

# Elks' Call Newsletter

HUNTSVILLE ELKS  
1648

## Exalted Ruler's Message



Patrick D. Mickle  
Exalted Ruler  
Elks Lodge #1648  
Huntsville, AL.

Good day my fellow Elks. I hope this letter finds you all doing better. With the Crud going around, please be careful. I have had it now and it's not fun.

Where do I start? The Elks Lodge 1648 has been a really big part of my life for the last 12 years. I joined because some of my friends told me how great it was, and boy it has been.

I was single at the time and just wanted to hang out with good people. I have actually found that the Elks is full of Great People doing wonderful things for those in need. Not only here, but across this wonderful nation we call the United States.

I am a very proud member of 1648, and I have now served in all the officers chairs and have enjoyed it immensely. One thing that will keep this lodge moving forward will be the new members that we are constantly bringing in and keeping them interested in volunteering to help. We also have a group of tremendous volunteers that do a lot of the work for all. If you are not volunteering, you need to make sure that you do.

I would like to take a moment to thank Sam Tumminello for his many years of service to our Lodge. Sam served as the Cyber Assistant and maintained our Lodge website for 21 years. He has now passed that duty on to another. If you see Sam around the Lodge, shake his hand and tell him "Thank you".

If you missed the Sunday Brunch on Sunday the 26th, you missed a great meal prepared by John Worley, Stephen Grimes, Kevin Butler, Todd Lester, Russ Grimes, Fran Morris, Pat "Chief" Edwards and of course the bar staff. We are looking forward to making this a monthly tradition again. Please make plans to join us on the fourth Sunday of each month. Members and their guests are welcome.

Bring your family, a friend or work colleague and enjoy the weekly activities. Bar bingo on Monday night, Wednesday Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament, Thursday Trivia and of course Steak Night on Fridays! The LRC tournament once a month. Please let us know what else what else you might want to try out. Line Dancing with Melissa Ryman will be every other Friday night at 7:00 pm. And we are looking forward to the Second annual CASI Chili Cook Off on March 22nd.

Please remember that as a member, we are truly blessed. We need to bring our families and friends together at the Elks Lodge for good times and good food.

*Patrick D. Mickle  
Exalted Ruler*

February 2025



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**New 'GREEN' Elks Bucks  
have been issued!**

**All remaining 'WHITE'  
Elks Bucks must  
be used by 2/2/2025!**



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

January 13, 2024

Bingo Buddy's are needed on February 10th  
when the Veterans will come to the Lodge again.  
Please arrive at 5:00 pm.



**BINGO is for Everyone – Elks, please join in!!!**  
**More players mean more fun!**



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



**Thank you  
Cathy Kulas for bringing dessert  
John Wallace for calling Bingo  
&  
Everyone for making it a great night!**

**Details coming soon!  
Packing Food Bags for  
Local Veterans**



**We will be purchasing food and packing it in bags for  
Semper Fi to deliver to local Veterans.**

**We'll need lots of helping hands to pack the food bags.**

**We have streamlined the bag packing process!  
Thanksgiving Food Backpacks for Children (20 minutes)  
& HAPPI Clinic Baby Diaper Bags (17 minutes)!**



**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*



A special thank you Kathy Davis Chesser, Peg & Tom Rathz, Elaine Johnson, and Cathy Kulas for all of their hard work decorating the Lodge and Bar areas.

It was beautifully done and very festive.

This dedicated group also took time to pack all of the decorations away to use again next holiday season.



Thank you to all that donated over the holidays to the canned food drive!  
Members & guests donated  
220 canned goods &  
67 breakfast items for the Buckhorn High School Food Pantry.



### Line Dancing Classes!

Thank you to Melissa Ryman for leading our Line Dancing Classes on January 24, 2025!

Everyone had a great time. Get your boots and cowboy hats ready for our next Line Dancing class!

2/7/2025 and 2/21/2025 at 7:00 pm.  
Make plans to join in the fun.



Wednesday February 12 7:00 pm  
Wine & Paint with Connie

\$40.00 per artist

pre-register using the QR Code or link.  
New Wines Menu.

