



The ELKS Call



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E.R.'s March Newsletter Message to the Membership

Hello to all of my Elk family. This is my last newsletter to you as your ER. I would once again like to relate to you what an honor it has been to serve you all this year. I would like to thank all of those who came before me who have contributed and worked to build Huntsville Lodge 1648 into the great lodge that it is. I would like to encourage those who have been elected to work with the processes taking place now to get us back on track to be vigilant in their duties. I realize that there is a lot of change taking place at this time. We can look at change from several points of view. It is my fervent hope that the new officers as well as the membership look at the changes taking place as being positive and an opportunity to strengthen and grow and accomplish our mission to levels and heights never before reached. I hope to be able to contribute and support this growth and renewal in every way possible.

There is always more that could have been done. I would hope that as a membership you will realize that no one person, or no one thing, or decision is perfect. That goes for myself and the administration this year and it will be true of the one next year. Speaking as the outgoing ER, the soon to be has been, I would state that the one biggest help for any administration is the engagement and participation of the membership. Please attend all of the meetings that you possibly can, it is you who ultimately run this lodge. Your officers are there to execute or carry out your wishes. Participate in the activities of the lodge whatever the activities are. There are enough different activities to participate in that surely there is one that you are interested in. I realize that some of you are older members and may feel tired or even a little burned out, but the new officers, committee members, and members in general need the valuable advice and experience that you have obtained in your years of working here. In addition to that you are never too old to discover and build new friendships with members you may not know as well. I would like to thank you for the patience as we changed the ER birthday dinner to coincide and combine with the new members' dinner. I personally think that it was a huge success. Thank you to Michael Hepler and Pam Holden for the idea and suggestion.

I am not bidding you farewell, but I am looking forward to working with you all in a different capacity.

Fraternally,
Charles D. Brown, ER

PROPOSAL:

I, Mary Cannon, Membership #005348, do hereby make the motion to delete the mandatory requirement by the Grand Lodge requiring local lodges to practice the long-form initiation ritual only and to replace this directive to allow all local lodges to vote - on an annual basis during a regularly scheduled Lodge meeting in April of each year - the membership preference as to whether their lodge will use the long or the short form initiation ritual.

Proposal as read to the Membership at Huntsville Elks Lodge 1648 Meeting - January 28, 2020 - And attached to the Minutes thereto.

Kathy Lockridge
Lodge Secretary

House Committee

Bills and taxes against the club are paid and current. Inventory of the bar and kitchen were completed in February. The Super Bowl Party in the lounge was the largest in memory. BBQ and lots of side dishes from members made it a great event on February 2. Tut Fann vets dinner served 17 on February 20. Next dinner is March 19. Repairs were made to the wine cooler and equipment in the club side mens room. Daylight Saving Time begins March 8. The HC will be asking for volunteers for a lounge cleaning day to be scheduled during March. Thanks to those members who donate the pot luck dishes on Sundays for our club patrons. And thanks to those members who help the club staff with their jobs. Please submit any ideas or suggestions to better the club 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 HIGHLIGHT:

Administrative:

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



March Birthdays:

- 1 Stephen B. Simpson
- 2 Linda S. Bennett, Phillip Cooper, Patrick Dodd Mickle, John W. Weatherly
- 4 Allen Cathey
- 7 Jennifer A. Young
- 8 James M. Henley Jr.
- 9 Jan Robbins Abbott, Steve Casey, Roscoe Owen Roberts
- 10 Kenneth G. Grady, Tony M. Wright
- 11 Braxton D. Butler, Tom Hales, Bruce Edward Neimeyer, Joseph F. Rains, Ken R. Williams
- 12 April Wiggins
- 13 John J. Carr, William C. House, Gary M. Murfield, Dan Tweedy
- 14 Walter W. Porter
- 15 Seth Lund
- 16 James J. Buchanan, Butch Perkins, William Wylie Simmons, John Bud Steger
- 17 Bobbie Lee Nazworth, Merritt M. Robbins
- 18 William B. Roberts, Dianna Wilson
- 19 Russell L. Browning, Lynne Horst, George W. Neal
- 20 Michael A. Hopper, Kirk D. Ritter, M.B. Spragins
- 21 Kathy Pollard Young
- 22 Keith R. Allen
- 24 Bryan Bentley, Robert S. Cannon, James Garner Jr., Barry Johnson
- 25 Stanley D. Rowe
- 26 William H. Ray
- 27 Judy P. Carney, Robert Crook, Mark A. Hooper
- 28 Lynda Hall, Kelly D. Stinson, Lillian R. Strickland
- 31 Byrom O. Goodwin, Ashley Myers Lorino

