



The ELKS Call



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Dear fellow Elks,

As I write my next to last newsletter article as your E.R, I am dealing with two major actions taking place in our lodge. One being a very positive situation and one that could possibly be a very controversial issue.

Let me explain:

On a positive note, over the past three years we have positioned the lodge in a very strong financial position. A lot of this money came from your dedication and hard work as members. For a business to sustain itself, grow and move forward with their mission it must re-invest in its infrastructure and operations. As you have probably noticed we have begun a major remodeling program. This project includes, lighting, painting, creating a real dining room, a fireplace with sitting area, true separation from the bar area to our new dining room, making the game room more inviting, and all new flooring.

We will also be replacing the parking lot with new asphalt. When completed, I think each and every one of us will be proud of our remodeled facility and want to share it with more people. The remodel should even bring in more revenue since we should be a more desirable place to host more events. Huntsville is in desperate need of venues to rent for people's special occasions.

On the second event I spoke of, there will be a motion made at the February 12th meeting to ban smoking at our lodge. I do not know the details of the motion, but I do feel it will be made. I do not have a position for or against this new policy. There are many of you that feel strongly both ways. It is my job to make sure that we follow the statutes and constitution that govern our lodge. It is also my job to maintain a homogenous environment among our members. As we all know we are one of the few bars and restaurants that allow smoking at a facility in Huntsville or anywhere across the country. Most establishments and public facilities are non-smoking. There are pluses and minuses to having a smoking environment. I totally understand that. My hope is that we can reach a compromise. We have a very large facility with many different areas that are zoned off or will be zoned off to other areas that can be used to create smoking and non-smoking zones and hopefully a fair compromise. This is a debate our membership deserves and should have. However, this is not a fight, it does not need to become a personal matter among us. We are a strong family and have even become stronger as a group the last couple of years. Let's work together on this, respect each other's feelings and not take anything personally.

Lastly, please remember it is time to nominate officers for the upcoming election. If you wish to run for an office, nominations will be held at the February 12th meeting.

Hope to see you at the lodge.

Buzzy

Elks Care - *Elks* Share

House Committee

Bills and taxes against the club are paid and current. New Years day lunch was held in the lounge on January 1, serving black-eyed peas, collard green, ham and other foods. Inventory of the kitchen and bar completed on January 2, Members breakfast served 62 on January 5 and next breakfast is February 2. Tut Fann Veterans dinner served 19 on January 3, next dinner is February 7. Karaoke in the lounge is February 2. Repairs and maintenance; kitchen grease pit drained, kitchen drains flushed, water leak in club mens room, sheet rock in the card room, roof leaks, and club entrance door lock repaired. Outside Lodge flag has been replaced. The HC thanks those members who help the staff with club operations. Please submit any ideas or suggestions to better the club in writing or appear at a HC meeting which are on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 5:300. Thank you all.

Your House Committee: Chairman, Pat Edwards, David Burkett, Billy Carlton, Jason Johnson, Billy Herndon, and Cathy Kulas

House Rules:

Administrative: D: The lead bartender (Manager on Duty) will act in the manager's absence.



Please keep in your thoughts those that are ill or have lost a loved one. If you know of these, please let the Lodge know. Continue to remember Darwin Baker, Ed Aagesen, Pam Tumminello, Bear Ellzey, Connie Rogers, Wayne Tucker, Allen Cathy, Glenda Freeman, Don and Liz Looney, Tom Reed and Pat Shadrack. We extend our love and prayers to the families of James "Jimmy" Lodge, Albert Perkins, Doyal Hyatt, and Coach Jerry Bradley in their passing. An Elk is never forgotten.

I'm sure these people would appreciate a phone call or a card: Darwin Baker, PER, 415 McLeod Lane, The Villages, FL 32162-6047; Wayne Tucker, (256) 564-8383, Brookdale Hampton Cove; Room 102, 6379 Hwy 431, Hampton Cove, AL 35763; George "Bear" Ellzey, (256) 881-5000, Huntsville Signature Health Care at Whitesburg Gardens, Room 307A, 105 Teakwood Drive, Huntsville, AL 35801



Just a reminder that we have a "small" library in our foyer. Please feel free to take a book to read and also to add/donate any books that you might think someone else might be interested in reading. This is a good time of year to unclutter your home book shelves. Some of you might even have some movies on DVD that you no longer want and would like to share.