**Chili Cookoff March 22**  
More information to come!  
Professional and People's Choice competition.  
Members are welcome to compete in the Shade Tree Division.



# Sunday Brunch



The Sunday Lodge Brunch on January 26 served over 132 Members and guests. Thanks to the Lodge Officers and Members who helped the House Committee with this event.

Special thanks to Member Charles Hopper, who donated the Bloody Mary mix and a case of champagne.

The next Sunday Brunch will be on Sunday, February 23 from 11:00-1:00.



After the Sunday Lodge Brunch on January 26 several members and guests joined in to help pack 75 infant diaper bags for Happi Clinic.

Through the generosity of our members, we exceeded our goal for diaper collection. The remaining diapers will be donated to Happi Health Clinic for distribution to their underserved families.





**Alabama Elks Mid-Year Conference**  
January 17-19, 2025  
Perdido Beach Resort  
Orange Beach, AL



**Elks Lodge 1648 dedicated officers, Kevin Butler (Loyal Knight), Christy Johnson (Secretary) and Stephen Grimes (Leading Knight) brave the elements leaving snow covered North Alabama to attend the conference in Orange Beach, AL.**



**Elks Lodge 1648 enjoy lunch at Sunset Grille in Perdido Key, FL.**

**Mike West (PER), Janice West (Treasurer), Stephen Grimes (Leading Knight)  
Christy Johnson (Secretary)  
and Kevin Butler (Loyal Knight).**



**Elks Lodge 1648  
Kevin Butler (Loyal Knight) and Christy Johnson (Secretary) dressed for the Demin & Diamonds reception.**



**Elks Lodge 1648 members, Kevin Butler, Kathy Young, Jannette Jones, Mike Davis (PER), Joan Speegle, Bruce Tehan, Stephen Grimes, and Christy Johnson.**



# Lodge Activities



# February 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						February 1 LRC Tournament @ 5:30 pm
February 2 Bar Opens @ 2:00 pm	February 3 Bar Bingo @ 6:00 pm	February 4 House Committee Meeting @ 6:00 pm  Membership Meeting @ 6:30 pm	February 5 Texas Hold'em Poker @ 6:00 pm	February 6 Trivia @ 7:00 pm	February 7 STEAK NIGHT  Line Dancing Lessons w/ Melissa @ 7:00 pm	February 8
February 9 Bar Opens @ 2:00 pm	February 10 Veteran's Buddy Bingo @ 5:00 pm	February 11 Regular Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm  Regular Lodge Meeting @ 7:00 pm *Officer Nominations*	February 12 Texas Hold'em Poker @ 6:00 pm  Wine & Paint w/ Connie @ 7:00 pm	February 13 Trivia @ 7:00 pm  Chicken Buffet	February 14 STEAK NIGHT	February 15
February 16 Bar Opens @ 2:00 pm	February 17 Bar Bingo @ 6:00 pm	February 18 House Committee Meeting @ 6:00 pm  Membership Meeting @ 6:30 pm	February 19 Texas Hold'em Poker @ 6:00 pm	February 20 Trivia @ 7:00 pm	February 21 STEAK NIGHT  Line Dancing Lessons w/ Melissa @ 7:00 pm	February 22
February 23 Elks Sunday Brunch 11 am-1 pm	February 24 Bar Bingo @ 6:00 pm	February 25 Regular Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm  Regular Lodge Meeting @ 7:00 pm *Officer Elections*	February 26 Texas Hold'em Poker @ 6:00 pm	February 27 Trivia @ 7:00 pm	February 28 STEAK NIGHT	March 1 LRC Tournament @ 5:30 pm



**Reminder-**  
**Regular Lodge Meetings**  
**2nd & 4th Tuesday**



2/1/2025 @ 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.



2/23/2025 11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Join us for Brunch on Sunday!

2/7/2025 & 2/21/2025 @ 7:00 pm  
Line Dancing with Melissa!

