



The ELKS Call



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Huntsville Elks Lodge No. 1648

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Happy New Year,

2018 is now behind us and again a very great year for Huntsville Elks Lodge 1648. As we begin 2019 our hopes are high. Each year we strive to do better than the year before.

This year we will have our work cut out for us. Last year we saw the Golf Tournament raise the most money in its history. The Queen of Hearts set an all time high. The "Grant Think Tank", led by Di Wilson again received every grant made available by the ENF. College Scholarships were increased to \$42,000.

We had our first Christmas tree on the City Tensile Trail. We again had a great float in the Christmas Parade. Over 150 Veterans were sponsored by our members and an ENF grant, for Tut Fann with the "Adpt-A-Vet" tree and their Christmas wishes. Our annual children's Christmas Party was a huge success. And I could mention many other great things we as Elks have done.

The great thing about all of these activities is they were planned and executed by strictly volunteers. I would like thank each of you for your hard work and dedication.

The bad part of being successful is it can sometimes create a complacent or apathetic environment among the group or team. People feel they do not have to get involved because the ones doing the work do not need any help or advice. The trend to this environment will do nothing but destroy an organization. The ones doing all the heavy lifting start getting tired and burned out. Our decline in membership is the most obvious failure of our complacency and apathy. Hardly anyone is recruiting new members. I know each of you know someone who would be a great Elk.

Hence, I ask of all of you as my wish for 2019 and this great lodge, get involved and recruit new members. We have to have new members. I cannot stress that enough. Find a committee to chair and or work with. I will assure you that you will not be disappointed and will feel very happy and fulfilled with your efforts. If you have an idea about an organization you would like to help or an event you would like to see happen. All you have to do is ask. I will do all I can to get the money or feel any needs you may have. There are plenty of opportunities for us to contribute even more to our community. You are the only one that can make it happen.

As many of you know I will not be seeking re-election for the upcoming year. We will be nominating officers in February. Many of you would make great leaders in this lodge. Take this opportunity and get someone to nominate you. There is a lot left to be accomplished and we need you to do it.

I would like to thank Chief Pat Edwards, David Burkett, Billy Carlton, for the great New Years day lunch of black-eyed peas, greens, cabbage, and ham. Also to Betty Mahone for the chicken and rice casserole, and Gewnda Hall for the cornbread, cake and brownies. Thank you all for making this day special and thank you to those that came out to join us.

Happy New Year and best wished for a great 2019.

VETERANS, a list of our Veterans is posted in the entryway,
please check to see if your name is on this list, and if it is not and you are a veteran,
please let the Secretary know so you can be added.

House Committee

Bills and taxes against the Club are paid and current. Bar and kitchen inventory completed on December 1. Members breakfast served 60 on December 1, next breakfast is January 5, 2019. Tut Fann Veterans dinner served 13 on December 6, next dinner is January 3. The drawing on December 15th, and winner of Rolling Thunder's knife raffle was Kenny Mitchem, and winner of \$500 gift certificate was Rachel Taylor. Drawing on December 17th winner of the wheelbarrow of goodies was Steve Walker, winner of the wine basket was Chris Levoy. Thanks to all that participated to make our employees have a great Christmas. Family dinner and Dirty Santa Party was held December 18th, and fun had by all! Repairs were made to the Lodge roof due to leaks. The HC thanks those members who help out with work in the lounge. Please submit any ideas or suggestions to better the club in writing or appear at the HC meeting the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 5:30. Thank you all from your House Committee, Chairman Pat Edwards, David Burkett, Billy Carlton, Jason Johnson, Billy Herndon, and Cathy Kulas.

HOUSE RULES, 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 and posted in the Club. Changes in this schedule will be subject to approval of the House Committee. Such changes will be published in the Lodge newsletter and posted in the Club.



Please keep in your thoughts and prayers those that are ill, have health problems, or have lost a loved one. Continue to remember Darwin Baker, Ed Agesen, George "Bear" Ellzey, Connie Rogers, Wayne Tucker, Allen Cathy, Don and Lis Looney, and Sandra Marone. We extend our heartfelt sorrow to the family of David Tucker (son of Wayne Tucker), and to the family of Ernie Rhodes. Both will be missed by our members. If you know of a member who is ill or has lost a loved one, please let us know at the Lodge, we are all family.

