



The ELKS Call



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Huntsville Elks Lodge No. 1648

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Exalted Ruler's Message



We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day. I'm hopeful everyone stopped for a moment to remember the ultimate sacrifices that our soldiers have made throughout history to mark that special day. It is a three day weekend to many of us, but for so many more it reminds them of their lost ones.

On June 10, 2023 at 11:00 am your Lodge will hold a Flag Day Ceremony that is uniquely Elks. It is a beautiful service that lasts less than an hour but is so informative. Young and old alike are invited to attend, where history of all of our American flags will be displayed and presented. The moving and solemn thirteen folds of the American flag will also be described. Veterans, your children and grandchildren and you our members are invited to this open to the public event. We will enjoy the presentations followed by a complimentary picnic meal. I hope you'll join us.

In your Lodge we are seeking volunteers! As committees are up and working and (ENF) Elks National Endowment Grants begin to arrive for our community services. I'm sure so many of you remember the packing of 200 backpacks last Christmas for underserved school children. That was but one of our Elks service projects last year.

Special events are under discussion right now for the coming months. We have two very ambitious events that we will need volunteers to raise a hand. Remember the Live Music events we held last year? Working with the House Committee Team, we are bringing those back and more frequently. An event in October that will fill our parking, lodge rooms and our patio. Watch for details coming forth about this one!

Memorial Day also brings reminders of those that line the halls and walls of our Lodge Meeting room; those whose names came before us as the foundation of our Lodge since 1942. Take a moment to look at the photos of those that led since that time. Run your fingers across the cold bronze letters in the Lodge Room. All of these people built what you enjoy today.

Once again, I hope you will join us this year in continuing to build the foundations so that the Lodge that was built for us is passed onto future Elks bigger and better than we found it. We already have three generations of Elks in our membership now. Let's pass it on.

Mike A. West
Exalted Ruler
Huntsville Elks Lodge #1648

House Committee

House Committee: Your HC will be supporting the Lodge with the annual 2023 Independence Day Fundraiser BBQ Butt Sale. Watch for emails and postings in the Lodge for details. The Club calendar has been revised for the Members and contains information on Lodge and Club events and activities. The calendar is located on the wall next to the Manager's Office. Bills against the Club are paid and current. Minor repair to the kitchen freezer door latch was made. The air-conditioning unit servicing the Club has had several repairs made and appears to be functioning properly. Welcome to our new Saturday bartender, Jennifer Hajek. Thanks to the Members who volunteer to help with Club operations and special events. Members with ideas or concerns regarding the Club may submit them in writing or appear at a HC Meeting which is the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 5:30.

House Committee:

Chair: Greg Welzyn
Alt Chair: Pat Edwards
Ed Limback
Todd Lester
David Grimes
Matthew Danner
Janice West



Happy Birthday

May Birthdays:

- 1 Mary Katterheinrich, Ron Springsteen
- 6 Robert Gamble, Gary Smith, Sommer Woods
- 8 Matthew Danner
- 9 Robert Benson, Tracy Swayne, William (Bill) Thomas
- 10 Huff Sanders
- 11 Peter E. Farrell
- 12 F. Stanley Fuller
- 13 Pat H. McIngvale, Cynthia Vandiver
- 14 Christopher Neece, Jimmy R. Pemberton
- 15 Lisa Ratcliff
- 17 Len Johnson
- 18 Gary Helton
- 20 Howard Reed
- 21 William Mahan Jr.
- 22 Fred Rodrigue, Larry Whitt
- 23 Rex Reynolds
- 24 David Mark Holman
- 25 Kenneth Ratcliff, Jeremy Smith
- 29 Nicole Anderson, Rand Gaylord
- 30 Thomas Pluth

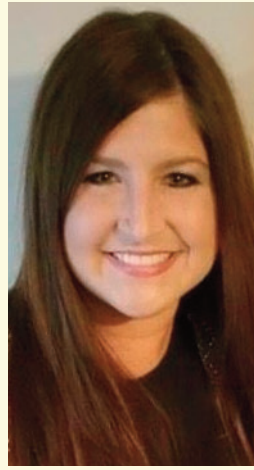
Grant Committee

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- Christy Johnson
- Scott (Barbara) Stokes
- Jerry (Anna) Skonieczny
- Cathy Kulas

*If anyone would like to help participate in the 2023-2024 grants this year, please email the Elks Lodge Secretary, Nicole Anderson at nicole-anderson@comcast.net

Secretary's Corner



Dues for fiscal year 2023-2024 are \$118.00. Please read your invoice carefully. If you want a card for your spouse, please add another \$5.00 to your check and note it on your payment. Also, we are grateful for ENF donations as well.

Club access cards and replacement cards are \$5.00 each.

Please remember that only members current on their dues may enter the building and they cannot sign in "delinquent" members as guests.

