speakers. It was quite chilling to hear that, see all the Veterans and the American Flag flying out front.

God Blessed America"



On **December 7, 2024**, Elks Lodge #1648 held the annual **Elks Memorial Day ceremony**.

This day is set apart as a day for Elks to gather and freshen with the dew of recollection, the tender blossoms of hope and love entwined about the memory of their departed.

Exalted Ruler Patrick Mickle opened the ceremony and led the proceedings with all officers participating in the ritual. **Secretary Christy Johnson** read off each of the member's names as a tribute to each. **Treasure Janice West** offered the invocation and benediction prayers. ER Mickle also recited the **"Eleventh Hour Toast."**



Elks Lodge #1648

Departed Members

Jimmie Musick	01/03/2024
George Ellzey	01/09/2024
Joe Loughheed	03/05/2024
Hap Beach	03/30/2024
Chuck Curry	05/21/2024
Walker McGinnis	12/11/2024
Billy Carlton	12/12/2024



Reminder-
Regular Lodge Meetings- 1/14/2025 & 1/28/2025
2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month

Be sure to attend the January 14 Regular Lodge Meeting
when we will initiate our newest
members to Elks Lodge #1648!

Committee Meetings 1/7/2025 & 1/21/2025
House Committee Meeting @ 6:00 pm
Membership Committee Meeting @ 6:30 pm



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



Alabama Elks Mid-Year State Conference
Perdido Beach Resort-Orange Beach, Alabama
January 16-19, 2025.



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What is happening at the Lodge?
Check us out on Facebook!

Public page: Huntsville Elks Lodge No. 1648 Alabama
Members Only page: Elks Lodge 1648- Members Only



Lodge Activities



January 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			January 1 NEW YEARS DAY	January 2 Trivia @ 7:00 pm	January 3 STEAK NIGHT	January 4 LRC Tournament @ 5:30 pm
January 5 Bar Opens @ 2:00 pm	January 6 Bar Bingo @ 6:00 pm	January 7 House Committee Meeting @ 6:00 pm Membership Meeting @ 6:30 pm	January 8 Texas Hold'em Poker @ 6:00 pm	January 9 Trivia @ 7:00 pm	January 10 STEAK NIGHT	January 11
January 12 Bar Opens @ 2:00 pm	January 13 Veteran's Buddy Bingo @ 5:00	January 14 Regular Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm Regular Lodge Meeting @ 7:00 pm	January 15 Texas Hold'em Poker @ 6:00 pm	January 16 Trivia @ 7:00 pm ALABAMA ELKS MID-	January 17 STEAK NIGHT --YEAR CONFERENCE--	January 18 -----ORANGE BEACH, AL
January 19 Bar Opens @ 2:00 pm	January 20 Bar Bingo @ 6:00 pm	January 21 House Committee Meeting @ 6:00 pm Membership Meeting @ 6:30 pm	January 22 Texas Hold'em Poker @ 6:00 pm	January 23 Trivia @ 7:00 pm	January 24 STEAK NIGHT Line Dancing Lessons w/ Melissa @ 7:00 pm	January 25
January 26 Elks Sunday Brunch 11 am-2 pm Packing Happi Clinic Diaper Bags 3:00 pm	January 27 Bar Bingo @ 6:00 pm	January 28 Regular Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm Regular Lodge Meeting @ 7:00 pm	January 29 Texas Hold'em Poker @ 6:00 pm	January 30 Trivia @ 7:00 pm	January 31 STEAK NIGHT	



1/4/2025 @ 5:30 pm

LRC Tournament!

Grand prize winner will receive a \$500 cash prize. The buy-in for this tournament is \$15 cash. Rebuys are available for \$10 cash.

BBQ sandwich plates will be available for \$5.00 each.

Reminder- Regular Lodge Meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesday



1/24/2025 @ 7:00 pm

Line Dancing with Melissa!

Come learn a new line dance or two, then dance the night away.

Elks Lodge #1648 Officers 2024-2025



1/26/2025 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Join us for Brunch on Sunday!



1/26/2025 3:00 pm

Service Project:

Packing Happi Clinic Baby Diaper Bags!

Exalted Ruler..... Patrick Mickle	Trustees	
Leading Knight.... Stephen Grimes	1-YearJan Abbott	Chaplin Sommer Woods
Loyal Knight..... Kevin Butler	2-Year Todd Lester	Esquire..... Davis Smallwood
Lecturing Knight...Wesley Knowles	3-Year Mary Cannon	Tiler..... Vacant
Secretary..... Christy Johnson	4-Year Louis Tumminello	Inner Guard Taylor VanKoughnett
Treasurer..... Janice West	5-Year Kathy Pierce	

