



# The ELKS Call



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Huntsville Elks Lodge No. 1648

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Fellow members,

As your newly elected Exalted Ruler, I would first and foremost like to express my gratitude to Past Exalted Ruler Buzzy Byrom. After taking the time to speak with much of the leadership over the past year, I am not sure how many realize that if it were not for the leadership of PER Byrom and the outstanding job he has done over the past three years putting Huntsville Lodge 1648 back on solid ground, our Lodge would not be where it is at this point.

I understand the gravity of the job which I am about to undertake, as well as the work that is to be done. Where we are now is not a destination but a beginning point and a launch pad to new, bigger, and better things. I am looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you who I may not know as well as I should. Most of the members of fraternal organizations are really not aware of the number of committees and the amount of work required to make all of the events, both charitable and fraternal a success. That being said, it is a concerted effort of teamwork. I hope that those of you who read this who may not have been particularly active, or have never involved yourself in the committees and working on events will consider doing so. You really can have fun and make good things happen all at the same time.

Now that we are in better shape financially and with the improvements and renovations being made by PER Byrom, we will be a highly sought after event venue which will help us to raise revenue. I also remember that we used to do so many different things that the membership loved to participate in. I do not believe that our membership has gotten too long in the tooth to have a good time anymore, I think we just need to remember the fun we used to have. That brings us to the subject of membership. The rebuilding of membership will be a priority this year as well, so I want each of you to think of two individuals who are really and truly Elk material to bring into the lodge. The reminder that quality is always better than quantity when it comes to membership is paramount.

If you have not been to the Lodge in a while please come down and say hello. For those who are there on a regular basis, I look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas and I will say that I have heard from quite a few of you already!! Together we will have a great year because we will decide to have a great year together.

Charles D. Brown



**THANK YOU TO** Past Exalted Ruler, Buzzy Byrom, his wife Suzanne and the House Committee, for a great reception to thank the officers, staff, and members for supporting him the last three years. Great food, spirits, music and fun were had by all.

*Some great dance music provided by DJ Ted Moon. Stella and Jimmy Musick, one of the best dance couples on the floor!*

**Elks Care - Elks Share**

## House Committee

Bills and taxes against the Club are paid. Kitchen and club inventory completed on March 1. Members' breakfast served 74 members and guests on March 2. Next breakfast is April 6. The Tutt Fann vets dinner served 16 on March 7, next dinner will be April 4. The HC hosted a late lunch on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, in the lounge with corned beef, cabbage, red potatoes and the sides provided by members. The HC co-hosted with ER Buzzy Byrom a members and staff appreciation reception on March 23. Repair was made to a fryer in the kitchen and a fryer oil leak. Cooler air vents have been cleaned. The HC thanks those members who help with Club operations. Please submit in writing or visit a HC meeting with any ideas to improve the lounge. HC meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30. Thank you all,

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

### HOUSE RULES:

Administrative:

B. Quorum: Although Club business may be discussed at any meeting by the Committee, no voting shall take place unless there is a quorum of members of the House Committee present.



**SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:** If you know of anyone that is ill or has lost a loved one, please let us know. Send an email to bpoe1648@gmail.com or call the Lodge. Our thoughts and prayers to the family of George O'Toole for his death this past month. Also please remember the family of Darwin Baker for his death March 23rd. Please keep in your prayers Mike Davis, Pam Tumminello, Wayne Tucker, Allen Cathy, Bear Ellzey, Glenda Freeman, Don and Liz Looney, Tom Reed, and Connie Rogers.



A great time and great food was had by those that came out and celebrated St. Patrick's Day with us on Sunday, March 17th. Thank you to House Committee Chairman Pat Edwards for taking on the job of getting the food ready for us and to the House Committee for furnishing the corned beef, cabbage, and potatoes. Also thanks to those that brought side dishes to share.

### CRAFT AND VENDOR EXPO

scheduled for March 30th was cancelled due to lack of vendor participation. It has been tentatively rescheduled for November 23rd. If you would like to step up and head up this fundraiser, please see the Lodge Secretary.

## SECRETARY'S CORNER

As we start a new Lodge year, it is with mixed emotions that I tell you that even though I was elected to be Lodge Secretary for 2019, I have resigned this position. I have loved being the Secretary of this Lodge and felt it an honor to do so. There comes a time when it is better to step away and know and feel in your heart that you did the best possible job that you could do. Knowing I did my best and gave it my all, is something that can never be taken from me. I have met so many members that I only recognized by seeing them, now I know a name to put with that face. I appreciate all the support that you have given me during my time as the Lodge Secretary. I especially would like to thank those that have helped me with the implementation of our grants, without them I would not have been able to do it. Thank you to Cathy Kulas, Tom Rathz, John Davis, Jan Abbott, Ed Limback, Jack Rogers, Billy Carlton and to the "Grant Think Tank" members.