ELKS PATRIOTISM

(OPERATION DESERT STORM AND BEYOND)

Submitted by Tom Hartley

As in previous conflicts, the Elks stood ready to aid the men and women of the U.S. armed forces when the Gulf War commenced. Once again, the Elks mounted a letter writing campaign to thank these patriots for their dedicated service, and gift packs for them were provided as they had been in the past. At the close of the Gulf War, many Elk lodges made arrangements to host ceremonies honoring these brave patriots returning from this conflict in the Middle East, making the Elks one of the first organizations to formally welcome these veterans home. At the Elks National Convention in 1995 the delegates voted to change the name of the Elks National Service Commission to the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, just as it was from 1946 to 1949. In 2002, the Elks and Bugles Across America joined together. The mission of this dedicated group is to make sure that all veterans will make their final journey home in dignity by playing live Taps for over 3,000 veterans' funerals every month. In 2011, the Elks National Veterans Service Commission began offering 'Freedom Grants' of \$2,000 to Lodges which submitted proposals designed to help veterans in their communities. Freedom Grants have been used to provide comfort and care to veterans in hospitals, long term care facilities, and at home. They have helped homeless veterans re-establish themselves by providing housing, clothing and necessities. These grants have purchased therapeutic and recreational equipment for veterans' hospitals and for veterans at home. Elks support of veterans is long; its work is humble; its history is proud. The Elks will continue "Serving Our Nation's Veterans".



SECRETARY NEWS

Thanks to all for another great year at our Lodge. We had so many great things happen this past year that I can't wait to see what 2019 will bring. I would encourage you to bring in new members and to contact those that are delinquent and ask them to come back. A list of delinquent members is posted in the foyer. We had a wonderful GRANT year. Our **PROMISE GRANT** was a big success. With the guidance of Cathy Kulas and her helpers (Jan Abbott, Pam Holden, Stephanie Davis, Helen Mitchell, and Di Wilson) we donated 29 backpacks, filled with everything a child would need for school; 10, 10 inch Kindle tablets; hand sanitizers, cleaner, wipes, and spray; copy paper, and file folders for the office; \$500 worth of \$10 gift cards; \$780 worth of fast food gift cards; and we fed the KTECH students healthy meals at dinner. **BEACON GRANT** was again used for our Tut Fann Veterans. Ed Limback put up the Adopt-A-Vet tree again this year and our members did a terrific job. We used our grant money to purchase gifts for those vets that were not adopted on our tree. What a great group of members and a great group of veterans. **GRATITUDE GRANT** was used for our Children's Christmas Party with the Harvest Youth Club, Sparkman Boys & Girls Club, and our own Elk children. Thanks to shopper Elves, Mary Cannon and Nicole Anderson, every child received an age appropriate gift (74 children), and both Clubs took home much needed items to be used at the Club as well as a large donation of after school snacks for the children. They enjoyed a pizza party, fruit, cheese, veggie trays, and soft drinks and cookies. We were able to include our "drug awareness" in the party and made sure each child received a coloring book, crayons, and a DAP (drug awareness program) bracelet. Thank you to all those that donated money to this great cause, without your help, our grant money would not have covered the cost, so again, THANK YOU! Also thank you to those that helped with serving the children, and to Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus (Charles E. Hooper and Sally Culver) and Santa's Elf, Kimmie Coulter. **FREEDOM GRANT** is ongoing and will be completed very soon – using with our "homeless veterans" and a soup kitchen. **IMPACT GRANT** was approved again this year and we will start seeking volunteers very soon to help us with Farley and Highlands Elementary Schools.

GRANTS UPCOMING - it will soon be time to apply for the 2019-2020 grants and we are in need of members to step up and volunteer to be the lead on some of these grants. We all want to get every grant possible, and we are so proud of our Lodge for getting ALL grants, but in order to do this, we need your participation and leadership. The Grand Lodge stipulation to obtain the grants is Elk Member participation. Please contact me if you would be willing to "chair" or "co-chair" one of these grants this year. If we don't get some volunteers, some of these grants will not be applied for. Thanks for your consideration, you will truly be blessed from it. Di Wilson

SPRING CRAFT SHOW - I need a committee to help me plan, organize and carryout an indoor craft show. If you would be interested in helping, please let me know. Di Wilson



CONTRATULATIONS to Michelle Ullman, our new "turkey of the year". Michelle brought in the "best" tasting turkey for the contest. Former "turkey" Levoy Smartt, came in 2nd.

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** or
diwilson1648@gmail.com

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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.*

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

**ELKS CONVENTION
PERDIDO BEACH CLUB RESORT
JANUARY 19-21, 2019**



**EVERY SUNDAY
4:30 p.m.**

Happy Birthday

January Birthdays:

- 1 Greg Jennings, James B. Schrimsher
- 2 John P. Davis
- 3 Richard Darden
- 4 Walker McGinnis
- 5 Jerry Byrom, Teresa O'Malley, Roy H. Turner
- 6 Anneliese M. Bonds, Duane Willis
- 7 John M. Henriksen
- 8 Dan Aldridge, Tom Hardy
- 9 Helen Grabney
- 11 Donna M. Theriault
- 13 Jim Askins
- 15 Shaun Canter
- 16 Bill L. Nettles
- 17 Janice Schuckman
- 19 Doyal J. Hyatt
- 20 Suzanne G. Byrom, Walter B. Smith
- 21 George T. O'Toole, LM
- 22 Edward M. Limback, Tom Rathz, Cynthia Tippet
- 23 William Frazier
- 24 Patricia Ann Lamon
- 25 Roger T. Davis, Mark E. Pullen
- 26 Jerry L. Bredeson, Sherry Yarbrough
- 27 Nancy L. Cunningham, Alan D. Peterson
- 28 Gregory R. Barrett, Lee Roy Cunningham
- 30 Cary C. Collins, Robert E. Cramer, William F. Porter, Beth Wright

