



The ELKS Call



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Huntsville Elks Lodge No. 1648

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Exalted Ruler's Message

The installation of the new Officers for 2021 was held on April 10th. If you were not there, you missed a good time. Thanks to James, our cook, for the nice arrangement of food trays, and to Sam Tumminello for all the great pictures. At the meeting, ER Mike Davis presented Certificates of Appreciation to those who helped the Lodge get through 2020-2021 fiscal year which was riddled with COVID difficulties and getting released from probation. Thank you all very much.

The District Deputy meeting was held in Decatur on April 18th. Ideas from different Lodges in North Alabama were discussed and hopefully can be implemented into our Lodge. Our Lodge has agreed with the new District Deputy, Mike Kessler, to host the next District Deputy meeting at our Lodge on August 1st.

New flags were purchased for our Lodge. Thank you, Lee May, for your help with this.

Proposed amendments to our By-Laws are required by the Grand Lodge Statutes every five (5) years. The proposed amendments will be voted on at the Lodge meeting on May 11, 2021.

Our Secretary Nicole Anderson has a few Shoot-Out tickets left. They are \$100 each and will be turned in at the State Convention on June 3rd. Get your group together to purchase these tickets before we turn them in.

From the Grand Lodge, any event held at the Lodge, which is not a Lodge function of the Lodge, must have Certificate of Liability Insurance before the event. All events must be discussed with the Club Manager prior to event.

Lately there has been a lot of trash left in the parking lot. Please remember, this is your home, and we should treat it as such.

Lastly, don't forget that Mother's Day is May 9th!

Mike Davis
Exalted Ruler



A "Certificate of Appreciation" for several Officers, Chairpersons, and Committee Members was given out to many for their hard work over the past year from ER Mike Davis. Pictured above are just some of the folks who received the certificate the day of our Installation of Officers.

House Committee

Taxes and bills against the club are paid.

We are looking forward to seeing all members new and old. Right now, there are several planned activities and as always, we are looking to everyone for suggestions or any concerns in your lounge. Remember to check e-mails and watch our board at the bar for food and drink specials.

Your House Committee:

Pat Edwards, Chairman
Billy Herndon, Acting Chairman
Janice West
Billy Carlton
David Burkett
Ed Limback
Peg Rathz

Elks Lodge Officers 2021-2022

Exalted Ruler - Mike Davis
Leading Knight - Mike West
Loyal Knight - Kathy Pierce
Lecturing Knight - Cathy Kulas
Secretary - Nicole Anderson
Treasurer - Stan Cannon
5 Year Trustee - Phillip Towry
4 Year Trustee - Jan Abbott
3 Year Trustee - Jay Lockridge
2 Year Trustee - Louis Tumminello
1 Year Trustee - Mary Cannon
Chaplain - Sally Culver
Esquire - Peggy Rathz
Tiler - Janice West
Inner Guard - Tammy Robertson

Audit and Financing Committee 2021-2022

- Greg Welzyn
- Lenny Johnson
- Tom Rathz

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Please contact Sally Culver for any sickness and distress.
Email sallyculver@bellsouth.net
Phone 256-508-2834.

Happy Birthday

May Birthdays:

- 1 Sam Citrano Jr.
- 4 Thomas T. Thompson III, Les Thornton
- 5 Douglas R. Smith, Chester West
- 6 Alethia Birmingham
- 8 Mark Craig
- 10 Ted L. Bullard
- 11 Nona Hopper
- 12 Michael Boysen, Thomas Hartley
- 16 George Boyd, Terry Cagle, Skip Stinson, Mary Tweedy
- 17 Lynn Fournier, Dan Poole
- 18 Hal Beach, Gina Spencer
- 20 David W. Burkett, William Richards
- 24 Joseph D. Henderson
- 25 Albert R. Schild
- 31 Kenneth J. Adams, Edward Sorden, Scott Stokes, Stephen Lee Walker

Secretary's Corner

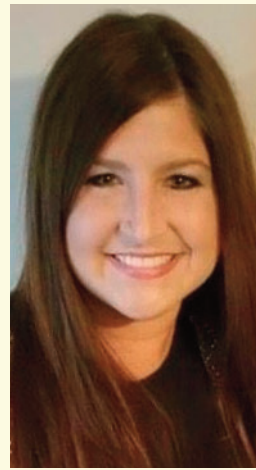
Currently our lodge has 93 delinquent members for year 2021-2022.