Secretary Corner

It's dues time again y'all. The notices have been mailed so be on the lookout. Per our Grand Lodge Secretary, the amount we send to them has gone up \$2.00 per person. The breakdown follows:

Grand Lodge Expenses and operations:	\$6.50
Subscription to Elks Magazine:	\$5.50
General Liability Insurance:	\$7.00
Total amount per member sent to GL:	\$19.00
Amount to State per member:	\$3.00
Dues to Huntsville Lodge 1648	\$86.00
Total to Huntsville Lodge 1648	\$108.00

Also, while paying dues, please consider donation to the ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION (ENF). The money given to ENF funds the grants we receive each year. These grants are very competitive and not all Lodges receive them. The last two years, we have been lucky enough to receive ALL grants that are available to us. We use the Promise Grant for "Kids to Love"; Beacon Grant for Tut Fann Veterans; Gratitude Grant for our Drug Awareness program; Freedom Grant for Stand Down Together Huntsville which helps our homeless veterans and our Impact Grant for Farley and Highlands Elementary Schools. Without this ENF money, we would not be able to do the charitable work that we do for our community. If you choose not to donate to ENF, maybe you would like to donate to the Children's Christmas Party we do in December. If so, then earmark it for this and the money will be put in a special account for that purpose. Remember, both these great causes are tax deductible!

I would like to congratulate our officers for next year, they are:

Exalted Ruler - Mike Davis
Leading Knight - Pam Holden
Lecturing Knight - Mike West
Secretary - Nicole Anderson
Treasurer - Stan Cannon
5 Year Trustee - Jan Abbott
4 Year Trustee - Buzzy Byrom
3 Year Trustee - Louis Tumminello
2 Year Trustee - Mary Cannon
1 Year Trustee - Phillip Towery
Alternate Delegate to Grand Lodge - Buzzy Byrom

Please pray for these officers as they lead us into the New Year.



SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Please keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers:

Randy Speegle, Bill Roberts, Jack Rodgers, Keith Allen



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

MARCH 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Open 3:00 BINGO 4:30	2	3 Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed House Committee Meeting 5:30	4 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	5 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Chicken Fried Steak</i>	6 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00	7 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00
8 Open 3:00 BINGO 4:30	9 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 BAR BINGO 6:00	10 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Board Meeting 6:00 Lodge Meeting 7:00 Balloting on New Candidates	11 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	12 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Chicken Buffet</i> Civil War Roundtable	13 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00	14 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00
15 Open 3:00 BINGO 4:30	16 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 BAR BINGO 6:00	17 Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed House Committee Meeting 5:30 Saint Patrick's Day Drink Special	18 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	19 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Beef Tips</i> Tut Fann Vets	20 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00	21 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00
22 Open 3:00 BINGO 4:30	23 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 BAR BINGO 6:00	24 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Board Meeting 6:00 Lodge Meeting 7:00 Initiation of New Members	25 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Texas Holdem 6:30	26 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Shrimp Boil</i> Little Civil War Roundtable	27 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00	28 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00
29 Open 3:00 BINGO 4:30	30 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 BAR BINGO 6:00	31 Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed				

Your volunteer "librarians" Carolyn Sorden and Carol Codori are again asking for your help to keep the bar entrance neat.

Please:

- Take home your food containers on the book shelves after each Tail Gate. These will be tossed soon.
- Take home your jackets and umbrellas. These will be donated to charity soon.
- Place your book donations on just the top three shelves, so members can see them.
- Wait until the shelves empty a bit, rather than placing new bags and boxes on the floor.

Thank you!