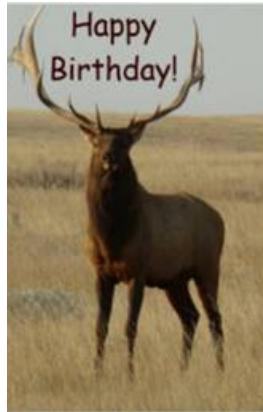
Grab your cowboy hat and boots!  
Come learn a new line dance or  
two, then dance the night away.

Elks Lodge #1648 Officers 2024-2025

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



## Elks Lodge #1648 February Birthdays



2/1 Kathy Peirce  
 2/2 Sean Wallis  
 2/3 Wayne Lamon  
 2/5 Stacey Burkes  
 John Fulton  
 Philip Radzinski  
 Chester West  
 Janice West  
**2/6 Mark Blackburn**  
**2/7 Karl Peterson**  
 Larry Pridmore  
 William Russell  
**2/8 Johnny Bell**  
 David Lee  
 Michael Ryan  
 James Sharp

2/10 Robby Chandler  
 Tom Ryan  
 John Vankampen  
**2/11 Susan Johnson**  
**2/12 Doug Lumpkin**  
 John Worley  
 Marvin Yost  
**2/13 Scott Retzler**  
**2/14 Johnny Burks**  
**2/15 David Jones**  
 Gary Lunsford  
 Sherry Ray O'Dell  
**2/16 Nancy Dugas**  
 Dana Wilbanks  
**2/17 Brian Allen**  
 Gordon Day

**2/18 Jim Duncan**  
 William Frazier  
**2/19 Diane Bryan**  
 Steven Lockridge  
**2/20 Michael Innes**  
 Barbara Schulze  
**2/22 Ellis Johnston**  
 Joel Ratcliff  
**2/23 Sam Givhan**  
**2/24 Briana Teague**  
**2/25 Ted Miller**  
 Charles Smith  
**2/26 Carol Codori**  
 Charles Hopper  
 Andrea Mastin  
 Sherry Retzler  
**2/28 Michael Davis**  
 Marcus Huber  
 Virginia Shipley



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



**Jason Burks, Stacy Burks, Doug Southerland (alter)  
Ashley Reagan, Chuck Younger, Dennis "Dee" Sears**



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

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# Committee Updates

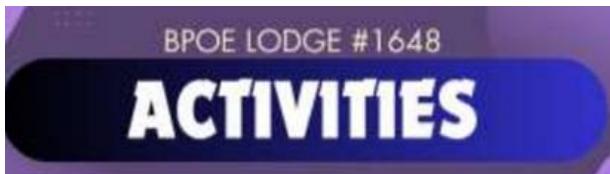


**House Committee (HC):**  
**John Worley- Chair**  
**Pat Edwards; Pete Ferrell,**  
**Russ Grimes, Todd Lester, Fran Morris**

The HC provided a Sunday Lodge Brunch on January 26 that was well received, serving over 132 Members and guests. Thanks to the Lodge Officers and Members who helped the HC with this event. Special thanks to Member Charles Hopper, who donated the Bloody Mary mix and a case of champagne.

- The January Left Right Center and Friday Line Dancing events went well
- New vent covers have been installed in the kitchen.
- New lighted emergency exit signs and emergency lights in the restrooms.
- A new fire extinguisher has been placed on the patio.
- The Lodge US flag has been replaced.
- Taxes and bills against the Club are current.
- The monthly inventory of the kitchen and bar were completed on schedule

Members with concerns or ideas regarding the Club may submit them in writing to any HC member or appear at an HC Meeting, which is the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.



## **Activities Committee**

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

## **Activities Committee**

The Activities Committee has events planned throughout the month.

**LCR tournament, Country Line Dancing,  
Wine & Paint, and Sunday Brunch**

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



**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)



## **Membership Committee**

Kevin Butler, Chair  
Drenda King  
Cathy Kulas  
Jeffrey Swayne

## **Membership Committee**

**The Membership Committee looks forward to meeting the new candidates.**

**Please consider bringing a friend or two down to the Lodge for some of our social and/or charitable events.**

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



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