We still have a few Shoot-Out tickets available for purchase at \$100 each. Please see Mike Davis or Nicole Anderson for purchase. These tickets will be turned in at the Alabama Annual Convention in June for a \$10,000 winner to be drawn!

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

Annual dues for 2021-2022 Year are \$108.00.

Spouse cards and replacement cards are \$5.00.



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.

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

Nicole ♥

Grant Committee 2021-2022

Your Grant Committee,

- Pam Holden, Chairman: Spotlight, Impact, Promise, Gratitude Grants
- Ed Limback, Chairman: Beacon and Freedom Grants
- Nicole Anderson
- Tom Rathz
- Peg Rathz
- Cathy Kulas
- Mike West

*If anyone would like to help participate in the 2021-2022 grants this year please email the Elks Lodge Secretary, Nicole Anderson at nicole-anderson@comcast.net

Please Welcome Our New Members, Initiated 27 April, 2021
















William Thomas and Gina Spencer

MAY 2021

**Sunday BINGO requires all volunteers and players
to wear a face mask at all times.
NO SMOKING inside the Bingo gaming area.**

**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
						1 Open 2:00 p.m. Kentucky Derby Day at Lodge 4:30 p.m. Hot Dogs and Pizza Beer Specials! 
2 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed BINGO 4:30 p.m.	3 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	4 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed House Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.	5 Cinco de Mayo Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Holdem! 6:30 p.m. 	6 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Liquor Specials 	7 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	8 Open 2:00 p.m. Hot Dogs and Pizza Beer Specials! 
9 Mother's Day Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed BINGO 4:30 p.m.	10 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	11 Open - 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m. with updated by-law vote	12 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Holdem! 6:30 p.m. 	13 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Liquor Specials 	14 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	15 Open 2:00 p.m. Hot Dogs and Pizza Beer Specials! 
16 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed BINGO 4:30 p.m.	17 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	18 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed House Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.	19 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Holdem! 6:30 p.m. 	20 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Liquor Specials 	21 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	22 Open 2:00 p.m. Hot Dogs and Pizza Beer Specials! 
23 / 30 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed BINGO 4:30 p.m.	24 / 31 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m. May 31 - Memorial Day	25 Open - 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	26 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Holdem! 6:30 p.m. 	27 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Liquor Specials 	28 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	29 Open 2:00 p.m. Hot Dogs and Pizza Beer Specials! 



Also, congratulations to Dr. Andrews at the HAPPI Clinic. She was presented with the Citizen of the Year award.



Congratulations to our 2020-2021 Officer of the Year, ER Mike Davis, and Elk of the Year, Tom Rathz.



Cathy Kulas is still collecting bottle lids/caps
(medicine, vitamin, soda, juice, and
milk caps, etc.)
for the Impact Grant.

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.

Thanks,
Ed Limback

Patrick James
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks
District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler
256-338-2599 patrickajames68@gmail.com

Proposal for By-Laws Amendments
Submitted at the regular Lodge 1648 meeting on 13 April 2021

Number 1:

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V: ELECTIVE OFFICERS AND DUTIES, SECTION 4 OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BY-LAWS OF HUNTSVILLE LODGE 1648.

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

For the faithful performance of his duties, he shall receive as compensation \$5,100 per annum, payable monthly.

The Proposed Amendment would read as follows:

For the faithful performance of his duties, he shall receive as compensation \$7,200 per annum, payable monthly.

Number 2:

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V: ELECTIVE OFFICERS AND DUTIES, SECTION 5 OF THE TREASURER OF THE BY-LAWS OF HUNTSVILLE LODGE 1648.

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

He shall be required to give bond to the Lodge in the sum of \$5,000 for the faithful performance of his duties, and shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of \$5,100 per annum, payable monthly.

The Proposed Amendment would read as follows:

He shall be required to give bond to the Lodge in the sum of \$5,000 for the faithful performance of his duties, and shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of \$7,200 per annum, payable monthly.

Number 3:

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X: FEES AND DUES, SECTION 2, PARAGRAPH (b) REGULAR LODGE DUES OF THE BY-LAWS OF HUNTSVILLE LODGE 1648.

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

All Lodge dues hereafter specified shall be payable semi-annually, in advance, on the first days of April and October in each year, unless the Member chooses to pay the full year's Lodge dues on or before April 1st.

The Proposed Amendment would read as follows:

All Lodge dues hereafter specified shall be payable annually on or before the first day of April each year.

Number 4:

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X: FEES AND DUES, SECTION 2, PARAGRAPH (d) ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BY-LAWS OF HUNTSVILLE LODGE 1648.