Payments can be made when you come in. Please put your payment in the Secretary's Box on

wall to the left of double glass doors or you can pay online at <https://search.revopay.com/elkslodge>

Membership Applications: Members, if you plan to propose someone for membership, please fill out the application in its entirety and include the fee. Many of these apps are coming to the Membership Team not properly filled out and/or no payment. Let's help them run things much more smoothly so we can get them initiated soonest.

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 ♥

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS

Please contact Sally Culver for any sickness and distress.

Email sallyculver@bellsouth.net

Phone 256-508-2834.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee meets on the first Tuesday of every month.

The Elks Membership Committee conducts interviews and orientation on the first Tuesday of every month. We especially enjoy it when current Elks attend the meetings as they are instrumental in helping the applicants understand our cardinal principles of charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity. And since the strength of our Lodge depends on our members, please consider proposing a friend for membership the next time you stop in.

Thank You,

- Drenda King
- Kevin Butler
- Cathy Kulas
- Lorren Bailey
- Tracy Swayne
- Jeffrey Swayne

Mike Kessler

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler

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JUNE 2023

Please remember it is your responsibility to help keep our lodge healthy!
Please wash your hands often and if you feel unwell, please stay home.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia 7:00 p.m. (Every Thursday)	2 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	3 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Serving Hot Dogs and Pizza
4 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed	5 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	6 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open House Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.	7 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Holdem! 6:30 p.m.	8 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia 7:00 p.m. (Every Thursday)	9 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	10 Elks Flag Day Ceremony 11:00 a.m. Open - 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Serving Hot Dogs and Pizza
11 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed	12 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	13 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Lodge Meeting 7:00 p.m.	14 Flag Day Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Holdem! 6:30 p.m.	15 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia 7:00 p.m. (Every Thursday)	16 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	17 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Serving Hot Dogs and Pizza
18 Father's Day Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed	19 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open BAR BINGO 6:00 p.m.	20 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed House Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.	21 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Texas Holdem! 6:30 p.m.	22 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m. Trivia 7:00 p.m. (Every Thursday)	23 Open 4:00 p.m. Kitchen Open 5:00-9:00 p.m.	24 Open 2:00 p.m. Kitchen Closed Serving Hot Dogs and Pizza
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JUNE SPECIAL EVENTS

June 10th at 11:00 a.m.
Elks Flag Day Ceremony

Elks Lodge Officers 2023-2024

Exalted Ruler: Mike West
Leading Knight: Kathy Pierce
Loyal Knight: Scott Stokes
Lecturing Knight: Julie Schenck-Brown
Secretary: Nicole Anderson

Treasurer: Janice West
5 Year Trustee: Louis Tumminello
4 Year Trustee: Mary Cannon
3 Year Trustee: Phillip Towry
2 Year Trustee: Jan Abbott

1 Year Trustee: Jay Lockridge
Chaplain: Sally Culver
Esquire: Peggy Rathz
Tiler: Kevin Butler
Inner Guard: Tom Rathz

The Bulletin Board

Holy Family School received \$1200 and a Staples gift card for \$500 dollars for the total cap collection.

They were very appreciative of our help and I told them we would continue to collect the caps for them.

Plastic caps collection is now canceled.
Thank you to all who collected for the schools!

The metal tabs from aluminum cans are still being collected for the Ronald McDonald House!

Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table Schedule

General Meetings

(2nd Thursday of each month 6:30-8:00pm)

June 8: Nashville & Decatur Railroad (Walter Green)

July 13: Black Confederates (Teresa Roane)

August 10: Hamton Roads - Civil War Naval Operations (John Quarstein)

September 14: Lee & Grant (Curt Fields and Thomas Jessee)

October 12: Fort Pickens vs. Fort Sumter (Michael Acosta)

November 9: The Sultana Disaster (John Fogleman)

December: No Meeting

Little War Round Table Schedule

(4th Thursday of each month 6:30-8:00pm)

June 22: Antietam, Part 4

July 27: TBD

August 24: TBD

September 28: TBD

October 26: TBD

November: No Meeting

December 14: TBD

Register for an Elks.org account!

Visit Elks.org home page

and

click the "Register" link in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

The Huntsville Ski (and mainly, "social activity") **Club** wishes to thank Elks Lodge 1648 and staff - especially April, James, and Valerie - for a first-year anniversary of meeting every third Wednesday. They invite our Elks members to attend any of their events - without being skiers! Many folks attend for fun and friendship, in addition to low-cost travel as non-skiing tourists, to great locations in the US and other countries. June event below for any Elk member who wishes to attend: June 21, 6:30pm in Elks Ballroom: Presentation of 2024 Trips and Potential Cruises!



Please welcome our newest members

Left to right: Tim O'Brien, Wesley Knowles, Gary Helton, Barbara Beyl, Holly Womack