SWAP SHOP –

as space permits in our newsletter, we will have a small space for items you might want to trade, sell, give away, etc. Send me an email, bpoe1648@gmail.com with your items.

SECRETARY NEWS

We are nearing coming to the end of our Lodge year and so we are finalizing our grants for 2018-2019 year. Our "grant think tank" will be getting together to apply for the 2019-2020 grants that are available to us. We have already gotten our IMPACT grant for 2019-2020 renewed and will continue to use it with Farley Elementary as well as Highlands Elementary School. I would encourage you to become involved in the new grants that will be written. One of the main stipulations for receiving these grants from our Grand Lodge is Elk Member participation. We have the same people doing all the work and I would ask you, please give us some of your time and talents toward these grants. We are becoming known in our community as a benevolent and caring Lodge, let us continue to be seen as such. We have great plans for the coming year, and this will take your help as a member to get these things planned and completed. We are planning to have an "indoor" craft show this spring, and we would also like to start having a farmer's market in our parking lot on Saturday mornings and both these things will need our memberships' help to make them a reality. If you get involved in some of these things you will come to know all the good things that our Lodge is doing in and around our community and that you are an awesome part of its success.

As we end this lodge year and look forward to the next, we still have a lot of work to be done. As you know, our grant monies come from the Grand Lodge through our Elks National Foundation (ENF) ENF donations. We need someone to step up and be our new ENF chairperson. If every member would donate just \$10 a year, we would more than recoup this in the form of our grants. When the dues renewals are sent out, I will include a request for your \$10 ENF donation, which is tax deductible, and if you choose to donate, you can send it back with your dues. I have listed below, the names of those members that will be dropped next month for non-payment of their dues. If you know any of these people, please encourage them to pay their dues and come participate in the "happenings" of this Lodge and Club.

DELINQUENT MEMBERS: STATUTES ANNOTATED: Section 14.160: Any time during the month of February each year, the Secretary shall give notice as provided in Section 1.115 informing the Member that such Member may be dropped if dues are not paid within 30 days of the notice.

SECTION 1.115: Except as otherwise directed by Executive Order, any notice required to be sent or mailed to all Members of a Lodge may be included in the Lodge Bulletin or sent electronically to any Member who has given written authorization.

THESE MEMBERS ARE DELINQUENT IN THEIR DUES AND WILL BE DROPPED FROM MEMBERSHIP IF DUES ARE NOT RECEIVED BY MID-MARCH. Bonds, Debbie Pierce; Brooks, Janis Chamberlain; Buchanan, Steven; Buckmaster, Paul D; Byrom, Marvin H; Coffell, Albert; Coker, Eddie; Cummings, William Milton; Curley, James. Jr.; Duncan, Karen; Eleazer, Will; Ellzey, Kenneth; Ferguson, James "Trip"; Forsythe, Michael; Garton, Murray; Givhan, Sam; Grady, Randall; Graffeo, Charles; Groves, Edwin; Hall, Charles; Hall, Danita; Hardy, Tom; Hastings, Marcia; Hawkins, Lillian; Jarres, Trevor; Jean, Jerry; Kamus, Joseph; Lehman, Benjamin; Lehman, Cynthia; Lewis, Jennifer Walker; Little, Sue; Lockridge, Iris; Lones, Charles; Mann, Hannah; Mann, Phyllis; Mann, Blake; Mattson, Gregg; Maxey, Mark; May, Ryan; McAllister, Dan; McDaniel, Stephen; McGaha, Colter; Medlen, Karen; Moore, Clark Edgar; Morgan, Terry; Morton, Donald Lee; Mullins, Corey; Mullins, Jerry L; Murphy, Ronald Glynn; Neal, George W., Jr; Neeley, Mickey J; Nelson, Jerry Michael; O'Malley, Teresa; O'Neal, Carlton; Oswald, Joann; Owen, Ronald; Padgett, Jason; Ross, Howie; Schambekrger, Martha; Schneider, Stephen; Schrimsher, James B; Simmons, Steve; Smith Erika; Steele, Robin; Stephens, Jodi Florence; Temple, Jimmy; Theriault, Linda; Vest Phillip

THESE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ARE 6 MONTHS PAST DUE AND WILL NOT BE DROPPED UNTIL OCTOBER IF DUES ARE NOT PAID. Please pay your \$43 that was due in October 2018 and become a member in good standing. You will again have dues to pay April 1st. These people are: Susan Troxel Anderson, Marci Baker, Tommy Baker, Lynn Fournier, Meridith Fournier, Kurt Lineback and Ronald Glynn Murphy.

