



# The ELKS Call



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Fellow Members,

Please excuse this newsletter for arriving so late. Your Secretary has been asking and asking for me to submit my article. I was supposed to have it completed by February 25th. The problem is I have always not wanted this day to come. I have been unsure of what to say. After three years as your Exalted Ruler, it is time for me to say good bye. Not good bye as if I will never see you again, but good bye from it is time for new leadership and new ideas. Good bye in that I have no way of thanking all of those that worked with me and helped us to achieve the many goals we set. A good bye that is really nothing but a great big thank you for allowing me to have held the position of Exalted Ruler. A good bye that will allow me to serve the next five years on your board of trustees and always be a Past Exalted Ruler. A good bye that has taught me what it means to be an Elk. A good bye that has taught me the patience and how we must understand that everyone's opinion or whatever they have on their mind matters. To learn how to take the good, the bad and the evil and find peace within the family.

In the beginning I knew nothing about what an "ER" was. I was approached and asked to think about running for the office. I had never done more than come by on a Saturday afternoon and help with a project for about 30 minutes. The more I began to investigate the more I wanted the job. The leaders of our lodge and my studies taught me that I could do it with the right support and team players. In the beginning I had no idea where the roles and responsibilities I needed to delegate would come from. We had a family divided and somehow we had to find a way to navigate through these uncharted waters. The winners stepped up and the quitters quit. The quitters were the nay-sayers. The quitters were there only for themselves. They were not true Elks. The real Elks then stepped forward and we are now where we are. On a path that should insure that our lodge shall always prosper. A path that will develop more future leaders and represent us well in the community. It was not easy, and we shall never rest on anyone's success. We must persevere and work with our future leaders and make sure we do not loose sight of what we are and what we shall come to be. There are many jobs that need to be filled and we need new energetic people to accept those positions.

Dr. Charles Brown will soon be your next Exalted Ruler. Like me, he did not follow the traditional route to becoming an "ER". With your support he will be a great leader. I ask that those lying in the world of I want to help but have never helped to come out and volunteer. We need the next group to step up. Unfortunately for Charlie, my group may be a little tired. Even though we may be a little tired we will do whatever to insure he and our lodge grow and be even more successful.

And finally, to my darling sweet wife. I could have never done it without you. I would like to thank you for all your support and understanding. For your patience, all of your help and guidance, I will never be able to repay.

My father always told me what ever the project or effort you may assume, make sure you leave it better than you found it. I hope we have made him proud.

See you at the lodge.  
Buzzy Byrom

## House Committee

Bills and taxes against the club are paid and current. Kitchen and club inventory completed on February 1. Member's breakfast served 62 on February 2. Next breakfast is March 2. Next Karaoke is March 2. Tut Fann Vets dinner served 14 on February 7, next dinner is March 7. Repairs and maintenance: cub vacuum cleaner and ice build-up in walk-in cooler. Corned beef and cabbage for St. Patrick's Day on March 17, bring sides. The HC thanks those who help with the operation of the lounge. Please submit and ideas or suggestions in writing or come to a HC meeting which is every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 5:30. Thank you all.

Your House Committee: Chairman Pat Edwards, David Burkett, Billy Carlton, Jason Johnson, Billy Herndon, Cathy Kulas  
**HOUSE RULES, Club Operation, C: Club Privileges**

The privileges of the club are reserved for 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 other guest will be admitted only when properly identified or when escorted by a member of this Lodge. All visitors to the club facilities **MUST SIGN THE GUEST REGISTER**, (if necessary, print so that the name can be read). Members will be responsible for their guest's conduct, and the guest must leave the club when the member departs.



Please remember those who are ill or have lost a loved one. If you know of anyone, let us know. Our thoughts and prayers to Carla Weaver in the loss of her Mother and to the family of Ed Aagesen for his death February 26th. Remember those who are fighting illness or recovering from sickness and surgery: Darwin Baker, Pam Tumminello, Wayne Tucker, Allen Cathy, Bear Ellzey, Glenda Freeman, Don and Liz Looney, Tom Reed, Connie Rogers, and Mary Coulter. Also remember those that are having surgery: Mike Davis and Ken Coulter.

From Chaplain Robert Richmond,  
"Love your neighbor as yourself".

## SECRETARY NEWS

We are in the process of closing out this Lodge year and beginning another. Before April 1st, I will be deleting those members from the role that are one year behind in their dues. I have posted a list of delinquent members in our foyer, a list was printed in the February newsletter and I have sent a letter to those not receiving our email, to let them know they will be dropped from our membership. Please, if you know any of these people, encourage them to pay their dues and come join us in all the fun things we do here. Dues statements for 2019-2020 have been sent out and will be due before April 1st. Door locks will be changed April 1st and those that have not paid their dues and received the new key card will not be able to get in.

