

Elks' Call Newsletter

HUNTSVILLE ELKS
1648

Exalted Ruler's Message



Patrick D. Mickle

Exalted Ruler
Elks Lodge #1648
Huntsville, AL

March 2025

I hope this finds you all doing well. Wow, it's hard to believe that a year has come and gone at the **Elks Lodge 1648**. The year has been full of both highs and lows. We have had some significant changes in the lodge, which were not taken lightly. The **Chair Officers** do a lot of talking, looking, and investigating to determine what will best help the Lodge grow. While we know there is no way to satisfy every member. We try our best to accommodate everyone.

I have decided not to run for a second year as the Exalted Ruler for the 2025-2026 year. I am happy that **Stephen Grimes** will be the **next Exalted Ruler** for Elks Lodge 1648. He will work hard for the good of the lodge and will do an excellent job.

Kevin Butler will be the next **Leading Knight**. Kevin has been very inspirational in getting our membership up to 1648. He has also worked on the Activities Committee and helped every chance he had.

Fran Morris will be the **Loyal Knight**, and she has been a great help during the last year. She was the liaison between the House Committee and the Activities Committee.

Sommer Woods will be the **Lecturing Knight**. Last year, she was our Lodge Chaplin and worked part-time at the bar when needed.

The **Lodge Secretary** will be **Christy Johnson** this next year. I guess she liked it so much that she agreed to stay in that position to serve our Lodge.

Janice West will serve again this year as our **Lodge Treasurer**. She stepped in and took that role by the horns after the position came open mid-year. She was elected to finish the last part of the year and has been re-elected for another year.

The Past Exalted Rulers (PER) continue to serve. **Mike West** will serve as the **5-Year Trustee**, and **PER Louis Tumminello** will be the **Alternate to Grand Lodge Representative** this upcoming year. Members like Mike and Louis make a difference in our Lodge.

It has been my pleasure to serve the Elks Lodge 1648. You all are my extended family, and I will miss the day-to-day interactions with everyone. I am not going anywhere, so you will still see my smiling, smart-aleck self at the lodge. I have a lot going on in my life, and I do not feel that I have the capacity to be an exalted ruler again.

If you have not served on a committee or as an officer at Elks Lodge 1648, please consider it. You will appreciate those who work tirelessly to keep this lodge at the forefront of everything.



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*Patrick Mickle,
Exalted Ruler*



Dinner & Bingo at the Lodge with Tut Fann Veterans

February 10, 2025



**Bingo Buddy's are needed March 10th
when the Veterans will come to the Lodge again. Please arrive at 5:00 pm.
2nd Monday each Month**



**Thank you:
Cathy Kulas & Barbara Stokes
for delicious dessert.**

**Scott Stokes for calling Bingo
&
Everyone for making it
a great night!**



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

Thank You for Donating Monthly to the...



