



# The ELKS Call



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## E.R.'s February Newsletter Message to the Membership

A wonderful February to you all. First and foremost, the Mid Year Convention was packed with information on several fronts. The membership portion of the Elks.org website has been upgraded, and a new program is being pushed out called "Bricks and Clicks". This will essentially allow us as members, when in a social setting with our friends, invite them to see who we are as Elks and what we do in our communities. It then allows the prospective member to fill out an online application which will go directly to the secretary. This new membership program not only allows us to enter the 21st century in how we are seeking membership, but it also streamlines the process. I have heard from some that they like everything the way that it is and I understand that most of us become comfortable with the status quo. However, this tool should be a great help in attracting younger members.

We have settled several issues which were not done according to the correct procedures. Please make sure that you make the regular meetings so that you as members are included in the information as well as the discussions. It is important that you as members remember that it is you that run this organization. The officers which you elect are simply there to execute your wishes and decisions, or to give you information and advice to make the decision that you vote to enact.

The last couple of months are going to be very busy with activities like a drawdown in March as well as the Member Appreciation Night. The New Member Dinner has been combined with the ER's Birthday Dinner so that members with birthdays can meet and mingle with new members as well as possibly re-engage with the committees, programs, and fundraisers that we have and become active participants again.

Lastly, in the last newsletter I stated that I will be running for the office of ER again next year. My wife has had some health issues for which she is being treated in Charlotte, North Carolina. I learned on the 17th of January that the transfer of her care locally may be some time away. Due to the fact that I will be running back and forth to Charlotte and not knowing the extent of time that she will be there each month, I will need to focus more attention on my son. The job of ER really is a full time job which requires more time than I will be able to give to it. I am therefore removing myself from consideration for ER for the next year. I am committed to remaining active and helping the Lodge and its members and whoever is elected as ER with the forward progress of this organization. I would consider a Trustee position if one is available. I hope that all understand my position, as I want only the best for Huntsville Elks Lodge 1648.

Fraternally;  
Charles Brown, ER

## Message from Trustee Byrom

The Huntsville Elks Lodge 1648 Board of Directors will meet at 6:00 p.m. before all regularly scheduled Lodge meetings. The meetings are open to the membership. Any changes to the schedule will be given by email to the membership.

## Space Camp Scholarships

We will present the Elmer Hargis Space Camp Scholarships to the 5th grade students at Walnut Grove Elementary School on Friday, February 7th at 10:00. We would love to have all trustees and chair officers attend the presentation.



## SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

*Please keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers:*

Inner Guard Randy Speegle, Keith Allen,  
Bill Roberts, Jim Miller

PER Joe Stopper passed away November 11, 2019.

Lillian Hawkins passed away December 23, 2019 -  
she was 100 years old.

John Bell's family.

## House Committee

Bills and taxes against the club are paid and current. The House Committee sponsored a brunch on January 1 for New Years Day. Thanks to those members who brought side dishes. Special thanks to Gwenda H., B.J., Steve Y., David B., and Michael H. for their help.

Bar and kitchen inventory completed on January 2. New food supplier is Gordons Food Service which began on January 8. Tut Fann Vets Dinner served 16 on January 16. Next dinner is February 20. New bar stools are in the lounge. Door on top oven in kitchen replaced. Thanks to those members who bring side dishes for the Sunday Pot Luck Dinners for the benefit of club patrons. And, thanks to those who help the club staff with club operations.

Please submit any ideas or suggestions to better the lounge in writing or come to a HC meeting which is the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 5:30. Thank you all.

### Your House Committee:

Pat Edwards, Chairman  
David Burkett  
Billy Carlton  
Billy Herndon  
Cathy Kulas  
Dusty Graham  
Nicole Anderson

### HOUSE RULES:

#### Club Operation:

#### A. Hours of Operation:

(2) Serving hours of the restaurant will be as follows for dinner: Closed Sundays, Monday 5 to 8, Tuesdays open 5 to 9 (Lodge meeting nights), Wednesday through Saturday 5 to 9. The operating schedule may be changed at the discretion of the House Committee if it is determined to be in the best interest of the club.



### February Birthdays:

- 1 Debra Harbison Fish, James W. Miller Jr., Lola M. Sullivan
- 2 Ken Coulter, Kathy M. Pierce
- 3 E. Wayne Lamon, Taylor Wright
- 5 John Mike Fulton, Curtis J. Hall, Benjamin B. Johnston, Philip D. Radzinski, Jimmy Woods
- 7 Billie Hughes Foster, Karl Peterson, Larry D. Pridmore, William H. Russell
- 8 David Lee
- 9 Pamela Willoughby Sneed, Phillip Vest
- 10 Kenneth Gawronski, Jason M. Healy, L. Thomas Ryan Jr.
- 11 Mike Jankowski, James Edward Thompson, Michael Darren Wilbourn
- 12 Jennifer Suns, John Thomas Worley, Marvin L. Yost
- 13 Scott Retzler
- 14 Sam J. Citrano
- 15 Gary Eugene Lunsford, John Milligan, William Woodall
- 16 Nancy Dugas, April L. Patten
- 17 Brian Allen, Gordon W. Day, Alan C. Jenkins
- 18 James M. (Jim) Duncan
- 19 Steven Jay Lockridge
- 20 Barbara Schulze
- 21 Russell Whitlock
- 23 Sam H. Givhan
- 24 Rebecca A. Lott, Briana Skye Teague, William N. Towery
- 26 Carol Codoro, Charles E. Hopper, Sherry Craig Retzler
- 28 Billy Carlton, Gene R. Christy, Michael L. Davis

## Secretary Corner

As our year is coming to a close, it is time to think about our upcoming grant applications. Rich Oliver will be heading our Grant Writing Committee. One of the requirements for Grant approval is member participation. Our grants benefit the Tut Fann Vets, homeless Vets and children of the Harvest Youth Club and the Boys and Girls Club. While we all like to have fun at the bar, remember that first and foremost, we are a Benevolent Organization. And a BIG thank you to all that have helped.

