



The ELKS Call



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Huntsville Elks Lodge No. 1648

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Message from the ER

What a great start to the new Elk year we are having. For those who were able to make it to the installation, I am honored that you could make it and I hope that you and your guest(s) had a most wonderful time. I would personally like to thank Michael Hepler, Dusty Graham, April Wiggins, Kurt Lineback, JuLee Byrom, Lee Gavit and all those who helped to decorate and make the installation a success.

We have already had our first event - the Easter Egg Hunt - which was a fantastic event due to the work of Michael Hepler, Dusty Graham, and Edward Hopper. There should be some pictures of the event in this newsletter as well. This event would not have happened as Mrs. Helen the Elk who has previously sponsored and put on the event has gotten to the point that it is too much for her to do, if not for Michael Hepler who decided that this event was not going to go by the way side. The children all seemed to have the best of times (mine included).

We have also had our first ER birthday celebration for our members, once again happy birthday to you all. What a wonderful honor to be able to celebrate our member's special day with such a range of Elk members from different walks of life, experiences, and age groups who all have a common purpose, their focus on being an Elk. Once again thank you to the officers who helped to put this on, Michael Hepler and Dusty Graham. I would also be remiss if I didn't thank April Wiggins and our fantastic Chef James for their hard work not only in the facilitation of this event, but in the hard work that they do every day. When you are in the club please express your gratitude to April, James, and the kitchen staff for the hard work that they do.

You can not help but to notice the changes and improvements which are being made in the building with the club side now receiving its face lift. The new tile and carpet will make a huge difference. There is already a world of difference in the Lodge side as many have noticed and commented on how much they like the changes that have been made. This progress has been made possible by your Board of Trustees, Board of Governors, and house committee of the prior administration. However, let us not stop there because there are more changes and improvements coming which I believe you will find beneficial to the organization and our members.

This brings me to the point of a very important topic. There needs to be a very clear understanding I think on who we are as officers of your Lodge. I phrased it that way purposely. As the officers of Huntsville 1648 we are simply the leadership that you have chosen to lead your lodge for the next year. The only authority that we have really derives from or is imparted to us by you the membership. You as the membership have the ultimate say in what is either done or not done through your participation and votes at the regular meetings. I know that for myself and I believe that I speak for the rest the officers of this lodge, we want to make you proud. We want to increase your enjoyment, and make your Lodge a better, more relevant, and fun place. The only way that we can do that is with your participation. If you have the ability and time please find a committee to work on or a part to play in the Lodge. Enrich your life, someone else's life, and the Lodge as well.

E.R. Charles Brown

Elks Care - Elks Share

House Committee

Bills and taxes against the club are paid and current. Club inventory completed on April 3. Tut Fann vets dinner served 16 on April 4. Next dinner is May 2. Members breakfast served 70. Next breakfast is May 4. HC member Cathy Kulas named Elk Of The Year for lodge 1648. Exhaust fans in the kitchen hood repaired. Repair made to lodge side restroom floor drains. New alarm system for lodge has been installed. Remodeling of the lounge is near completion and should be back to normal soon. A new POW flag has been purchased. The club is hosting the annual Derby Night on May 4. Watch for flyers for details. The HC thanks those members who help out with the club operations. Please submit any ideas or suggestions to better our lounge in writing or visit a HC meeting which is every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 5:30. Thank you all.

Your House Committee:

Pat Edwards, Chairman
David Burkett
Billy Carlton
Jason Johnson
Billy Herndon
Cathy Kulas

HOUSE RULES:

Administrative:

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

Easter Egg Hunt



E.R. Birthday Dinner



SECRETARY'S CORNER

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for their patience, kindness and offers of help as I learn the Secretary position. Di has been so helpful and continues to work tirelessly for our lodge.

Coming up at the May 14th Lodge meeting is a motion put fourth about our parking lot. Please read motion below and plan to attend this very important meeting.

Thank you,
Kathy

This is a motion put forth by PER Buzzy Byrom to be voted on at General Lodge meeting May 14th.