5 Ways to Keep You Informed . . .

Email, Online Newsletter, Social Media,
Lodge Meetings, Wall Calendar (Outside Managers' Office)

If you are not receiving the weekly Elk emails
please send your name and current email address to
samjt3@yahoo.com - we'll add you to the list.

**The Elks Call newsletter entries
MUST be received by 25th of the Month**

Entry address: **bpoe1648@gmail.com** or
diwilson1648@gmail.com

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Interested in booking an event?

Club's Email Address: **Elks1648@knology.net**

Newsletters are no longer mailed;
a limited number will be placed at the bar.

Please reserve these copies
for those Members not receiving email.

If you know of a Shut-In Member,
kindly take a copy of the newsletter to them...

If we all help out, we can save money for the Lodge
by avoiding postage.

2018-2019 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler, Jerry "Buzzy" Byrom
Esteemed Leading Knight, Jan Abbott
Esteemed Loyal Knight, Nicole Anderson
Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Michael Hepler
Secretary, Dianna Wilson
Treasurer, John Bell
Chaplain, Bob Richmond
Esquire, Charles Brown
Tiler, Gary Lunsford
Inner Guard, Randy Speegle

TRUSTEES

1 Year, Mary Cannon 2 Year, Randy Morris
3 Year, Phillip Towry 4 Year, Mike Davis
5 Year, Louis Tumminello



**EVERY SUNDAY
4:30 p.m.**

BINGO HELPERS NEEDED!

Would you be willing to donate 4 hours a month or
bi-monthly to help our Bingo teams? Remember, our bingo
money goes to our scholarships. Without bingo, we would
not be able to help so many deserving young people with
their college education. If you have a high school senior
that is going to need financial help, let us know and we can
get you an application for the scholarships.
(bpoe1648@gmail.com).

Happy Birthday

February Birthdays:

- 1 Debra Fish, Jim Miller, Lola Sullivan
- 2 Ken Coulter, Kathy Pierce
- 3 Wayne Lamon, Taylor Wright
- 5 Mike Fulton, B.J. Johnston, Philip Radzinski, David Vest
- 7 Billie Hughes Foster, Karl Peterson, Larry Pridmore,
Bill Russell
- 8 David Lee
- 9 Georgia Pam Sneed
- 10 Ken Gawronski, Jason Healy
- 11 Mike Jankowski, Michael Wilbourn
- 12 Jennifer Suns, John Worly, Marvin Youst
- 13 Scott Retzler
- 14 Sam Citrano
- 15 Gary Lunsford, John Milligan, Bill Woodall
- 16 Nancy Dugas, April Patton
- 17 Brian Allen, Linda Culver, Gordon Day, Alan Jenkins
- 18 Jim Duncan
- 19 Jay Lockridge
- 20 Sunny Baker, Michael Innes, Barbara Schulze
- 21 Russell Whitlock
- 23 Sam Givhan
- 24 Becky Lott, Briana Teague
- 26 Carol Codori, Charles E. Hooper, Carlton O'neal,
Sherry Retzler
- 28 Backhoe Billy, Gene Christy, Mike Davis



MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

Front row, Left to Right: Tim Fowler, Joyce Nelson, Sylvia
Orgiesen, Barbara Calloway
Back: Thomas Floeser, Jonathan Roy, J.W. Weatherly, Kelly Reed,
James Buchanan