**GRANTS:** Our 2018-2019 grant year is winding down and we are in the process of completing our Freedom Grant, which we use with homeless veterans and a soup kitchen. Our **Impact Grant** has been renewed and we are already using it with Farley and Highlands Elementary Schools. Cathy Kulas and I just delivered to both schools, (total of 80 classrooms), boxes of Kleenex, Clorox wipes, Lysol spray, and hand sanitizer. Highlands has asked for an outdoor learning space where the children might be able to go sit and read a book, or do lessons, etc. The committee of Tom Rathz, John Davis, and Jack Rogers have been to the school to see what might be needed and will be working to draw up plans, etc. I'm sure they could use some help when the time comes to do the actual work. Many hands make light work.

A big **THANK YOU** to those members that have and are including a few extra dollars with their dues payment. This money is for our ENF (Elks National Foundation), and we obtain our grants from the ENF. Without these grants, we could not do the great things that we are doing. If you would like to donate and failed to include it in your dues, the Secretary will be glad to "take" your money for this great cause. Thank you so much! And remember, the key to our success at this Lodge is RECRUIT, RECRUIT, and RECRUIT!

**APPARENTLY there is some confusion to some members about membership dues!** Dues are paid on an annual or semi-annual basis. If you pay your dues semi-annually, \$63 is due before April 1st of that year, then another \$43 due before October 1st of that year. If you paid your dues for the first 6 months of 2018-2019, you CANNOT just decide to not be a member for the next 6 months and then start again the following dues year. You would be a member not in good standing and not allowed club privileges for that last half of the 2018-2019 year. In order to be a member in good standing, you would have to pay the \$43 owed for the 2nd half of that year and then another \$63 for the first 6 months of the 2019-2020 year. If your dues are not paid at the end of the first half of the new dues year, you will be one year behind in dues and will be deleted from our membership roll.

## UPCOMING EVENTS, MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND DON'T GET LEFT OUT!

**MARCH 10TH** Daylight Savings Time ends, Spring forward one hour

**MARCH 17TH** St. Patrick's Day, Corned Beef and Cabbage, bring side dishes, 2:00 pm until gone.

**MARCH 30TH** Craft and Vendor Expo, 10:00,

**APRIL 6TH** Members' Breakfast 9:00 - 10:30, KARAOKE 6:00 - 10:00

**APRIL 13TH** Officer Installation, Dinner and Dance

**APRIL 20TH** Children's Easter Party and Egg Hunt

**APRIL 24th** ER Birthday Dinner

**MAY 4TH** Members' Breakfast 9:00 - 10:30, DERBY PARTY 2:30

**MAY 12TH** Mother's Day Brunch

**MAY 15TH** Youth Scholarship Awards and Dinner

**MAY 27TH** Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Veteran's Park

**JUNE 1ST and 2nd** Elks Convention, Huntsville Marriott, Tranquility Base

## 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](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) or  
[diwilson1648@gmail.com](mailto:diwilson1648@gmail.com)

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*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.*

## 2018-2019 OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler, Jerry "Buzzy" Byrom  
Esteemed Leading Knight, Jan Abbott  
Esteemed Loyal Knight, Nicole Anderson  
Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Michael Hepler  
Secretary, Dianna Wilson  
Treasurer, John Bell  
Chaplain, Bob Richmond  
Esquire, Charles Brown  
Tiler, Gary Lunsford  
Inner Guard, Randy Speegle

### TRUSTEES

1 Year, Mary Cannon      2 Year, Randy Morris  
3 Year, Phillip Towry      4 Year, Mike Davis  
5 Year, Louis Tumminello



**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)).

## Happy Birthday

### March Birthdays:

- 1 Steve Simpson
- 2 Linda Bennett, Phillip Cooper, Patrick Mickle,  
J.W. Weatherly
- 4 Allen Cathey
- 5 Jerry Nelson
- 7 Jennifer Young
- 8 James Henley
- 9 Jan Abbott, Steve Casey, Roscoe Roberts
- 10 Kenneth Grady, Ruth Lee, Tony Wright
- 11 Braxton Butler, Tom Hales, Clark Edgar Moore,  
Bruce Niemeyer, Joe Rains, Kenny Williams
- 12 April Wiggins
- 13 John Carr, Bill House, Gary Murfield, Dan Tweedy
- 14 Walter Porter
- 15 Seth Lund
- 16 James Buchanan, Butch Perkins, William Sammons,  
Bud Steger
- 17 Sam Nazworth, Merritt Robbins
- 18 Dianna Wilson
- 19 Russell Browning, Lynne Horst, George Neal Sr.
- 20 Michael Hopper, Kirk Ritter, M.B. Spragins
- 21 Kathy Young
- 22 Keith Allen
- 24 Bryan Bentley, Stan Cannon, James Garner, B.J. Johnson
- 25 Stanley Rowe
- 26 Herbie Ray
- 27 Breezy Carney, Mark Hooper
- 28 Lynda Hall, Kelly Stinson, Lillian Strickland
- 31 Byrom Goodwin, Ashley Lorino

## 2019-2020 OFFICERS

Officer elections were held and your new officers are: Exalted  
Ruler Charles (Charlie) Brown, Leading Knight Michael Hepler,  
Loyal Knight Dusty Graham, Lecturing Knight Wayne Lamon,  
Secretary Di Wilson, 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.  
Newly elected ER will appoint a Tiler, an Inner Guard, and a  
Chaplain. If you are interested in one of these positions, please  
let Charlie Brown know.