Also another year end task is notifying Delinquent Members of dues payment or will be dropped from membership. If you know any of these people, please encourage them to pay their dues.

One year delinquent: Dan Aldridge, Randy Bafford, Bryan Bergeron, William Burke, George Caragianis, Ernest Carden, Lexi Lee Carpenter, Rick Chaney, Colonel Frank Chargualaf, Larry Christopher, William Collins, Jamie Cornett, Ben Crow, Nancy Cunningham, Robert Deneefe, Claude Doring, Jerry Dunham, Ray Galyean, Oscar Gutierrez, Thomas Hargrove, Chad Hartley, Brandon Harwell, Sandra Henderson, Jeanne Herrin, Michael Jones, Donald Kenyon, Ben Lehman, Randy Lehman, Kay Masley, Rick Maze, Ronald McCracken, Scott McMickin, Tim McNeese, Michelle Mickle, Bubba Parks, Denise Plant-Covey, William Porter, Larry Pridmore, Mickey Pruitt, Alvin Robinson, Edwin Rudolph, Janice Schuckman, M.D. Smith, Walter Smith, Pamela Sneed, Billy Southard, Donna Theriault, Maranda Theriault, Phillip Vest, Brian White, Michael Wilbourn, Billa Wilde.

Six month delinquent: Margaret Jean Clark, Dr. Pat Edward, Benjamin Johnson, Patricia Ann Peterson, Roy Ponder, Joe Webster.

We have nine new candidates for membership, three reinstatements and one transfer.

Dates to remember: Balloting on Candidates, Tuesday, February 11; Friday, February 21, Orientation of New Members; Tuesday, February 25, Initiation. Please make plans to attend.

My office hours are Monday, 5:00-7:00; Lodge Meeting Tuesdays, 5:00-6:00; Fridays, 5:00-7:00. If you can't reach me during those hours, please text at 256-585-7698 or email [kathlockridge@gmail.com](mailto:kathlockridge@gmail.com). Please note the second "t", it is hard to see.

Brotherly Love,  
Kathy

## 2019-2020 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler - Charles Brown  
Esteemed Leading Knight - Michael Hepler  
Esteemed Loyal Knight - Dusty Graham  
Esteemed Lecturing Knight - Mike Davis  
Secretary - Katherine Lockridge      Treasurer - Stan Cannon  
Chaplain - Robert Richmond, PER  
Esquire - Kim Oliver      Tiler - Gary Lunsford  
Inner Guard - Randy Speegle  
5 Year Trustee - Buzzy Byrom, PER  
4 Year Trustee - Louis Tumminello, PER  
3 Year Trustee - Mary Cannon  
2 Year Trustee - Phillip Towry



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

# FEBRUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00
<b>2</b> Open 3:00 <b>Super Bowl</b> Kitchen Closed HC serving BBQ Bring Sides Tailgate starts at 4:00  <b>Bingo 4:30</b>	<b>3</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00  <b>BAR BINGO 6:00</b>	<b>4</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Closed House Committee Meeting 5:30	<b>5</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00  Texas Holdem 6:30	<b>6</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Chicken Fried Steak</i> <i>Taco Bar</i>	<b>7</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00  <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b>	<b>8</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00
<b>9</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen CLOSED  <b>BINGO 4:30</b>	<b>10</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00  <b>BAR BINGO 6:00</b>	<b>11</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Board Meeting 6:00 <b>Lodge Meeting 7:00</b> Balloting on New Candidates	<b>12</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00  Texas Holdem 6:30	<b>13</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Chicken Buffet</i>  Civil War Roundtable	<b>14</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00  <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b>	<b>15</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00
<b>16</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen CLOSED  <b>BINGO 4:30</b>	<b>17</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00  <b>BAR BINGO 6:00</b>	<b>18</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Closed House Committee Meeting 5:30	<b>19</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00  Texas Holdem 6:30	<b>20</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Beef Tips</i>  Tut Fann Vets	<b>21</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00  <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b> <b>Orientation of New Members</b>	<b>22</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00
<b>23</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen CLOSED  <b>BINGO 4:30</b>	<b>24</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00  <b>BAR BINGO 6:00</b>	<b>25</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Board Meeting 6:00 <b>Lodge Meeting 7:00</b> Initiation of New Members	<b>26</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00  Texas Holdem 6:30	<b>27</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Shrimp Boil</i>  Little Civil War Roundtable	<b>28</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00  <b>QUEEN OF HEARTS</b>	<b>29</b> Open 3:00  Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00

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## Proposal to amend Section 2.010 of the Laws of the Order:

### The above Section now reads (in relevant part) as follows:

**Section 2.010.** Only the rituals prepared by the Ritualistic Committee of the Grand Lodge and approved by the Grand Lodge shall be used in opening and closing a Lodge meeting, initiation of candidates, installation of Lodge Officers and institution of a new Lodge. Local Lodges may, through their By-laws, adopt alternative rituals approved by the Grand Lodge for the opening and closing of the Lodge.

### The proposed amendment would read as follows:

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**This Resolution is proposed by the Huntsville, AL Lodge No. 1648.**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this amendment is to add the option of the shortened initiation ritual to the Grand Lodge Statutes.