Join in the fun:
**QUEEN OF HEARTS
FUNDRAISER**
Every Friday Night

FEBRUARY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 STEAK NIGHT QUEENS 8:00	2 ELKS BREAKFAST 9:00-10:30 KARAOKE 7:00-10:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00
3 Open 2:00 BINGO 4:30 Team: Brown Caller: Floeser SUPER BOWL	4 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 BAR BINGO 6:00	5 Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed	6 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Try Club Sandwich on Rye and Fries</i> Texas Holdem 6:30	7 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Country Fried Steak</i> Tut Fann Vets Here	8 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 STEAK NIGHT QUEENS 8:00	9 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00
10 Open 2:00 BINGO 4:30 Team: Abbott Caller: R. Anderson Kitchen Closed	11 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 BAR BINGO 6:00	12 Open 3:00 LODGE MEETING 7:00 p.m. PER NIGHT Officer Nominations "Black Chair" Kitchen Open	13 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Space Camp Award OXR Elementary 1:00 p.m.	14 Valentine's Day Open 3:00 <i>Chicken Buffet</i> 5:00-9:00 Civil War Roundtable 6:30	15 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 STEAK NIGHT QUEENS 8:00	16 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00
17 Open 2:00 BINGO 4:30 Team: Hepler Caller: Floeser Kitchen Closed	18 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 BAR BINGO 6:00	19 Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed	20 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Try a "Grilled Ham-n-Cheese Sandwich"</i> Texas Holdem 6:30	21 Open 3:00 <i>Beef Tips & Noodles</i> 5:00-9:00	22 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 STEAK NIGHT QUEENS 8:00	23 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00
24 Open 2:00 BINGO 4:30 Team: N. Anderson Caller: Cannon Kitchen Closed	25 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 BAR BINGO 6:00	26 Open 3:00 LODGE MEETING 7:00 Officer Election Kitchen Open	27 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Try a great Elk Burger and Fries</i> Texas Holdem 6:30	28 Open 3:00 <i>Shrimp Boil</i> 5:00-9:00	March 1 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 STEAK NIGHT QUEENS 8:00	March 2 KARAOKE 6:00-10:00 PER TED MOON Kitchen Open

BREAKFAST IS THE 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH – 9:00 – 10:30 SEE YOU MARCH 2ND FOR ANOTHER GREAT BREAKFAST



Best kept secret in town is the buffet breakfast at our Elks Lodge for only \$8. Our bacon cooker, "Baconator" Charlie Swanson, manages to have the bacon just crispy enough, fry the bologna and brown the biscuits to perfection. The scrambled eggs by Master Craftsman Phillip Towry are worth the cost, David Burkett and Backhoe Billy make the awesome hash browns, and mixologists Burkett and Billy Herndon make the loaded orange and tomato juice. Chief Pat whips up the gravy and grits, and then he dons the apron to be the best dishwasher of the day! Oh, and of course we have sliced tomatoes and coffee!! And let's not forget, Cathy Kulas, Pat Shadrick, and Pat Lamon are there, ready and willing to take your money for the breakfast. What an awesome crew they all make, so come on out and let's show them the love next month on **MARCH 2**.

ER BIRTHDAY DINNER

We had a large crowd and a fun time at our ER Birthday Dinner. For those of you that are not familiar with the dinner, once a quarter we celebrate the birthdays of our members who have birthdays in those three months. If you have a birthday in that time frame, your dinner is compliments of the Lodge and guests are welcome at \$12 each. Our next ER Birthday Dinner will be April 24th for those members having birthdays in February, March, and April. Sign-up forms will be in the entry way in April. We have steak (cooked to order) or chicken; salad, baked potato, adult beverage and birthday cake. Now where else can you have your cake and eat it too!!



LOST & FOUND



PLEASE –

check the foyer for your lost coats, sweaters, umbrellas, hats, dishes, etc. Help us to keep our coat racks clear of things left behind.



On Wednesday, February 13th, 1:00 pm, our Lodge will be presenting the Elmer Hargis Scholarship to Owens Cross Roads Elementary. This scholarship will send the entire 5th grade to Space Camp for a full week. Thank you, Tommy Harper, for your continued work on this great endeavor.



KARAOKE – MARCH 2, with DJ Ted Moon, PER of the Fayetteville Lodge.

We had a great crowd and a tremendous amount of fun on Saturday, February 2nd.

The kitchen will be open, so come eat, have a beverage, and sing, sing, sing!!

**PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE
THE CLUB MANAGER'S OFFICE FOR
UPDATES AND
COMING ACTIVITIES.**