Repair parking lot not to exceed 200K

Sum of Funding: 100K from Lodge Funds of which 30K already in bank

100K from NBC

Loan to be paid back over ? years at \$2500 a month. (depends on amt borrowed)

These numbers are based on 200K and shall be adjusted to final amounts.

Huntsville Lodge 1648 Committees

House Committee

1. Pat Edwards
2. Kathy Kulas
3. Billy Herndon
4. Billy Carlton
5. David Burkett
6. Dusty Graham
7. Nicole Anderson

Bingo Committee

1. Thomas Floeser – Chairman
2. Fred Rodrigue
3. Randy Speegle

Social Committee

1. Edward Hopper – Chairman
2. Michael Hepler
3. Dusty Graham
4. April Wiggins

Grant Committee

1. Charles Brown – Coordinator
2. Kathy Kulas
3. Tom Rathz
4. Di Wilson

Membership Committee

1. Pam Holden – Chairman
2. Jan Abbott
3. Kathy Young

Golf Committee

1. Gary Lunsford – Chairman
2. Randy Morris
3. Kathy Young

Local Forum

1. John Tarver
2. Tom Ryan

These committees are subject to change and are a work in progress.

**RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT -
MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT
TO ALL OF US!!!**

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

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Elks Lodge 1648 Huntsville, AL

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.

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).



May Birthdays:

- 1 Sam Citrano Jr., Mickey Pruitt
- 2 Diana Smith Finley
- 4 Thomas Thompson, Les Thornton
- 5 Larry Christopher, Douglas Smith
- 6 Alethia Gail Birmingham, Paul Anthony Knighten
- 7 Jerry Dunham
- 8 Mark Craig
- 9 Sylvia Orgiesen
- 10 Ted Bullard
- 11 Nona Hopper, Gregory Naidenko
- 12 Mike Boysen, Thomas Hartlery
- 16 George Boyd, Terry Cagle, Travis Cummings,
Robert Stinson, Mary Tweedy
- 17 Lynn Fournier, Dan Poole
- 18 Hal Beach
- 20 David Burkett, William Richards
- 24 Joseph Henderson
- 25 Guy Andy Kilbourn, Albert Schild
- 27 Joe Webster
- 28 Ronald McCracken
- 30 Richard Galloway
- 31 Kenneth Adams, Edward Sorden, Stephen Lee Walker



Join in the fun:

**QUEEN OF HEARTS
FUNDRAISER**

Every Friday Night

LOST & FOUND



PLEASE –

check the foyer for your coats, hats,
umbrellas, etc. that have been left there.
We want to keep our entry way clean and neat.
**If these items are not claimed by March 31st
they will be given to a homeless shelter.**

MAY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00	2 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Tut Fann Vets Dinner	3 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 QUEENS 8:00	4 ELKS BREAKFAST 9:00-10:30 DERBY DAY
5 Club Open 2:00 Kitchen CLOSED BINGO 4:30	6 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 BAR BINGO 6:00	7 Open 3:00 House Committee Meeting 5:30	8 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	9 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Civil War Roundtable 6:30	10 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 QUEENS 8:00	11 Open 3:00
12 Club Open 2:00 Kitchen CLOSED BINGO 4:30	13 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 BAR BINGO 6:00	14 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 LODGE MEETING 7:00 p.m.	15 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	16 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00	17 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 QUEENS 8:00	18 Open 3:00
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To All Lodges:

A team and I just finished our Pre-Convention visit with the Marriott Hotel in Huntsville. As of today, April 29, 2019 the hotel STILL has rooms available for reservations priced at \$105.00 a night. If you need a room for the upcoming 2019 Alabama Elks Association Annual Convention, please call the hotel directly. (Huntsville Marriott Space and Rocket Center, 5 Tranquility Base, Huntsville, Alabama 35805, 256-830-2222 and use the code, Alabama Elks Association or AEA). If you have any further problems booking a room, please let me know as soon as possible. The cut-off date for pre-booking rooms is MAY 16TH. We are in the final stages of choosing the meal for the banquet, so if anyone has ANY food allergies we need to know before May 15th. This is the day that everything will be set to meet our needs to include the banquet meal. Any further information needed please feel free to contact me @ 205-412-5428.

Joel F. Vickery, PSP
AEA Secretary