**Tavia Gay, Tut Fann Activities Director
with the Elks Snacks donated in February**

Tut Fann Veterans Snack Basket

**Delivery is made in the last
week of each month.**

**Elks are AWESOME!!!
Over \$500 in Snacks
(including Girl Scout Cookies
– a favorite) delivered in
February!**



Lodge Activities



March 2025



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | | | March 1 LRC Tournament @ 5:30 pm |
| March 2 Bar Opens @ 2:00 pm | March 3 Bar Bingo @ 6:00 pm | March 4 House Committee Meeting @ 6:00 pm Membership Meeting @ 6:30 pm | March 5 Texas Hold'em Poker @ 6:00 pm | March 6 Trivia @ 7:00 pm | March 7 STEAK NIGHT Line Dancing Lessons w/ Melissa @ 7:00 pm | March 8 |
| March 9 New Member Initiation 2:00 pm | March 10 Veteran's Buddy Bingo @ 5:00 | March 11 Regular Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm Regular Lodge Meeting @ 7:00 pm | March 12 Texas Hold'em Poker @ 6:00 pm | March 13 Trivia @ 7:00 pm Chicken Buffett | March 14 STEAK NIGHT | March 15 St. Patrick's Day Parade & Party |
| March 16 Bar Opens @ 2:00 pm | March 17 Bar Bingo @ 6:00 pm | March 18 House Committee Meeting @ 6:00 pm Membership Meeting @ 6:30 pm | March 19 Texas Hold'em Poker @ 6:00 pm | March 20 Trivia @ 7:00 pm | March 21 STEAK NIGHT Line Dancing Lessons w/ Melissa @ 7:00 pm | March 22 CASI Chili Cookoff @ 1:00 pm |
| March 23 Bar Opens @ 2:00 pm | March 24 Bar Bingo @ 6:00 pm | March 25 Regular Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm Regular Lodge Meeting @ 7:00 pm | March 26 Texas Hold'em Poker @ 6:00 pm | March 27 Trivia @ 7:00 pm | March 28 STEAK NIGHT | March 29 |
| March 30 Elks Sunday Brunch 11 am-1 pm | March 31 Bar Bingo @ 6:00 pm | | | | | |



3/1/2025 @ 5:30 pm

LRC Tournament!

Grand prize winner will receive a \$500 cash prize.

The buy-in for the tournament \$10 cash. Rebuys available \$15 cash.

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



3/30/2025 Sunday Brunch Buffett
@ 11:00-1:00



3/7/2025 & 3/21/2025 @ 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.



Chili Cookoff March 22

Scan the QR Code for more information!

Professional & People's Choice competition.

Members are welcome to compete in the Shade Tree Division.



Elks Lodge #1648 March Birthdays



| | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 3/1 Stephen Simpson | 3/10 Tony Wright | 3/20 Paula Fordham |
| John Wallace | 3/11 Tom Hales | Kirk Ritter |
| 3/2 Patrick Mickle | Bruce Niemeyer | M B Spragins |
| John Weatherly | Ken Williams | 3/21 Kathy Young |
| 3/3 Thomas Cash | 3/12 Barbara Beyl | 3/24 Stan Cannon |
| Stephen Fussell | 3/13 William House | James Garner |
| 3/4 Craig Brower | Dan Tweedy | Katherine Henley |
| 3/8 James Henley | 3/14 Walter Potter | Barry Johnson |
| Timothy O'Brien | 3/16 James Buchanan | 3/25 Jason Burks |
| Ashley Reagan | Butch Perkins | Stanley Rowe |
| Jeff Retzke | William Sammons | 3/26 Tim Ratcliff |
| 3/9 Jan Abbott | John Steger | 3/27 Robert Crook |
| Steve Casey | 3/19 Jacob Malone | 3/28 Lillian Strickland |
| | George Neal | 3/31 Byrom Goodwin |
| | Matthew Rainey | Ashley Lorino |



2/9/2025 Welcome to new Elks Lodge #1648 members!

Front row-Gerald "Jerry" Valentini, Charles Behm, Linda Crumbley, Gina Smith, Sheree L Jordan, John T. Malone III

Back row...Robert T. Williams, Oliver Reid Smith, Hayes Payne, Stephen Kirk Johnson II, Jacob Malone



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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**The Huntsville Elks Lodge #1648 &
Semper Fi Community Task Force**
partnered to provide non-perishable
food to local veterans in need.



Elks volunteers worked on Thursday evening (2/13/2025) to help local Veterans. Elks Grants provided almost \$3,000 for the Huntsville Elks Lodge #1648 to provide non-perishable food to Veterans. Volunteers purchased food and organized an assembly line to pack 50 bags. At this point, "Packing Parties" are an Elks Tradition due to the number of times Elks have provided food/items for local Veterans, children, and mothers in need. These bags of food were delivered to Semper Fi Community Task Force on Saturday (2/15/2025) and they will distribute to local Veterans in need.



