



The ELKS Call



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Huntsville Elks Lodge No. 1648

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Exalted Ruler's Message

YEA! Springtime is right around the corner. With this in mind . . . suggestions are welcome for activities that the Lodge could safely have on the patio. Also, March 14th, daylight savings time begins. Remember to set your clocks 1 hour forward.

Nominations took place at the Lodge meeting on February 9th. All nominations ran unopposed. At the Lodge meeting February 23rd, all nominations were elected. Thank you for re-electing me as your ER for a second term. Your Officers for 2021 are as follows: Leading Knight Mike West, Loyal Knight Kathy Pierce, Lecturing Knight Cathy Kulas, Secretary Nicole Anderson, Treasurer Stan Cannon, 5-yr Trustee Phillip Towry, Alternate to the Grand Lodge Session Jay Lockridge. Installation of Officers will be April 10th. This will be a short version because of Covid-19. Thank you to everyone for giving your time to make Lodge 1648 a great contributor to our community.

A reminder on September 16-18, a weekend of fun at Honeycomb Campground. Reserve your site by August 1st. For more info, please call 256-582-9884.

Alexander City Elks Lodge 1878 is having their 1st Annual Sporting Clays Event on March 20th, 2021, Wetumpka, AL. If you are interested the e-mail address for more information is alexcityelks@gmail.com.

Last Friday, February 19th, the Lodge welcomed Exalted Ruler Judy Hopkins and her family for dinner. Judy is the ER of Elks Lodge 2781 in Bokeelia, Florida. They all complimented the dinner and the welcome they were shown by our members.

WARNING to Lodge members: It has come to the attention that there is a scam taking place. So far there have been e-mails supposedly sent from Grand Exalted Ruler Ryan, Past Grand Exalted Rulers, Duitsman and McPherson which request you to send gift cards to him for veterans or youth and you would be reimbursed at a later date. Do NOT send gift cards or anything else for that matter. Ignore this message, do not open, and delete.

The Lodge is continuing to clean and sanitize for the safety of all members and employees. Please be responsible and follow all Covid-19 guidelines. We want to keep our Lodge a safe place to socialize.

Elks Care - Elks Share,
Mike Davis
Exalted Ruler

House Committee

Taxes and bills against the club are paid.

The HC wants to thank you all for continuing to follow COVID protocol and ensuring the safety of our members and employees. We want everyone to be safe. Stay informed of the Thursday menu specials and also note Bar Bingo on Mondays, poker night on Wednesdays, and steak night on Fridays. We are open and looking forward to any suggestions for events and activities for your lounge and patio. Please submit them to any HC member or attend any of the bi-weekly meetings. Remember this is your lodge and everyone's involvement is welcomed and appreciated.

Your House Committee:

Pat Edwards, Chairman
Billy Herdon, Acting Chairman
Mike West
Billy Carlton
David Burkett
Ed Limback
Peg Rathz

Audit and Financing Committee 2020-2021

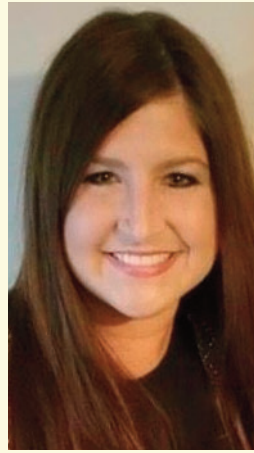
- Greg Welzyn
- Lenny Johnson
- Tom Rathz



Happy Birthday

March Birthdays:

- 1 Stephen Simpson
- 2 Linda S. Bennett, Phillip Cooper, Patric, Mickie, John Weatherly
- 3 Rodney Smith
- 4 Allen Cathey
- 7 Jennifer Young
- 8 James M. Henley Jr.
- 9 Jan Abbott, Steve Casey, Roscoe Owen Roberts
- 10 Kenneth G. Grady, Tony Wright
- 11 Braxton D. Butler, Tom Hales, Bruce Niemeyer, Joseph F. Rains, Ken R. Williams
- 12 April Wiggins
- 13 Jhon J. Carr, William House, Gary Murfield, Dan Tweedy
- 14 Walter Porter
- 15 Seth Lund
- 16 James Buchanan, Butch Perkins, William Sammons, John Bud Steger
- 17 Bobbie Lee Nazworth, Merritt M. Robbins
- 18 Dianna Di Wilson
- 19 Russell Les Browning, Lynne Horst, George W. Neal
- 20 Michael Hopper, Kirk D. Ritter, M. Spragins
- 21 Kath Young
- 24 Bryan Bentley, Robert S. Cannon, James Garner Jr., Barry Johnson
- 25 Stanley Rowe
- 26 William H. Herbie Ray
- 27 Judy P. Breezy Carney, Robert Bob Crook, Mark Hooper
- 28 Lynda Hall, Kelly D. Stinson, Lillian Strickland
- 30 Harvey Rex McCrary
- 31 Byrom O. Goodwin, Ashley Lorino



Secretary's Corner

Currently our lodge has 65 delinquent members.