### MEMBERSHIP & RECRUITMENT:

We will be putting up a reserved parking  
space for the "recruiter of the month",  
so get out there and earn that spot!



*Join in the fun:*

**QUEEN OF HEARTS  
FUNDRAISER**

**Every Friday Night**



# MARCH 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH</b> <b>ST. PADDY'S DAY</b> <b>CORNEB BEEF AND CABBAGE</b>	<b>BRING SIDE DISHES TO GO WITH CORNEB BEEF AND CABBAGE</b>				<b>1</b> Open 3:00 <b>DINNER 5:00-9:00</b> <b>QUEENS 8:00</b>	<b>2</b> BREAKFAST 9:00-10:30 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 KARAOKE 6:00-10:00
<b>3</b> Open 2:00 <b>BINGO 4:30</b> Team: Brown Caller: Floeser	<b>4</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 <b>BAR BINGO 6:00</b>	<b>5</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed House Committee 5:30	<b>6</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	<b>7</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Country Fried Steak</i> Tut Fann Vets Here	<b>8</b> Open 3:00 <b>DINNER 5:00-9:00</b> <b>QUEENS 8:00</b>	<b>9</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00
<b>10</b> Open 2:00 <b>BINGO 4:30</b> Team: Abbott Caller: R. Anderson	<b>11</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 <b>BAR BINGO 6:00</b>	<b>12</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <b>LODGE MEETING 7:00 p.m.</b> "Black Chair"	<b>13</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	<b>14</b> Open 3:00 <i>Chicken Buffet</i> 5:00-9:00 Civil War Roundtable 6:30	<b>15</b> Open 3:00 <b>DINNER 5:00-9:00</b> <b>QUEENS 8:00</b>	<b>16</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00
<b>17</b> Open 2:00 <b>BINGO 4:30</b> Team: Hepler Caller: Floeser	<b>18</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 <b>BAR BINGO 6:00</b>	<b>19</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed House Committee 5:30	<b>20</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Try a "Grilled Ham-n-Cheese Sandwich"</i> Texas Holdem 6:30	<b>21</b> Open 3:00 <i>Beef Tips &amp; Noodles</i> 5:00-9:00	<b>22</b> Open 3:00 <b>DINNER 5:00-9:00</b> <b>QUEENS 8:00</b>	<b>23</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00
<b>24</b> Open 2:00 <b>BINGO 4:30</b> Team: N. Anderson Caller: Cannon	<b>25</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 <b>BAR BINGO 6:00</b>	<b>26</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <b>LODGE MEETING 7:00</b> Initiation	<b>27</b> Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	<b>28</b> Open 3:00 <i>Shrimp Boil</i> 5:00-9:00	<b>22</b> Open 3:00 <b>DINNER 5:00-9:00</b> <b>QUEENS 8:00</b>	<b>23</b> Open 3:00 <b>CRAFT SHOW 10:00-5:00</b>
<b>31</b> Open 2:00 <b>BINGO 4:30</b> Team: Byrom Caller:						

## REMINDER

Our next great members' breakfast will be  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH, 9:00 – 10:30.**

Bring your family and friends and come meet our "chefs"  
"the Baconator and biscuit maker" Charlie Swanson,  
the "egg master" Phillip Towry,

"hash brown makers" and "mixologists" David Burkett and  
Backhoe Billy, and no one can whip up the gravy and grits like  
Chief Pat Edwards, and don't forget,  
he is the best dishwasher we have on Saturday Morning.  
And let's not forget that we have Kathy Kulas and Pat Shadrick  
taking your money and serving your beverage.  
See you April 6th.



## CRAFT & VENDOR EXPO

We will be having a craft show on March 30th, 10:00 – 5:00.

Cathy Kulas, Pat Lamon and I will be needing help with this project.

Julie Brakefield is drawing a floor plan for this and we expect it to be a good show.

Sam Tumminello has put all the information for this on our Elks Webpage.

### 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.**

## SWAP SHOP

As space permits, we will put articles for sale/swap/give away.

If you have anything, please let the secretary know.

**NEW PROJECT:** Ladies, if you have an old purse that you don't want any longer, please fill it with feminine products, shampoo, deodorant, etc., (especially needed are feminine products). We will take these items to the women's homeless shelter. These women come in from abused households, have lost their homes, etc. and have nothing. These items would mean so much to them. If you just want to donate the products, put them in the basket in the hallway, or if you just want to donate money, the Secretary will purchase the needed items.



## KARAOKE - APRIL 6 - 6:00-10:00

We had a great crowd and a tremendous amount of fun on Saturday, March 2nd.

The kitchen will be open, so come eat, have a beverage, and sing, sing, sing!!