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

Each Associate Member shall pay an annual fee in the amount of \$20.00 in advance.

The Proposed Amendment would read as follows:

Each Associate Member shall pay an annual fee in the amount of \$75.00 in advance.

Number 5:

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XV-A: AUXILIARIES AND ADJUNCT ORGANIZATIONS OF THE BY-LAWS OF HUNTSVILLE LODGE 1648.

The above Section now reads as follows:

Section 1. The Lodge hereby recognizes EMBLEM CLUB NO. 166 as the official Ladies Auxiliary of the Lodge provided its aims and purposes remain consistent with those of the Lodge and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

The Proposed Amendment would read as follows:

N/A -Delete Article XV-A.

Proposal for By-Laws Amendments
Submitted at the regular Lodge 1648 meeting on 27 April 2021

Number 6:

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X: FEES AND DUES, SECTION 4, 2ND PARAGRAPH OF THE BY-LAWS OF HUNTSVILLE LODGE 1648.

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

During the months of September and October of each year, the fee for reinstatement in this Lodge of a Member stricken from the rolls of this Lodge for non-payment of dues shall be one (1) dollar.

The Proposed Amendment would read as follows:

N/A - Delete Section 4 – paragraph 2.



HAPPI is pleased to be part of vaccinating our community against COVID. Currently the state of Alabama is in 1B portion of COVID vaccinations. HAPPI has a limited amount of Moderna vaccine to provide vaccinations to 1st responders and individuals 75 years of age and older. Please request a COVID vaccine appointment online.

Include in this appoint request the following:

- Age of vaccine recipient
- List occupation if qualifying as a 1st responder (bring appropriate documentation).
- Understand that all patients will be screened prior to the appointment and must meet HAPPI's criteria of patients we can safely administer COVID vaccine as well as the State of Alabama current phase of vaccinations.

Do not call our office for an appointment! We are **only accepting online appointment requests**...our staff is unable to respond to these calls! We will call patients as we have vaccine available to accommodate requests. Our initial allotment is 200 doses.

Website: www.happihealth.org

HUNTSVILLE LODGE 1648
Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

HOUSE RULES

Administrative:

A. The authority governing the establishment, management and supervision of the Club rooms and property is vested in a House Committee consisting of seven members in good standing appointed by the Exalted Ruler. The Chairman of the House Committee shall be elected by the members of the Committee. In the event the Chairman is absent, the senior member of the Committee, by virtue of their length of membership in Lodge 1648, shall preside over the meeting.

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

C. The operation of the club is delegated to the Club Manager who will be responsible for:

- 1) Operating the Club in the most cost effective and efficient manner under the policies established by the House Committee.
- 2) Enforcing all House rules set forth herein.
- 3) Maintaining order in the Club at all times.
- 4) Reporting all infractions of the House Rules to the House Committee.
- 5) Maintaining an inventory of Club supplies.

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

Club Operation:

A. House of Operation:

- 1) The operating hours of the Club will be as follows: Monday - Friday: 4p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday: 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- 2) Serving hours of the restaurant will be as follows: Dinner – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. 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. Changes to hours of operation of the Club will be posted for Member notice.
- 3) The Club Manager or Manager on Duty has the approval of House Committee to extend the hours of operation of the Club when sufficient members are present, as well as to close the Club if insufficient members are present to warrant the hours of operation.

B. Food Service:

- 1) Food service will be provided to Lodge Members and their guests when it is determined to be in the best interest of the Club. Hours of operation of the kitchen will be established by the Club Manager upon approval of the House Committee and posted in the Club.
- 2) No one is allowed access to the kitchen area or the area behind the bar unless they are an employee, officer, House Committee member or a member of the Lodge whose duty requires them to have access.

C. Club Privileges:

The privileges of the Club are reserved to the Lodge members in good standing, their families, guests, visiting Elks and those receiving identification cards under Section 14.140 of the Grand Statutes of the Order. Visiting Elks and guests will be admitted only when properly identified. Guests must be escorted at all times by a member of this Lodge. Visiting Elks and guests must sign the guest register. Members will be responsible for their guest's conduct, and guests must leave the Club when the member departs.

D. Access to The Club

- 1) Access to the Club will be by key card only. Visiting Elks and guests will enter only through designated areas where they will identify themselves and their host member.
- 2) Any member who admits a non-member to the Club without proper identification and without a member escort may be subject to disciplinary action after written notice to the member and after a hearing before the House Committee.