**Grants**, except for one have been finalized for the 2018-2019 year and I am in the process of doing that now. This grant is the **Freedom Grant**, a very sought after grant that every Lodge did not receive. Cathy Kulas, Ed Limback and I had the honor of presenting this grant to KTECH, (part of Kids to Love organization). This grant will be a scholarship for one and possibly two "homeless" veterans that can take a 16 week course and become "Siemens Certified" in soldering, or a robotics class and be trained and able to work at a plant such as Toyota. The veterans are chosen from the downtown mission, they must have been through the 12 step program and they also must be drug free. **Promise Grant**, is also a highly sought after grant that all Lodges do not receive and we used with the Kids to Love Organization. The **Impact Grant**, which every Lodge does not receive, is an ongoing project with Farley and Highlands Elementary Schools. It has been renewed for another year and I will continue to work Cathy Kulas, Tom Rathz, John Davis, and Jack Rogers on this grant. The 2019-2020 year grants have not been written, it will be up to the new secretary to do this. I ask that you give the new Lodge Secretary, **Kathy Lockridge**, your full support as she comes in to do this job.

**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - PLEASE** if you are not receiving our monthly newsletter, send YOUR email address to samjt3@yahoo.com. Our newsletter is now sent by email. We only mail a newsletter to our shut-in members. There are copies available in the Club for your convenience.

**ENF - THANK YOU** to those members that have included a few extra dollars for our Elks National Foundation (ENF), with their membership dues. Without the ENF, we would not get or have gotten any grant monies. Thank you again for your support!



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



**KARAOKE WILL BE IN THE LOUNGE  
SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH, 6-10 P.M.  
WITH DJ TED MOON**



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

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please send your name and current email address to  
[samjt3@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:bpoe1648@gmail.com)

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**Elks Lodge 1648 Huntsville, AL**

**Interested in booking an event?**

Club's Email Address: [Elks1648@knology.net](mailto: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.*

## 2019-2020 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler - Charles (Charlie) Brown

Leading Knight - Michael Hepler

Loyal Knight - Dusty Graham

Lecturing Knight - Wayne Lamon

Secretary - Katherine Lockridge

Treasurer - John Bell

5 year Trustee - Buzzy Byrom

4 year Trustee - Louis Tumminello

3 year Trustee - Mary Cannon

2 year Trustee - Phillip Towry

1 year Trustee - Randy Morris



**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](mailto:bpoe1648@gmail.com)).



### April Birthdays:

- 1 Mike May, Richie Sottolano, Joseph Vinson
- 2 Lee Gavitt
- 3 James Chandler, Patricia Cook
- 5 Winston Hodge
- 6 Sharon Brown
- 8 Mark Payne, Jimmy Ruple
- 9 Don Harbin, Lillian Hawkins
- 10 Rebecca Harris, Michael Helper
- 11 James Baumann, Pam Holden
- 14 Jimmy Agnew, Lonetta Dawson, Richard Morris,  
Stella Musick
- 16 Bill Herndon
- 17 Linda Garrett
- 18 Dennis Hanning, Ann Moore
- 19 Ricky Clark
- 25 Ron Shadrack, Steve Wilt
- 26 Marshall Corlew
- 27 Jason Johnson
- 28 Angioe Ezell
- 29 Mary Jane Anderson, Bear Ellzey, Patricia Peterson
- 30 Robert W. Bond



Freedom Grant check presented to KTECH. L-R, Cathy Kulas,  
KTECH Director Dorothy Havens, Di Wilson, and Ed Limback. Be-  
hind is the mechatronics lab.



KTECH student Brittany Green completing her soldering class.

