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Huntsville Elks Lodge #1648

Newsletter

August 2024

Exalted Ruler's Message

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To all our great Members,

I hope that everyone had a great 4th of July this year. It is hard to believe that we are already looking August straight in the face. I attended the Elks National Convention in Austin Texas in the last part of June and the first part of July. We had a wonderful time and explored a little while we were there. It was a valuable experience, and I met some great people. The pageantry of the opening ceremony was something to behold. The Elks had every flag for every state where we have an Elks Lodge, and of course the US flag was the last one to be brought in. It was brought in by a special guard. I met people from Hawaii to Canada.

I attended many different seminars and classes while I was there. I have learned a few new things that are coming to the Elks Lodges and was able to ask a few questions of other Exalted Rulers to see what they were doing about retaining members and getting new prospects.

I really hope that you were able to go to the Elks 1648 Luau on Saturday the 20th. We had a lot of people come and had a big time. Our District Deputy Mike Childress and his wife Shelia were in attendance. Mike said he was glad to see the Lodge in harmony and everyone enjoying themselves. Mike was very complimentary of the Lodge Officers doing such an excellent job and making Huntsville a great Lodge again.

People invited guests and they were impressed. We had a new Member, Jason Davis, who came in and cooked a whole hog for the feast. He got to the Lodge at 3AM and when he was done, we all got to get a little piggy with it! We also had a wonderful Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band [Nautical Wheelers Duo](#) that played inside the Lodge room. We had some people dancing and having fun. The winners of the Best Luau Dress were *Sally Culver* for the Women's Best Outfit and *Wes Knowles* for the Best Men's Outfit. Wes could have almost won them both with his outfit!

John Worley and the House Committee have really stepped up the Lodge functions and it is showing by all the new prospects that we are receiving and speaking to. We need to have a workday and finish cleaning up the Lodge inside and out. If you are enjoying the patio, we have a few guys on the House Committee that have really been trying to get all the things done they can. Thank you to Russ Grimes, Todd Lester, and Bob Gamble. We as Elks should take pride in 1648 and all kick in and help get it in better order.

I am glad to say that Kevin Butler is doing a wonderful job in getting the process handled for the incoming members. Please remember to invite a friend and bring them to the Lodge. It is our members that make the Elks a wonderful place to be and to do all the things we do from supporting Veterans and charities to helping needy schools.

ER Message Continued...

The House Committee investigated a couple of complaints about smelling gas in the Lodge. As they went to the kitchen with a multi gas detector, it became apparent that we have serious problems in the kitchen. During the Board Meeting on Tuesday this was addressed by Rus Grimes. There was a *not to exceed* budget of 20K put forth, voted on, and it passed. It was read on the floor at the regular Lodge Meeting, voted on as well, and passed. We are going to have to update the gas lines and for safety precautions, we will be replacing the gas appliances with up to date and safer equipment. The kitchen will need to close for renovations for two weeks. ***We will need donations to help us offset replacing the gas pipe and equipment in the kitchen.***

Thank you all for the continued support of Huntsville Lodge 1648.



Patrick D. Mickle

Exalted Ruler
Elks Lodge #1648
Huntsville, AL



Elks National Convention 2024
Grand Exalted Ruler Douglas Schiefer





Elks Delivery to Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veterans Home July 30, 2024



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

2 Wheelchairs; Bingo Cards (2 cases); Bingo
Card Daubers (1 case); Snacks;
10 cases of soda...

Over \$1,000

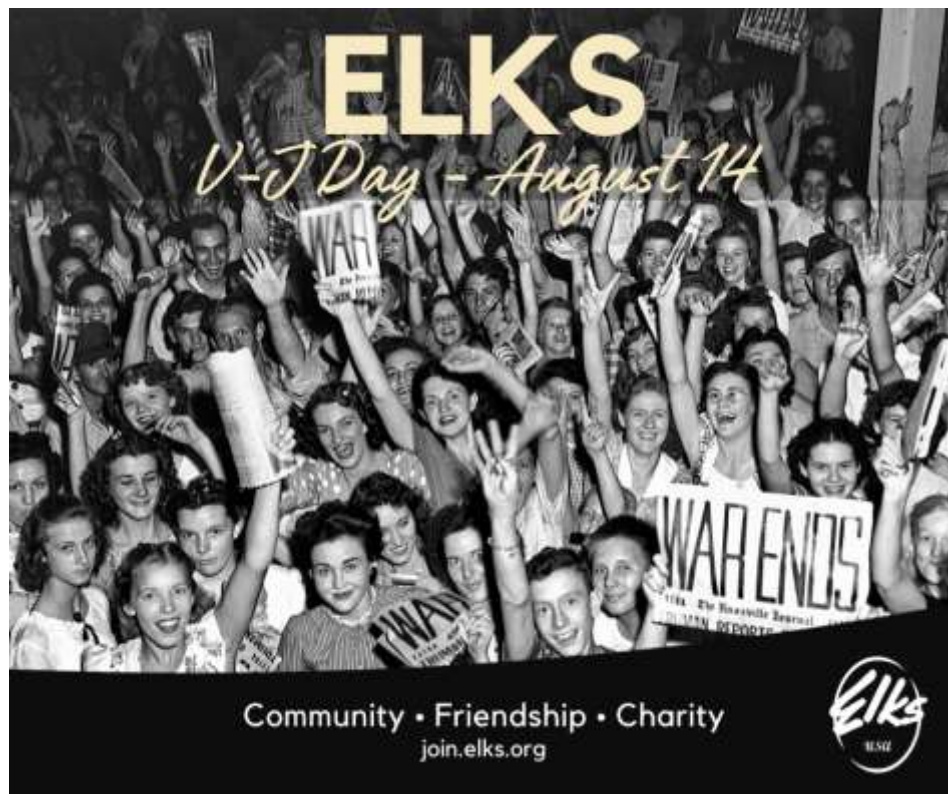
Jeffrey Beat by the Heat

*l-r: Tavia Gay, Tut Fann Activities Director;
Jeffrey Swayne, Elks Veterans Committee
Co-Chair*