Soon you will be receiving your 2021-2022 Elks Membership notice of dues payment in the mail so keep an eye out! You can mail payments to our PO Box or bring by the club and put in my Secretary box. Dues for new year are \$108 and if you would like a spouse card, they are \$5.

Important Note: Please remember to keep your current 2020-2021 (YELLOW) cards until after the key card locks are changed. An email will go out late Spring about the date the locks change.

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 ♥

Elks Lodge Officers 2020-2021

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

Grant Committee 2020-2021

Your Grant Committee,

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

*If anyone would like to help participate in the 2020-2021 grants this year please email the Elks Lodge Secretary, Nicole Anderson at nicole-anderson@comcast.net

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Please contact Sally Culver for any sickness and distress.

Email sallyculver@bellsouth.net

Phone 256-508-2834.

MARCH 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
Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed BINGO 4:30 p.m.	1 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	2 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed House Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.	3 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Holdem! 6:30 p.m.	4 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Liquor Specials	5 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	6 Open 2:00 p.m. Hot Dogs and Pizza Beer Specials!
7 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed BINGO 4:30 p.m.	8 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	9 Open - 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	10 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Holdem! 6:30 p.m.	11 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Liquor Specials	12 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	13 Open 2:00 p.m. Hot Dogs and Pizza Beer Specials!
14 Daylight Savings Time! Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed BINGO 4:30 p.m.	15 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	16 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed House Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.	17 St. Patrick's Day Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Holdem! 6:30 p.m.	18 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Liquor Specials	19 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	20 Open 2:00 p.m. Hot Dogs and Pizza Beer Specials!
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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

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Grand Lodge Officer Training Course

At the February 9th Lodge Meeting, Grand Lodge Special Representative, Dan Barger, recognized Officers of the Huntsville Lodge 1648 for their successful completion of the recently developed Grand Lodge Officer training courses. These courses culminate in an online exam with questions taken from materials contained in the Grand Lodge Annotates Statutes, Officers Manual, Audit and Accounting Manual, and the Secretary's Handbook. The following Officers were recognized for satisfactorily completing the following courses.

- Local Lodge Officers Training Course:
Michael Davis, Tom Rathz, Mary Cannon, Jan Abbott, Stan Cannon, Cathy Kulas, Jay Lockridge
- Board of Directors, Lodge Trustees and House Committee Training Course:
Michael Davis, Michael West, Mary Cannon, Jan Abbott, Phillip Towry, Jay Lockridge
- Local Lodge Secretary Training Course:
Nicole Anderson



Left to Right, Front Row: Mary Cannon, Nicole Anderson, Mike Davis, Stan Cannon

Back Row: Tom Rathz, Phillip Towry, Dan Barger

Missing from Picture: Cathy Kulas, Jay Lockridge, and Jan Abbott



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

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MEDIA ALERT – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

153rd Anniversary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

ELKS WERE FOUNDED ON FEBRUARY 16, 1868

Chicago, IL – Local Elks Lodges throughout the United States and in Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Panama Canal will be celebrating 153 years of community service on February 16, 2021.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has made more than 12 Billion in donations since we first started 153 years ago. Last year alone, the Elks donated approximately \$350 million in cash, gifts and time to make our communities better places to live. The Elks are one of the premier patriotic and charitable organizations in the United States of America.

Elk volunteers will visit thousands of hospitalized Veterans that have protected our freedoms. The Elks vow “So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.” The Elks support both active military forces and retired veterans. Elks furnish food, comfort care items, therapeutic items, and gifts, host holiday celebrations, and recreational activities at bases and hospitals and stand ready to fulfill any need when called upon. Last year alone, the value of Elks’ contributions to the nation’s heroes provided more than \$50 million to more than 300 Veterans Administration Medical Centers, clinics, and state care facilities.

Annually, the Elks award college scholarships across the nation totaling more than \$4.5 million.

The Elks Community Investment Program will award nearly \$47 million towards enriching our communities.

There are more than 1,900 Elks Lodges across the country with a total membership nearing 800,000. Elks’ members must be American citizens who are at least 21 years of age and must believe in God.

To learn more visit www.elks.org