# APRIL 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00  <b>BAR BINGO 6:00</b>	<b>2</b> Open 3:00  House Committee 5:30	<b>3</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Try an Elk Burger or Pork Chop Sandwich	<b>4</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Country Fried Steak</i>	<b>5</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Steak, Catfish, or Shrimp, Chicken Salad Stuffed Tomato <b>QUEENS 8:00</b>	<b>6</b> ELKS BREAKFAST 9:00-10:30  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00  KARAOKE 6:00-10:00
<b>7</b> Club Open 2:00  Kitchen CLOSED  <b>BINGO 4:30</b>	<b>8</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00  <b>BAR BINGO 6:00</b>	<b>9</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00  <b>LODGE MEETING 7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>10</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Try a Hot Ham and Cheese Sandwich Texas Holdem 6:30	<b>11</b> Open 3:00  <b>CHICKEN BUFFET 5:00-9:00</b>  Civil War Roundtable 6:30	<b>12</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Steak, Catfish, or Shrimp  <b>QUEENS 8:00</b>	<b>13</b> Open 3:00  Officer Installation 5:00 Dinner 6:00 After Party 7:00
<b>14</b> Club Open 2:00  Kitchen CLOSED  <b>BINGO 4:30</b>	<b>15</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00  <b>BAR BINGO 6:00</b>	<b>16</b> Open 3:00  House Committee Meeting 5:30	<b>17</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Try Chicken or Steak Wraps Texas Holdem 6:30	<b>18</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Beef Tips and Noodles	<b>19</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Steak, Catfish, or Shrimp  <b>QUEENS 8:00</b>	<b>20</b> Open 3:00  Children's Easter Egg Hunt 1:00-3:00
<b>21</b> Club Open 2:00  Kitchen CLOSED  <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>  NO BINGO!!!	<b>22</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00  <b>BAR BINGO 6:00</b>	<b>23</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00  <b>LODGE MEETING 7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>24</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <b>ER BIRTHDAY DINNER</b> Texas Holdem 6:30	<b>25</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00  <b>SHRIMP BOIL</b>	<b>26</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Steak, Catfish, or Shrimp  <b>QUEENS 8:00</b>	<b>27</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00
<b>28</b> Club Open 2:00  Kitchen CLOSED  <b>BINGO 4:30</b>	<b>29</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00  <b>BAR BINGO 6:00</b>	<b>30</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen CLOSED	<b>May 1</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00  Texas Holdem 6:30	<b>May 2</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Chicken Fried Steak  Tut Fann Vets Here	<b>May 3</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00  <b>QUEENS 8:00</b>	<b>May 4</b> ELKS BREAKFAST 9:00-10:30  <b>DERBY PARTY</b>

**REMEMBER – FIRST SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH, 9:00 – 10:30, THE GREAT ELK BREAKFAST.**

Be sure to thank the guys that cook every month – Charlie Swanson comes in very, very early to get the bacon and biscuits going, then Phillip Towry works his magic with the scrambled eggs, while Chief Pat Edwards is busy with the grits and gravy, David Burkett and Backhoe Billy are making the hash browns and being the mixologists for our wakeup beverages.

Last, but not forgotten, are Cathy Kulas and Pat Shadrack, always there and ready to take your money and serve you a beverage. **SEE YOU THERE!**



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## New Members

We had six new members initiated on March 26th. When you see them, please make them feel welcome. I'm sorry that I did not get a photograph of the group, just a busy mistake on my part, (Lodge Secretary). Those initiated were Sandy Sharp, Barbara Tran, Chuck Curry, Travis Cummings, Mickey Childers, and Adam Persall. We also had one transfer to our Lodge, Richie Sottolano and a reinstatement for Bill Towery.



Elks Lodge 1648 Annual Easter Egg Hunt/Party begins at 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 20. There will be a coloring contest, egg hunt, prizes and then chicken tenders and french fries for lunch.

Please register your child by calling the club at 256-539-2530 or pick up a registration form from the bartenders. We would not want the Easter Bunny to show up without enough prizes.



Officer Installation on Saturday, April 13, begins at 5:00, dinner at 6:00 and then music and dancing begins around 7:00 – 7:30.

Tickets are \$25 for dinner and after dinner party tickets are \$10. Purchase your dinner ticket to reserve your seat or after dinner party ticket at the bar. **DINNER WILL BE** Black Jack chicken, beef tenderloin with blue cheese, redskin

potato casserole, French green beans, button mushrooms, spinach artichoke dip, salad with Fog Cutter dressing, and Crème Brule'.

**NO TICKETS (SEATS) WILL BE RESERVED UNTIL MONEY IS PAID AND THEN YOU WILL SELECT YOUR TABLE AND RECEIVE YOUR TICKET!!!**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24th, 6:00 P.M.**

**ER BIRTHDAY DINNER FOR MEMBERS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL**

Honored Member's birthday dinner will be compliments of the Lodge. Guests are invited to attend at the cost of \$12 per person.

Menu of steak (cooked to order) or chicken, salad, wine and birthday cake. Sign up forms are at the bar or in the entry way on the bulletin board.

HONORED GUEST \_\_\_\_\_ STEAK OR CHICKEN

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