Conduct While in The Club:

A. The conduct of Lodge members, their families and guests must be in accordance with acceptable social standards at all times while in the Club – and rude, boisterous, profane, or obscene actions or language are specifically prohibited. Violation of this rule is cause for the offender to be asked to leave the premises and could result in suspension of Club privileges.

B. Lodge members are expected to observe the standards of conduct and dignity as required of an Elk. Each member is expected to read and abide by the House Rules established herein. Violation of these rules may subject a member to the loss of Club privileges for a period of up to one year, or have action taken by the Lodge which may result in the withdrawal of the member's membership rights. These actions may be taken after written notice is given to the member and after a hearing before the House Committee and / or the Lodge as the situation warrants.

C. The Club Manager – or Manager on Duty - has the authority to act in any circumstance not specifically covered herein and may take whatever action is believed necessary to maintain order and discipline within the Club. The manager will notify the House Committee at the earliest opportunity of any misconduct so that appropriate remedial action can be taken.

D. Children (persons under the age of 19) must be accompanied by an adult member of their family when they are in the Club, Children are specifically prohibited from entering any game room or sitting at the bar. If children remain in the Club after 9:00 p.m. they - with their adult family member - will be restricted to an area designated by the Club Manager.

E. The Lodge has mandated by floor vote that Lodge or Club business will not be discussed at the bar. The proper forum for these discussions is at a Lodge meeting, House Committee meeting, Governing Board meeting or other committee meetings.

F. Employees of the Club are the sole responsibility of the Club Manager. Any display of improper conduct, discourtesy or inattention to their duties should be reported to the Club Manager for appropriate action. Lodge members and guests are not authorized to personally reprimand an employee.

Check Cashing Policies:

A. The personal check of a member of this Lodge will be accepted by the Club for food and drink purchases - provided the check bears the member's membership number and telephone number.

B. No checks – personal or otherwise - will be cashed for money. An ATM machine is stationed in the club area for the purpose of providing cash to members.

C. Checks presented by members that are returned by the bank for any reason must be honored with cash or certified check within five days after notification of the return. A thirty-five-dollar (\$35.00) service charge will be assessed for each returned check. Two instances of returned checks - within a six-month period - may result in the loss of the members ability to render a check for purchases upon determination of the House Committee for a period of up to one year.

Dress:

A. Male members entering the Lodge must be appropriately dressed to include shoes and a shirt. Female members entering the Club must be appropriately dressed. Guests of members must follow the same standard and prescribed for members.

B. Entering the Club in swim wear is prohibited.

C. Dress for social functions must be appropriate for the occasion.

Club Utilization:

A. The Club, which is an adjunct to the Lodge, is operated for the social use of the Lodge, it's members and their families. The priority for scheduling events at the Club is as follows:

- 1) Lodge #1648 (as function of the Lodge)
- 2) Lodge members (for individually sponsored events)
- 3) Other private groups

B. The use of the Club by any party must be scheduled in advance through the Club Manager. Schedules are subject to review and approval by the House Committee. Schedule changes due to the exercise of a higher priority must be made with the Club Manager at least 30 days in advance.

C. The game rooms are for the use of Elks Lodge #1648 members only. Anyone permitting unauthorized guests or children to enter these rooms is subject to suspension from the Club by the House Committee. In an emergency or when deemed in the best interest of the Club, the Exalted Ruler or the Club Manager may make an exception to the "Lodge Members Only" policy.

Member Participation:

The House Committee welcomes comments and / or suggestions that any Lodge member may have to offer for the betterment of the Club. However, in the interest of conducting a House Committee meeting in an orderly and business-like fashion, it is requested that the Lodge member contact a member of the House Committee in advance of a scheduled meeting so that the item can be added to the committee agenda. Suggestion or comments may be submitted in writing as well for consideration.

Amendments:

A. These House Rules will remain in effect until amended in accordance with Article XVI of the By-Laws of the Lodge and Grand Statute 17.060.

B. No House Rules or amendments thereto shall take effect until submitted to the designated member of the Committee on the Judiciary of the Grand Lodge, and approved by that member.

House Rules (a five-page document) approved by vote of the house committee Huntsville Elks Lodge #1648 at a regularly scheduled meeting this the 6th day of April 2021.

House Committee Signatures:

Billy Herndon, Chairman _____

Janice West _____

Billy Carlton _____

David Burkett _____

Pat Edwards _____

Peggy Rathz _____

Ed Limback _____

Committee on the Judiciary of the Elks USA Grand Lodge approval / date: _____

By: _____ / designated Committee member.