



# The ELKS Call



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Huntsville Elks Lodge No. 1648

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## Exalted Ruler's Message



It's College Football season already! Fall's around the corner and there are several great events already scheduled at The Lodge over the next few weeks and months. See the events and dates in this publication and our Facebook page. You asked for LIVE MUSIC. Now your support is needed as great bands are playing at HSV #1648 this year!

Now let's talk membership recruitment for a minute. New Members are the lifeblood of any organization. Huntsville has Alabama's largest population; I challenge we show our Lodge can do the same over the next six months. Each of you recruit only five friends or family members that would be great Elks and bring them down. Not only bring them down but introduce them around and tell them more about HSV Elks #1648.

Tell them about The Elks Family. Our great dinners and weekly events but we are so much more. The Elks commitment to our own community. If you're not sure about how to describe all that we do; find this ER, any Officers or Trustees to describe how we have community projects with over \$75,000.00 with boots on the ground going back into our community for those underserved and often forgotten. We haven't forgotten!

"Membership with Enthusiasm" is Grand National ER Bruce Hidley's call to new membership this year... and we will support it! We have a fantastic membership event in November with one of Huntsville's hottest bands "347" for our members but also open to the general public with a cover charge, limited menu and great live music to see our beautiful Lodge.

There will be Elks purple polos circulating the room and a membership table manned to put them on track for their opportunity to visit our Lodge. We have a fantastic three visit system for them to meet us and us, them. "We will only propose and ballot for a worthy candidate; but every one of us knows five people worthy to be Elks."

So if you're reading this "ACT NOW!" The Member bringing in the most new members that ballot and initiate wins (4) tickets to the Christmas Party along with four beverage tickets. Contest ends November 30, 2022 at 7pm CST so times a wasting.

Start with family. I know The West aren't unusual but there's three generations of us at #1648 right now. I'm counting on you. Your Lodge Family is counting on you. Each of you can recruit five worthy candidates... just do it! Grab some new member applications and get busy!

Community Service: we will be sending by email our "scopes of work" for our community work. Look, find your niche and join one the service teams! I always try to lead by example; join me and be a part of several projects and work alongside me; we might get our boots dirty but it's rewarding! Officers especially challenge your member friends to join you.

Special thanks to Leading Knight Kathy Pierce for standing in for this ER as Janice and I had an overdue vacation. Kathy had the look and sound of a future ER I'm told by many. "Thanks to all that serve; we could not be a successful Lodge without you."

Until next time! Mike A. West, Exalted Ruler: Huntsville Elks Lodge #1648

## House Committee

Are you ready for some Football? Come join us for Saturday games and tailgate parties. Bring a dish and enjoy a day of football and fellowship. Lots of events on the books so check our calendar for times and dates. Your House Committee is working for you so any questions or concerns are welcome for discussion at any of our twice monthly meetings.

### Your House Committee:

Billy Herndon, Chairman  
Greg Welzyn  
Mary Cannon  
Pat Edwards  
Ed Limback  
Peg Rathz  
Tom Rathz  
David Burkett (Honorary HC Member)

## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

*Please contact Sally Culver for any sickness and distress.*

*Email [sallyculver@bellsouth.net](mailto:sallyculver@bellsouth.net)*

*Phone 256-508-2834.*

*Happy Birthday*

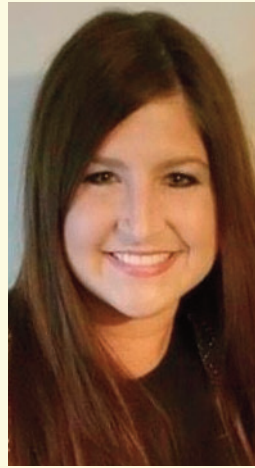
### September Birthdays:

- 1 Denise Butner, Martin Cousins, Kimberly Oliver, Claude Snoddy
- 3 Donald White
- 4 Pamela Burt, Chisty Johnson, Tatiana Kontoulakos
- 5 Lisa Norton
- 6 Kenneth Carpenter
- 7 George Wilson
- 8 Gary Freymuth
- 9 John C. Johnson
- 10 Peg Rathz
- 11 Tim Barnes, Butch Buffalo, Stuart Samples, Bruce Tehan
- 12 Paula Andrews, Chuck Curry, James D. Freeman
- 14 Andrew Staton
- 15 Juergen Kampmeier, Richard Markwalter
- 17 Jimmy Spruill, Jody Strickland, Kathleen Whitmire
- 19 James Bragg Jr., Valerie Craig, Donald E. Horst, Michelle Ullman, Justin West
- 20 Doug Browner
- 21 Robert A. Allen, Frank Chargualaf
- 22 James Mike Hawkins
- 23 Sherry Ammons, Trevor Hodge
- 24 Christy Alison, Edward Hopper, Sherrill McBrayer
- 25 Cristi Little, James D. Magnusson
- 26 Barbara Clark, Terri Tucker
- 27 Drenda King, Davis Smallwood
- 28 Wesley Marion
- 30 Heidrun Admire

## Membership Committee

- Drenda King
- Julie Schenck-Brown
- Cathy Kulas
- Lorren Bailey

Mike Kessler  
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks  
District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler  
[mwkessler53@charter.net](mailto:mwkessler53@charter.net)



## Secretary's Corner

Dues for fiscal year 2022-2023 are \$113.00. Spouse cards and replacement cards are \$5.00 each.

We have 46 delinquent members. Please remember that only members current on their dues may enter the building and they cannot sign in "delinquent" members as guests.

Payments can be made when you come in. Please put your payment in the Secretary's Box on wall to the left of double glass doors.

CAMP ASCCA Tickets are being sold now. When you purchase, please tear off each ticket individually and do not turn them in stuck together.