**Karaoke
Returns
February 9th**



HOOP SHOOT

**Saturday, January 12th, 3:00 p.m.
Sparkman Boys and Girls Club Gym
(Mason Court)**



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

JANUARY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	New Years Day Bowl Games on our TVs	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR 12:00-2:00 p.m. Egg Nog, Blackeyed Peas, Greens, Cornbread	2 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Chicken Quesadilla or a Plate of Fried Okra</i>	3 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Country Fried Steak</i> Tutt Fan Vets Here	4 Open 3:00 <i>Steak Night</i> 5:00-9:00 Queens 8:00	5 ELKS BREAKFAST 9:00-10:30 \$8 Per Person <i>Bring your Family and Friends!</i>
6 Open 2:00 BINGO 4:30 Team: Brown Caller: Floeser	7 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open National Football Championship 7:00 p.m. May carry in food	8 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 LODGE MEETING 7:00	9 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>"Elk Burger and Fries"</i> Texas Holdem 6:30	10 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Chicken Buffet</i> Civil War Roundtable 6:30	11 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Queens 8:00	12 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 HOOP SHOOT 3:00 Sparkman Boys and Girls Club Gym
13 Open 2:00 BINGO 4:30 Team: Abbott Caller: R. Anderson	14 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 BAR BINGO 6:00	15 Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed House Committee 5:30	16 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>"Pork Chop Sandwich"</i> Texas Holdem 6:30	17 Open 3:00 <i>Beef Tips and Noodles</i> 5:00-9:00	18 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Steak or Catfish</i> Queens 8:00	19 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 Elks Convention Perdido Beach Club Resort 19-21
20 Open 2:00 BINGO 4:30 Team: Hepler Caller: Floeser	21 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 BAR BINGO 6:00	22 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 BOD MEETING 6:00 p.m. LODGE MEETING 7:00 INITIATION	23 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Beef Sliders</i> ER Birthday Dinner 6:00	24 Open 3:00 <i>Spaghetti Special</i> 5:00-9:00	25 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Steak, Chicken, Catfish</i> Queens 8:00	26 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>Play a Game of Darts or Shuffleboard</i>
27 Open 2:00 BINGO 4:30 Team: N. Anderson Caller: Cannon	28 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-8:00 BAR BINGO 6:00	29 Open 3:00 Kitchen Closed	30 Open 3:00 Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 <i>"Club Sandwich"</i> Texas Holdem 6:30	31 Open 3:00 <i>Shrimp Boil</i> 5:00-9:00	February 1	February 2 OPEN HOUSE

ER BIRTHDAY DINNER

EVERYONE INVITED TO ATTEND, \$12 PER PERSON FOR GUESTS

Honored Member's birthday dinner will be compliments of the Lodge. Guests are invited to attend at the cost of \$12 per person.

BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, AND JANUARY

For Honored Members:

I will attend the birthday celebration on JANUARY 23RD, 6:00 pm

Name: _____ my birthday month _____

Please circle one STEAK CHICKEN

Guests at \$12 each, payment enclosed.

Name: _____ (Steak / Chicken)

Name: _____ (Steak / Chicken)



A special thanks to these AWESOME folks, who put in lots of hours and hard work to make our **CHRISTMAS FLOAT** one of a kind: Pat Edwards, Randy Morris, Walter Quick, Butch Buffalo, Tommy Fish, Juergen Kampmeier, Randy Speegle, Allen Moore, Dorsey Upton, Mike Deagan, Wayne Lamon, Buzzy Byrom, Debra Fish, Gwenda Hall, Betty Mahone, Ann Buffalo, Pat Lamon, Joan Speegle and tho those that donated supplies. If I left anyone off this list, please consider yourself thanked for all your hard work. Chairperson, Julie Brakefield.



Thank you to Michael Hepler, Bruce Ricker, Michella and Benny Johnson (and any others) for decorating our **TREE** on the downtown Tinsel Trail. ALSO to our "leader" Michael Hepler and to all those that helped decorate our Lodge and make it look so inviting for the Christmas season. We truly do ALL work together to "make it happen"! Yea us!!! We have had a very busy and fun-filled month.



**ADOPT-A-VET PACKAGES -
MORE THAN 125 PACKAGES DELIVERED**