Bags of Food "Packing Party"
Volunteers (Alphabetical)
Special thanks to Buford & Gina
Shiple for purchasing all the
food & delivering it to the
Elks Lodge



Linda Crumbley
Kathy Davis-Chesser
Cotton Demarcus
Gwenda Hall-Aaberg
Marcus Huber
Cathy Kulas
Todd Lester
Betty Mahone
Randy Morris
Casey Papp
Jonathan Pritchett
Tom & Peg Rathz
Jeffrey & Tracy
Swayne
Mike & Janice West
John Worley
Paula Yates



Volunteers are the Key to Success



Jeffrey & Tracy Swayne
Elks Lodge Veterans
Committee Co-Chairs



Elks #1648 & Semper Fi Working Together to Assist Local Veterans



Loading Up at the Elks Lodge



Unloading with Semper Fi



**2/15/2025 Delivery to Semper Fi
(Alphabetical) – Storms were reported all
week, but God gave us a clear window with
no rain or storms during the loading and
delivering times.**

**Special thanks to Stephen Grimes for
getting a box truck to deliver everything
in one vehicle**



**Kevin Butler
Stephen & Vicki Grimes
Stephen Johnson
Brenda & Randy Morris
Michael Stewart
Jeffrey & Tracy Swayne
John Wallace**



Elks Lodge #1648 Community Updates!

Members and guests had a great time at the
Wednesday Wine & Paint with Connie on 2/19/2025!
 Be sure to join us for our next one!



St. Patrick's Day Parade & Party the Elks Lodge

Saturday, March 15

ST. PATRICK'S PARADE

**SATURDAY
 MARCH 15**

**SIGN UP AT THE BAR
 TO RIDE ON
 THE ELKS FLOAT**



ITEMS MAY BE HANDED OUT ON THE ROUTE.
 ITEMS MAY ONLY BE THROWN IN
 DESIGNATED AREA ONLY.

JOIN THE PARADE PARTY AT THE ELKS LODGE
 1:00 PM- CLOSE
 FOOD, DRINKS & BEST DRESSED CONTEST

**Sign up at the Bar
 to ride on the
 Elks 1648 Float.**

**Wear your best green &
 grab some beads to hand
 out or throw
 during the parade.**

St. Patrick's Day Party the Elks Lodge

**March 15
 3:00 -Close.**



Elks Lodge Officers 2024-2025

Exalted Ruler Patrick Mickle
Leading Knight..... Stephen Grimes
Loyal Knight Kevin Butter
Lecturing Knight.... Wesley Knowles
Secretary..... Christy Johnson
Treasurer..... Nan Stuart
 (resigned 10/2024)

Trustees

1-Year.....Jan Abbott
2-Year.....Todd Lester
3-Year.....Mary Cannon
4-Year....Louis Tumminello
5-Year.....Kathy Pierce

Chaplin.....Sommer Woods
Esquire..... Davis Smallwood
Tiler..... Vacant
Inner Guard....Taylor VanKoughnett

Committee Updates



House Committee (HC):

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

The House Committee would like to thank 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 an HC Meeting, which is held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.



Membership Committee

Kevin Butler, Chair
Drenda King
Cathy Kulas
Jeffrey Swayne

Membership Committee

The **Elks Membership Committee** meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Please **keep** those **Applications for Membership** coming. Our **goal** for **2025** is to continue to grow!



Activities Committee

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

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

Activities Committee

The **Activities Committee** meets on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. There are many **new events planned** for **2025**. Check out the calendar for events and join the **Members Only Facebook Page** to keep up with upcoming activities.



Audit & Accounting Committee: 2024-2025

Kathy Davis-Chesser-Chair
Alan McClendon, Butch Buffaloe, Mike Wisner



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)

The **Grants Committee** would like to **thank everyone** who helped **pack and/or deliver** the **food packs**.

Please make plans to join our next Community Service Project.