Photo: Tracy L. Swayne, Elks Veterans Committee Co-Chair

[Veterans Committee](#)



[Learn More](#)



Dinner & Bingo at the Lodge with Tut Fann Veterans

July 8, 2024

Bingo Buddy's are needed **August 12th**
when the Veterans will come to the Lodge again

2nd Monday each Month



Jeffrey & Tracy Swayne
Veterans Committee Co-Chairs



Thank You Bingo Buddy's
You make a difference!



Thank You!

**Working
Together**

Helping Veterans

[Veterans Committee](#)



Elks Luau

July 20, 2024

Best Luau Attire Winners

- Wes Knowles
- Sally Culver



Elks Lodge 1648 hosted a Luau for Members followed by live music with the [Nautical Wheelers Duo](#). We hosted over 100 Elks and guests for the Luau and even more for the live music.

The 50/50 raffle raised over \$300 to be donated to the [Greater Huntsville Humane Society](#). Thanks to all who came out and supported!

And a **BIG THANK YOU** to Member Jason Davis and his team (Todd Lester and Russ Grimes) for smoking the pig!

Give them all a Thank You when you see them.



Bring all of your Elk friends! Alabama Elks Association major project!

Welcome!

Camp ASCCA 2024 Elks Day



campascca.org

Elks Care — Elks Share

CAMP ASCCA
P.O. Box 21
5278 Camp ASCCA Dr.
Jacksons Gap, AL 36861
256-825-9226

RSVP TO: dana@campascca.org

AUGUST 3, 2024 - 11:00 A.M.

Elk friends are invited for an Elks-sponsored lunch, tours, fellowship, and more. Come see what's new at Camp ASCCA!



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






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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

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>



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instructions



Mike Childress
 BPOE District Deputy
 Grand Exalted Ruler
machldr@hotmail.com



Elks.org Account
 Click the link...



Contact
 Sommer Woods
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

- Monthly inventory of Club kitchen and bar were completed on schedule.
- Bi-weekly fryer oil change was performed.
- Bills and taxes against the Club are current.
- Outside water faucet on patio was replaced.
- The HC conducted the annual Independence Day Pork Butt Fundraiser sale on July 2nd. The sale resulted in 52 butts sold and \$935.00 to the Lodge. This year's cooks were: Non-member Ricky Douglas, Members Mark Craig, Ed Limback, HC Todd Lester, and HC Pat Edwards.
- The HC supported the Activities Committee with the July 20th Lodge Luau.

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

1st and 3rd 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 will meet on Thursday to finalize the first physical quarter report.



[Learn More](#)

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

The Membership Committee conducts Interviews (6:30 pm) and Orientation (7:30 pm) on the 1st and 3rd 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!

August Birthdays



Names not provided



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.

- **Luau Party – July 20th** [See page 5.](#)



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

★ **Bingo Buddy's Needed August 12th** **Every month - 2nd 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 & Bingo one time per month – 2nd Monday.

★ **Snack Basket for Tut Fann ➤ Monthly** *Thank You to everyone that donated for the delivery on 7/30/2024 [See page 3.](#)*



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!










Only 1 Lodge Meeting in August

August 2024

*Chicken Buffet is Back
2nd Thursday each month*

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
 <p><i>Please drop-off Snacks for Tut Fann Veterans</i></p> <p>• Delivered Monthly</p> 			<p>Open: 4p ¹ Kitchen: 5-8:30p Audit Mtg: 5:30 Trivia: 7p</p> 	<p>Open: 4p ² Kitchen: 5-9p</p> 	<p>Open: 2p ³ Kitchen: Closed Serving Hot Dogs/Pizza</p> 	<p>Open: 2p ⁴ Kitchen: Closed</p>
<p>Open: 4p ⁵ Kitchen: 4-8p Bingo: 6p</p> 	<p>Open: 4p ⁶ Kitchen: Closed House Mtg: 6p Membership Mtg: 6:30p</p> 	<p>Open: 4p ⁷ Kitchen: 5-9p Texas Hold 'em 6:30p</p> 	<p>Open: 4p ⁸ Kitchen: 5-8:30p Trivia: 7p</p> <p><i>Chicken Buffet</i></p> 	<p>Open: 4p ⁹ Kitchen: 5-9p</p> 	<p>Open: 2p ¹⁰ Kitchen: Closed Serving Hot Dogs & Pizza</p> 	<p>Open: 2p ¹¹ Kitchen: Closed</p>
<p>Open: 4p ¹² Kitchen: 4-8p Bingo: 6p</p> <p><i>Tut Fann Veterans Dinner & Bingo 5:00p</i></p> 	<p>Open: 4pm ¹³ Kitchen: Closed</p>	<p>Open: 4p ¹⁴ Kitchen: 5-9p Texas Hold 'em 6:30p</p> 	<p>Open: 4p ¹⁵ Kitchen: 5-8:30p Trivia: 7p</p> 	<p>Open: 4p ¹⁶ Kitchen: 5-9p</p> 	<p>Open: 2p ¹⁷ Kitchen: Closed Serving Hot Dogs & Pizza</p> 	<p>Open: 2p ¹⁸ Kitchen: Closed</p>
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