Elks Lodge #1648 January Birthdays



1/1 Greg Jennings James Schrimsher	1/11 Ashley Yates 1/14 Sean Ballard	1/23 Michael Bates William Frazier
1/2 William Borgos John Davis	1/15 Shaun Canter Owen Smith	1/25 Roger Davis David Little
1/5 Buzzy Byron Christina Skonieczny	1/16 Andrew Ledbetter 1/17 Cotton Demarcus	Mark Pullen 1/26 Larry Woodruff
Roy Turner	1/19 John Meredith	1/27 Gregory Gray Vaughn Honeycutt
1/6 Bradford Sterling	1/20 Darrell Jones Dana Wilbanks	1/28 Gregory Barrett Kevin Butler
1/7 Lynn Benefield John Henriksen	1/21 Lee Leschinski	Alan Little
Barbara Tran	1/22 Cyndi Hughes Edward Limback	1/29 Sally Anne Cos Tom Rathz
1/10 John Heath		



Come for Brunch on the 4th Sunday!
January 26 11:00 am -2:00 pm

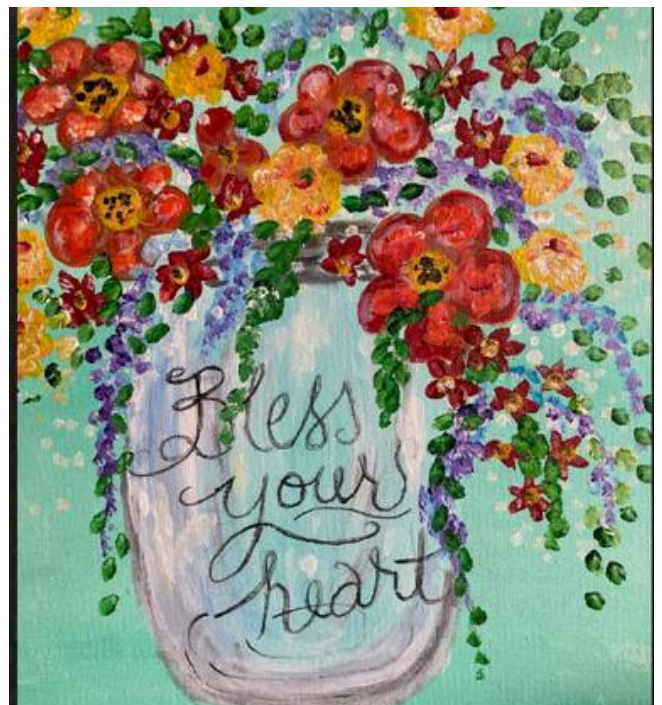


Make plans to join us to pack the
Happi Clinic Baby Diaper Bags on
@ 3:00 pm on
Sunday, January 26, 2025.

Wine & Paint Wednesday
February 12th at 7pm.

Please use the following link to
register.

[https://elkslodge1648.ticketspice.com/
wine-and-paint-with-connie-lougheed](https://elkslodge1648.ticketspice.com/wine-and-paint-with-connie-lougheed)



Committee Updates



House Committee (HC):

John Worley- Chair
Pat Edwards; Pete Ferrell,
Russ Grimes, Todd Lester, Fran Morris



Membership Committee

Kevin Butler, Chair
Drenda King
Cathy Kulas
Jeffrey Swayne

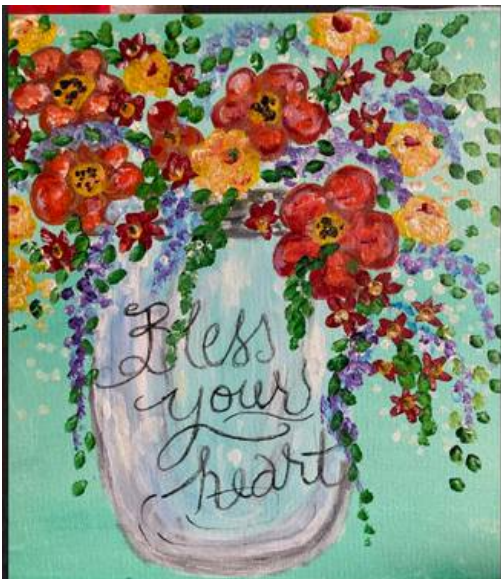


Grants Committee: 2024-2025
Co-Chairs - Scott Stokes & Mike West;
Jerry Skonieczny; Anna Skonieczny

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



Audit & Accounting Committee: 2024-2025
Chair - Kathy Davis-Chesser;
Alan McClendon; Butch Buffalo; Mike Wisner



Membership Committee

The **Membership Committee** hopes you all had a **great Christmas! Please consider bringing a friend or two down to the Lodge for some of our social and/or charitable events.**

We truly enjoy getting to know the new candidates.

Please make sure that the new applications are complete before they are placed in the Secretary's box. Keep sending them our way!



Activities Committee

Melissa Ryman, Co-Chair
Kyle Rone, Co-Chair
Fran Morris
Kevin Butler

Activities Committee

The **Activities Committee** has some cool stuff planned for the start of the year: LRC tournament, country line dancing, Sunday brunch, and a charity event for HAPPI.

Check the calendar and the Members-Only Facebook page for details.

Wine & Paint Wednesday
February 12th @ 7:00 pm

Please use the following link to register.
<https://elkslodge1648.ticketspice.com/wine-and-paint-with-connie-lougheed>