Secretary hours are on Tuesdays and some Wednesdays from 5pm-7pm at the Elks Lodge and always by email at [nicole-anderson@comcast.net](mailto:nicole-anderson@comcast.net)

Nicole ♥

## Elks Lodge Officers 2022-2023

Exalted Ruler: Mike West  
Leading Knight: Kathy Pierce  
Loyal Knight: Scott Stokes  
Lecturing Knight: Julie Schenck-Brown  
Secretary: Nicole Anderson  
Treasurer: Janice West  
5 Year Trustee: Mary Cannon  
4 Year Trustee: Phillip Towry  
3 Year Trustee: Jan Abbott  
2 Year Trustee: Jay Lockridge  
1 Year Trustee: Louis Tumminello  
Chaplain: Sally Culver  
Esquire: Peggy Rathz  
Tiler: Kevin Butler  
Inner Guard: Tom Rathz

## Grant Committee 2022-2023

### Grant Committee:

- Christy Johnson
- Nicole Anderson
- Mary Cannon
- Scott (Barbara) Stokes
- Jerry (Anna) Skonieczny
- Cathy Kulas




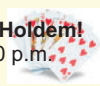




\*If anyone would like to help participate in the 2022-2023 grants this year, please email the Elks Lodge Secretary, Nicole Anderson at [nicole-anderson@comcast.net](mailto:nicole-anderson@comcast.net)

## Audit and Financing Committee 2022-2023

- Kathy Chesser
- Alan McClendon
- Nancy Stuart

# SEPTEMBER 2022

Please remember it is your responsibility to help keep our lodge healthy!  
Please wash your hands often and practice social distancing ☺

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.  <b>Trivia</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>2</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.	<b>3</b> Open 2:00 p.m.  <b>Hot Dogs and Pizza</b>  <b>Beer Spe</b> 
<b>4</b> Open 2:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Closed</b>	<b>5</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b> Open 4:00 p.m. <b>Kitchen Open</b> <b>BAR BINGO</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>6</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Closed</b>  <b>House Committee Meeting</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>7</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.  <b>Texas Holdem!</b> 6:30 p.m. 	<b>8</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.  <b>Trivia</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>9</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.	<b>10</b> Open 2:00 p.m.  <b>Hot Dogs and Pizza</b>  <b>Beer Specials!</b> 
<b>11</b> Open 2:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Closed</b>	<b>12</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b>  <b>BAR BINGO</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>13</b> Open 4:00 p.m. <b>Kitchen Closed</b> <b>Board Meeting</b> 6:00 p.m. <b>Lodge Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m. w/Black Chair	<b>14</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.  <b>Texas Holdem!</b> 6:30 p.m. 	<b>15</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.  <b>Trivia</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>16</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.	<b>17</b> Open 2:00 p.m.  <b>Hot Dogs and Pizza</b>  <b>Beer Specials!</b> 
<b>18</b> Open 2:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Closed</b>	<b>19</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b>  <b>BAR BINGO</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>20</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Closed</b>  <b>House Committee Meeting</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>21</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.  <b>Texas Holdem!</b> 6:30 p.m. 	<b>22</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.  <b>Trivia</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>23</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.	<b>24</b> Open 2:00 p.m.  <b>Hot Dogs and Pizza</b>  <b>Beer Specials!</b> 
<b>25</b> Open 2:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Closed</b>	<b>26</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b>  <b>BAR BINGO</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>27</b> Open 4:00 p.m. <b>Kitchen Closed</b> <b>Board Meeting</b> 6:00 p.m. <b>Lodge Meeting</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>28</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.  <b>Texas Holdem!</b> 6:30 p.m. 	<b>29</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.  <b>Trivia</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>30</b> Open 4:00 p.m.  <b>Kitchen Open</b> 5:00-9:00 p.m.	



Recognition dinner for Jack who has been a member for 32 years and is our newest Honorable Life Member!

## Veteran's Corner

A request from Tutt Fann  
are some goodies below that Elk Members  
can bring to the lodge for donation.

- Little Debbie Snacks (nutty bars, oatmeal pies, etc.)
- Hostess Snacks (powdered donuts, twinkies, cupcakes)
- Mini can Coke products
- Rice Crispy treats, Cracker Jacks, chocolate bars and candies like M&Ms, etc.



Cathy Kulas is still collecting bottle lids/caps  
(medicine, vitamin, soda, juice, and milk caps, etc.)  
Please save and bring to the lodge.

## Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table Schedule

General Meetings (2nd Thursday of each month 6:30-8:00pm)

September 8, Civil War Cavalry (Rae Whitley)

October 13, Smoke on the Water: Raiders of the Chesapeake Bay (Kellee Green Blake)

November 10, Memory and the 1913 Gettysburg Reunion (Thomas Flagel)

## Upcoming Special Events:

**Alabama & Auburn Season Kick-off:**  
**September 3rd at 5pm**

**Octoberfest:**  
**October 1st, at 5pm**

**Band 347:**  
**November 18th at 6pm**

## Little War Round Table Schedule

(4th Thursday of each month 6:30-8:00pm)

September 22, From Barbara Fritchie to Lee's Lost Orders – 1862's Civil War in Frederick Maryland (Jeff Ewing)

October 27, Robert E. Lee's Place in the Lost Cause Myth (Jeff Ewing & Emil Posey)

December 8, Thoughts on the Lost Cause Myth (Emil Posey)

## From the 2022 Golf Committee

The 2022 Huntsville Elks Lodge Golf Committee would like to thank our Corporate and Hole Sponsors listed below. This was a huge success as we raised nearly \$7,000 for charity for our community. Thank you everybody that worked on and participated in this event.

### Corporate Sponsors

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### Hole Sponsors

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